

National Policy Committee

A Register of Its Records in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: National Policy Committee Records

Span Dates: 1933-1947

ID No.: MSS34314

Creator: National Policy Committee (U.S.)

Extent: 9,000 items; 22 containers; 8.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Correspondence, memoranda, minutes, reports, and other papers documenting the work of the committee to inform private citizens about national policy issues and encourage their active participation in the democratic process.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Personal Names

Buell, Raymond Leslie, 1896-1946.

Miller, Francis Pickens, 1895-1978.

Miller, Helen Hill, 1899-

Moulton, Harold Glenn, 1883-1965.

Organizations

National Policy Committee (U.S.)

Subjects

Democracy--United States.

Political participation--United States.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The records of the National Policy Committee were given to the Library of Congress in 1948 by Helen Hill Miller, former executive director of the committee.

Processing History:

The records of National Policy Committee were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the National Policy Committee is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, National Policy Committee Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the National Policy Committee span the years 1933-1947 and include correspondence, minutes, annual reports, a scrapbook, published reports and policy memoranda, and the records of the committee's Labor Management Project. The

collection is organized into the following series: [Minutes and Annual Reports](#), [Correspondence](#), [Mailings](#), [Historical File](#), [Publications](#), and [Miscellany](#).

The National Policy Committee was founded in 1935 for the purpose of informing private citizens about important national policy issues and encouraging their active participation in the democratic process. Raymond L. Buell served as its chairman and Harold Moulton and Francis P. Miller as officers. In 1937, Helen Hill Miller became executive director, a position she held until the committee's dissolution in 1947.

The collection reflects the committee's goals and organizational structure. The [Minutes and Annual Reports](#) series documents decisions made at annual meetings concerning topics for discussion at the local and regional level. The [Correspondence](#) series consists of a chronological file of the national organization's administrative correspondence, correspondence containing the committee's communications with significant policymakers and intellectuals, affiliate material sent between the national committee and local groups, and committee communications to and from organizations with interests similar to the National Policy Committee. The [Mailings](#) series includes copies of material sent to local groups. The [Historical File](#) reflects the development of the National Policy Committee and includes policy statements, programs, and other material relating to the committee's regional and national conferences. The [Publications](#) series contains reports on conferences, memoranda on policy issues, and the committee's newsletter. The [Miscellany](#) series includes a scrapbook of newspaper clippings and correspondence, memoranda, agendas of meetings, and other material relating to the organization's Labor-Management Project.

Related Materials

The Raymond L. Buell Papers are also located in the Manuscript Division.

Arrangement of the Records

This collection is arranged in six series:

- [Minutes and Annual Reports, 1935-1947](#)
- [Correspondence, 1933-1947](#)
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- [Publications, 1935-1947](#)
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Description of Series

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BOX 7-9	<u>Mailings, 1937-1946</u> Mailing lists, reports, circulars and form letters, pamphlets and other printed matter. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 9-12	<u>Historical File, 1935-1947</u> Booklets, correspondence, policy statements and memoranda, statements of yearly plans, program arrangements, and reports on regional and national conferences. Arranged chronologically.
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