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Title: National Self Government Committee, Inc. Records

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oversize; 5 cartons)

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Restrictions none

Description

351 ~~bb~~ There are eight series: Series one: General Correspondence, 1911-48;
Series two: Administrative, 1921-48 (partial); Series three: Subject
Correspondence; Series four: Replies to Questionnaires, 1911-1924;
requests for publications; Series five: Writings; Series six: Financial ~~documents~~;
members lists,
Documents; Series seven: Printed material, scrapbooks; Series eight: additions.

Special Formats Photographs Maps Audio Tapes Films Graphics
 Artifacts Machine-readable records
 Other (list) video cassette VHS

Temporary catalog card added entries

Civics-Study and teaching
Education
Education-United States
Educational surveys-United States

New York N.Y.)-History--1893-1951
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Research Grants
Self government (in education)

Accessioned by *J. W. Field*

Welling, Richard 1858-1946

Date *11/19/86*

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The National Self Government Committee, Inc. (N.S.G.C.), is an organization composed of educators and others interested in education for effective leadership. #bThe N.S.G.C. was founded in 1904, under the name "Self Government Committee" by Richard Welling(1858-1946). The name was eventually changed to The National Self Government, Inc., to reflect to the public, that, the Committee was national not local. Individuals who help organize the Committee were Charles S. Fairchild, Samuel McCune Lindsay, George Haven Putnam and John G. Agar. Other major contributors were Lyman Beecher Stowe and Sophia Pollack. Ms. Pollack joined the Committee c.1929, as Secretary and today, continues to serve in that capacity.

#bThe N.S.G.C. is organized through a Board of Directors, Junior Directors and the Associate Council. Through this structure, the N.S.G.C. goal is to develop the alert citizen needed in a democracy by practice in schools, colleges and other youth groups. This was accomplished by having the N.S.G.C. speakers attend National Education annual meetings; promoting the idea of self government in elementary and secondary schools; encouraging the teaching of civics in schools and colleges; and publishing materials relevant to civics and self government.

#bCurrently, the N.S.G.C. appropriates funds for the support of student projects in the New York City schools. The emphasis is for the school/community service programs that actively include a large number of students in the self government process.

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The records of the National Self Government Committee, Inc. contains correspondence, minutes, reports, replies to questionnaires, writings, financial documents, printed material, scrapbooks and photographs. Presently, the records have a basic arrangement which will be further enhanced with more details after the processing stage.

#bSeries one: General Correspondence, 1901-1948, basically contains incoming correspondence to Wellings from educators, schools concerned with citizenship, students, universities and colleges and educational associations. Subjects covered are responses to literature published by the N.S.G.C.; on going civic activities; progress on self government for young adults; and samples of constitutions of self government in schools. Outgoing correspondence is mainly from Richard Welling, the founder.

#bSeries two: Administrative, 1920-1931 (partial), contains Richard Welling correspondence with the Directors of the N.S.G.C.; 1921-1950; minutes of meetings, 1921-1941; meetings 1942-1946; minutes, 1909-1938; reports, 1910-1933; and constitutions and charters of student government organizations. Series three: Subject Correspondence, 1913-1948, ^{mostly} contains correspondence regarding requests and reactions to the N.S.G.C. publications i.e. "Civics As It Should Be Taught" (1933); "Defend the Public Schools Against Militarism" (1930); "Your School and Its Government" (1946).

#bOther subjects are Civilian Conservation Corps- correspondence in regard to self government in C.C.C. camps (1934-1935);

Superintendents Inquiry: replies and comments from superintendents in New York State regarding the status of citizenship training in their schools (1936); correspondence relating to the efforts of William McAndrew and the N.S.G.C. to have civics taught on the college level (1936-1942); N.S.G.C. inquiry to the Regents on the status of civics and political instruction in public schools and colleges (1932-1938); "National Conference on Student Participation", correspondence and data of faculty advisors interested in developing student government (1928-1946); and scattered correspondence regarding Richard Welling's opposition to military training in schools.

#bSeries four: Replies are mainly from elementary students, 1911-1913, and to a lesser extent high school and college students, 1911-1913. Principals were also asked to respond to questionnaires with information on race, ethnic background, sex and age level of students; the effects of self government in schools both positive and negative; and teachers reaction. There are also some assorted replies from other individuals and list of members receiving student government literature.

#bSeries five: Writings: are Richard Welling's diaries, 1922-47; address book and various other notebooks; mail records (1912); speeches by Welling and others and notes. Series six: Financial Documents are miscellaneous bills and receipts; Series seven: Members lists, printed material, scrapbooks and assorted papers. Series eight: The additions are correspondence c. 1948-1969; Associate Council correspondence; minutes of meetings, 1956-1971; and projects; proposals funded and rejected, 1980-1985; proposals of high school students, 1980-1985 and minutes, 1980-1985; video cassette: Core Project-Satellite Academy (Chambers Street, NYC).

There are also twenty photographs (mostly duplicates) of boys practicing self government, 1911-1913.

NATIONAL SELF GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, INC.

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 Pupils Self Government League, 1913
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 Corres., regarding Rewriting History Texts, 1934
 Civilian Conservation Corps. corres., with educational advisors
37. Student Leader Special corres., 1935-1937
 Inquiries to professors of Political Science; list of recipients; replies to inquiries from Political Science professors who students participate in political campaigns
 Acknowledgements and comments re: "Tomorrow Americans" by A.O. Bowden & Ida Clyde Clark (postcards)
38. "Civics as It Should Be Taught", by Richard Welling (1933). requests for the pamphlet, A - J
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 Comments and corres. re "Civics"
42. Richard Welling speeches 1937-1941. corres. & comments on his speeches on the merit system, student government and democracy in New York City high schools.
 Citizenship Educational Service: correspondence with Palmer Davis, Secretary of Citizenship Educational Service.
 Association for Education in Citizenship: British Committee headed by Sir Ernest Simon. Corres.
 Mabel Skinner, Chairman of Civics, Washington Irving High School. corres., regarding teaching of civics.
 New York State Regents Committee on Social Studies. corres.
 Survey of NYS School Superintendents made by N.S.G.C. which indicated that Civic is "neglected orphan" of the State's educational system.
 Student Leader: corres., (publishes Welling's articles)

- Box 43-47. Acknowledgements and comments re "Civics As It Should Be Taught". (postcard boxes)
48. Replies from school superintendents of NYS to questionnaires regarding civic teaching and student government, 1936-1937.
News releases and copies of special letters.
"Teaching Political Citizenship in Schools", by C.C. Barnes (article). Educational Policies Commission, 1936-1940.
"New Social Horizons". corres. re.
- 49-50. "These Schools Teach Practical Politics", by Robert Littell. (The material for which this article is based on is contained in these two boxes. Littell (Reader's Digest editor and the N.S.G.C. conducted an inquiry to a selected group of 270 high school teachers, principals, superintendents and some colleges, nationwide. The study was to determine where students took part in political campaigns.)
51. Alertness course on civics for teachers, 1937.
"New York Advancing", 1937.
Corres., and replies re education in schools, from educators nationwide.
52. College Entrance Requirements files: Correspondence with college presidents and faculties; members of our Associate Council.
College Entrance Examination Board: corres., Dr. Conyers Read, Tyler Kepner, Marian Park and others.
Dr. Ambrose L. Suhrie:(visited every teaching training school, nationwide to confer with students and faculty on the problems of student government) related corres.
Professor O. Garfield Jones. General corres., and corres., in regard to reprints of his letters in the National Municipal Review, Aug. 1941-1942 and corres., re his "Citizens of Tomorrow", article.
53. New York State Requirements for Teachers. 1937-1942
General corres. with educators
President James Marshall (Board of Education)
General corres., with regard to having a teacher of citizenship in each school.
Multiple Group Forum: corres. with Ralph Roper.
Tests Evaluation: 1937; 1942.
N.E.A.-N.E.S.O. Convention -Detroit.

- Box 53. General corres. regarding various articles, 1938-1939.
54. 1936-1947
 American Council on Education.
 Biarritz American University (France).
 Core- re Student-Faculty Conference.
 Ethical Culture-Encampment for Citizenship.
 European and Foreign members.
 Appeals letters and Replies.
 Philadelphia Conference.

 C.C. Harvey's article.
 "Preparation for Student Government Leadership".
 Junior Directories.
 National Association of Student Councils.
 National Education Association.
55. National Student Organization-International Student Conference
 in Prague.

 National Youth Administration.
 N.Y.U.-Courses for Public Service.
 Pioneer-Student Government Schools.
 Office of Civilian Defense. corres. re Junior Citizens Service.
 Publications.
56. 1940-1941
 "Building Character for Democracy" (Welling's article)
 General corres; Corres., re printing and copy of the article.
 Bill of Rights. General corres.
 Liberty Circular. circulars & news releases.
 Footprints of the Trojan Horse. (booklet sponsored by the
 Citizenship Educational Service before W.W. II and distributed)
 General corres.
 "First Steps in Citizenship" (Welling's article)
 "The Main Job of Our Schools". General corres.
57. "Creative Democracy" by John Dewey (article).
 General corres.
 "Democracy in True Life", by Howard E. Wilson.(article)
 General corres.
 General corres. regarding various articles, 1940-1941
58. 1936-1940
 Discipline; corres. re corporal punishment with the Jewish Institute
 of Religion and others.

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- ~~Director~~ of Civics: (regards efforts of the Committee to get a Director of Civics on the Board of Education. The Dec. 6, 1936 focused on this issue)
 Corres. re the Dec. 9th meeting; general corres.; corres. with other cities re Director of Civics.
- Riddle statement re College entrance: (Riddle of the Carnegie Institution made a statement that colleges by their entrance requirements dominate high schools)
 Replies from college presidents; corres. with Robert Kelly, Executive Secretary, Assoc. of American Colleges.
 Corres., with H.M. McCracken, President of Vassar College. General Corres.
- New York City Economy Committee (a study of possible economics in NYC high schools by curtailing teacher supervision of extra curricular activities).
 Corres.
- 4 H Clubs. General corres.
 Davenport Plan (interest college graduates in politics)
 Antioch Notes. corres.
59. New York State Regents. corres. re the status of civic and political instruction in the public schools and colleges.
60. Enlightened Industrialists: corres. re cooperation between employer and employee in business and industry.
 You and Your Politics: chapter from the book Social Studies (1935). General corres. & requests, etc.
 Congress on Education for Democracy: sponsored by Columbia U. (1939). General corres.
 Syracuse University: corres. re Merit System plan for administrative officers of the student government.
61. Hobart College: corres. re courses on politics.
 Self Government in Industry. (pamphlets)
 Self Government in Prisons. corres, 1919
62. "Student Cooperation", by Earl C. Kelley.
 Corres. re this pamphlet which is the result of a study of student government in 5,000 schools.
63. Additional material re Kelly's pamphlet.
 "Your School and Its Government", by Kelley and Roland C. Fauce.
 Corres. re this pamphlet
64. "Student Cooperation".
 Replies to questionnaire about student cooperation and requests for the pamphlet. note: catalogue card box

- Box 65 American Citizenship Foundation.
Corres. with Dr. Suhrie and others re this group which were interested in setting up a single pattern of self govt. in schools.
- American Youth Commission. data and corres. 1935-1941.
American Youth Congress. " " 1934-1941.
American Youth for World Youth. Data.
- Annual Awards for NYC high schools. corres. in regard to instituting an award in recognition of true democracy as it operates in s.g.o. in NYC high schools (as distinguished from "pseudo-democracy)
- Association of Civic Teachers. corres. with Joseph C. Driscoll of Erasmus High School (President), and others re improving Civics teaching.
- Civics and Politics. corres.
Clinton News Reprint. re material.
Curriculum Revision. corres. re courses in current problems of American democracy for High School seniors.
- Junior City Government. corres. re attempt to develop Junior City Government in New York (1938).
- Junior League. corres. re Civic education.
- Metropolitan Youth Council. pamphlets, news bulletins.
National Association of Manufacturers. related material.
National Education Association. corres. with Committee on Resolutions (1938). re citizenship.
- National Student Federation of America. re corres.
- New York City Board of Education. corres. re curriculum improvement.
- Political Science Inquiry. corres., reports, etc. re the 1935 inquiry on teaching realistic Civics in political sciences courses.
- Teachers salaries (1947). clippings & data.
Teaching of History. corres. with Mrs. Arthur Sulzberger.
Youth Serving Organizations. corres. with American Youth Commission for listing in "Youth Serving Organizations".
66. National Association of Student Officers.
Conferences, speeches, corres., data and questionnaires.
67. National Conference on Student Participation, 1928-1935.
(this group consisted of faculty advisors interested in developing student govt. The National Association of Student Officers was an outgrowth of this interest and the two groups cooperated actively). re corres., reviews, data, etc.

- Box 68. American Committee on Democracy and Intellectual Freedom.
data and corres.
Artman editorial. corres. re Dr. J.M. Artman's article
on citizenship from "Character and Citizenship".
Association for Study of Family Relations. Dickinson
College Conference (1941). corres. re this conference.
Character and Citizenship magazine. corres. with Dr. Artman
and c.c. harvey.
Militarism in the schools. corres. re Welling's article
"Defend the Public Schools Against Militarism".
Military Discipline. General Corres. 1918-1924.
69. Nye-Kvale Bill. corres. re the elimination of compulsory
R.O.T.C. in public schools.
Religion. corres. re "release time" for religious education.
corres. & clippings re federal aid to education
incl. aid to private and parochial schools.
United Committee Against Militarism in NYC Schools.
Examination for NYC principles.
"The Kids Love It"; "Democracy at Home". corres. re these
two items.
NYS Youth Commission. general corres.
Programs for Out of School Youth. data & corres.
Publicity. pamphlets & clippings.
70. School and Society. related material.
Self Government Membership. corres., 1930-32.
"Student Self Government" (pamphlet) related corres.
Town Hall. general corres.
Vote. articles re the vote for 18 years olds.
71. Bibliographies, 1912-1913
Lists; elections; exam papers.
72. Requests for literature, 1920-1924
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Rolland Fauce. A-D
73. E-Z
74. R. Littell. Committee Plans. 1948-1959
Child Care League.
Columbia Univ. Press. "The Uproar".
Faculty Advisors. re material

- Box 74. N.S.G,C, Notices of meetings; minutes
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list (6 vols.)
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2 ARTMAN EDITORIAL:

Correspondence re Dr. J. M. Artman's article on citizenship from "Character and Citizenship".

7 CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP MAGAZINE:

Correspondence with Dr. Artman and C.C. Harvey.

4 AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRACY AND INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:

Data and correspondence.

6 ASSOCIATION FOR STUDY OF FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS --

Dickinson College Conference (1941):

Correspondence with Mrs. Mulford Stough, Mrs. Helen Thomsen and others. Mrs. Thomsen represented this Committee at the Conference.

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MILITARISM IN THE SCHOOLS:

In 1930 Richard Welling wrote "Defend the Public Schools Against Militarism" which appeared in the CLEARING HOUSE magazine and received wide-spread distribution.

Comments on this article are enclosed.

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To eliminate compulsory R.O.T.C. in public schools

Correspondence with Senators, Representatives, and others.

68 UNITED COMMITTEE AGAINST MILITARISM IN NEW YORK CITY SCHOOLS:

Data and correspondence.

6 CORRESPONDENCE (1918-1924) WITH MILITARY MEN RE MILITARY DISCIPLINE:

General correspondence re militarism in the schools.

67 RELIGION:

Correspondence re "Released Time" for religious education.

Clippings and correspondence re federal aid to education, including ^{aid} to private and parochial schools.

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