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DEPARTING FROM SEATTLE AND TACOMA, WASHINGTON

Introduction

On the nine rolls of this microfilm publication, A3376, are reproduced passenger lists of vessels, Jan. 5, 1949-Mar. 28, 1957, departing from Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, and passenger and crew lists of airplanes, June 10, 1947-Mar. 28, 1957, departing from Seattle, Washington. A few vessels departed from Bellingham and Everett, Washington. These records are part of the Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Record Group (RG) 85.

Background

Early records relating to immigration originated in regional customhouses. The U.S. Customs Service conducted its business by designating collection districts. Each district had a headquarters port with a customhouse and a collector of customs, the chief officer of the district. An act of March 2, 1819 (3 Stat. 489) required the captain or master of a vessel arriving at a port in the United States or any of its territories from a foreign country to submit a list of passengers to the collector of customs. The act also required that the collector submit a quarterly report or abstract, consisting of copies of these passenger lists, to the Secretary of State, who was required to submit such information at each session of Congress. After 1874, collectors forwarded only statistical reports to the Treasury Department. The lists themselves were retained by the collector of customs. Customs records were maintained primarily for statistical purposes.

On August 3, 1882, Congress passed the first Federal law regulating immigration (22 Stat. 214-215); the Secretary of the Treasury had general supervision over it between 1882 and 1891. The Office of Superintendent of Immigration in the Department of the Treasury was established under an act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1085), and was later designated a bureau in 1895 with responsibility for administering the alien contract-labor laws. In 1900 administration of the Chinese exclusion laws was added. Initially the Bureau retained the same administrative structure of ports of entry that the Customs Service had used. By the turn of the century, it began to designate its own immigration districts, the numbers and boundaries of which changed over the years. In 1903 the Bureau became part of the Department of Commerce and Labor; its name was changed to the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization when functions relating to naturalization were added in 1906. In 1933 the functions were transferred to the Department of Labor and became the responsibility of the newly formed Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Under President Roosevelt's Reorganization Plan V of 1940, the INS was moved to the Department of Justice.

Records Description

These records are arranged in two series described below. The passenger and crew lists are arranged chronologically within each series, although there are occasional lists out of order.

Series 1 - Passenger Lists of Vessels (Jan. 5, 1949-Mar. 28, 1957) and Airplanes (Apr. 3, 1954-Mar. 28, 1957) Departing from Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, including Airplane Crew (Apr. 3, 1954-Mar. 28, 1957)

This series consists of passenger lists of vessels (Jan. 5, 1949–Mar. 28, 1957) and airplanes (Apr. 3, 1954–Mar. 28, 1957) that are primarily recorded on INS Forms I-434 and I-435 and Northwest Airlines, Inc. Air Passenger Manifests (described below under “Forms Used”). Airplane crew lists are also included (Apr. 3, 1954–Mar. 28, 1957) and usually recorded on Customs Form 7507 (described below under “Forms Used”).

Most vessels departed from Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, but some left from Bellingham and Everett, Washington. Aircraft departures were from Seattle, and were destined for the Philippines and Japan.

The vessel passenger lists mostly consist of U.S. Army (USAT) and Navy (USNS) vessels transporting military personnel and their spouses and children to Yokohama, Japan, and, less frequently, other destinations. Many of the military passenger lists show port of departure as “SEPE,” the abbreviation for “Seattle Port of Embarkation.”

Commercial passenger vessels were destined for Vancouver, Canada, and other foreign ports.

Old INS Roll 4 begins with a short section of “retakes” (documents refilmed to ensure legibility).

Series 2 - Passenger and Crew Lists of Airplanes Departing from Seattle, Washington, June 10, 1947-Mar. 28, 1954

This series consists of passenger lists of airplanes operated by various commercial airlines departing from Seattle, Washington. Most of the passenger lists are recorded on INS Form I-466, and some individuals also have an INS Form I-467 (described below under “Forms Used”). Most airplane crew lists are recorded on Customs Form 7507 (described below under “Forms Used”).

Forms Used

The manifests consist of several types of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), U.S. Customs Service, and Northwest Airlines forms. The most common forms are described below.

INS Form I-418, *Passenger List/Crew List (cross out one)*, includes the name of the ship, the port and date of embarkation, the port and date of arrival, and the following information about each person, if applicable: name, citizenship (“nationality”), passport number, crew position, and where the crewman was shipped or engaged. Other remarks or information may also be annotated on the form.

INS Form I-434, *List of Outward-Bound Passengers (Aliens)*, includes the date, port, and ship of departure, and the following information about each passenger: name, age, sex, travel document number (such as passport), and, occasionally, remarks.

INS Form I-435, *List of Outward-Bound Passengers (United States Citizens and Nationals)*, includes the date, port, and ship of departure, and the following information about each passenger: name, age, sex, U.S. address, U.S. passport number, place of birth or date and place of naturalization, and the length of time the person intends to remain abroad.

INS Form I-466, *Air Passenger Manifest*, indicates the name of the airline, aircraft number, trip number, ports and dates of departure and destination, and the following information about each passenger: name,

permanent address, ticket number, age, gender, marital status, race, destination, citizenship (“nationality”), number and date of passport, occupation, and number and weight of baggage. Each passenger’s weight may be noted in the column headed “nationality, passport, number, and date of issue.” **Northwest Airlines Inc. Air Passenger Manifest** (1954-55) is identical to I-466 in content.

INS Form I-467, Passenger Card, indicates the person’s name, age, date and place of birth, sex, marital status, citizenship (“nationality”), permanent address, passport and/or other immigration document numbers, date and place of naturalization, occupation, physical description (height, weight, and color of hair and eyes), race, whether able to read and write and in what language(s), name and address of relative in home country, name and relationship of person(s) accompanying him, airline name and flight number, date and airport of departure, purpose and length of time intended to be abroad, and when and where the person had been in the foreign country previously.

Customs Form 7507, General Declaration (Inward/Outward), includes the aircraft number, itinerary (intended destination airports and departure dates), and each crew member’s name and U.S. passport number. The crew member’s age and sex may also be noted.

General Remarks

The records were filmed by the INS in 1956-57 and transferred to the National Archives on microfilm. Although some of this film may be difficult to read, it is impossible to correct the situation since the INS destroyed the original records.

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