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ANNEX
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Accession # 39 M 19

Location

Title American Friends of Spanish Democracy. Records

Approximate inclusive dates 1936-1939

Date of receipt May 1939

Received from American Friends of Spanish
Democracy

Volume on arrival 10 bundles

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 6 AB

Condition Out-going correspondence is typed on brittle yellow paper which
is disintegrating badly

Restrictions None

Description The American Friends of Spanish Democracy was founded in New York City in September of 1936 by a group of clergymen and intellectuals under the leadership of Roger Baldwin, a member of its executive committee, and Bishop Robert L. Paddock, its chairman. John Dewey was named vice-chairman but his role appears to have been largely honorific. Its objective was to arouse support for the Loyalist government during the Spanish Civil War. By organizing public appeals, petitions and letters of protest and by disseminating information on the situation in Spain, it hoped to counteract the effects of fascist propaganda and bring pressure on the President and Congress to end the arms embargo against Spain. It also raised funds for medical aid and refugee relief which were distributed by the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. By decision of its executive committee the organization was dissolved in May of 1939. Its initial title was Friends of Spanish Democracy.

The records consist of general correspondence and correspondence relating to bombings and neutrality. The general correspondence includes a file of minutes of meetings of the executive committee. The correspondence is arranged alphabetically and is mainly that of the Robert L. Paddock and Natalie Hankemeyer (executive secretary). Only a few items of correspondence of Roger Baldwin are present. His participation is reflected in the minutes more fully. The correspondence is mainly with clergymen, with persons responding to solicitations, and officials of Spanish aid and relief organizations, especially the American Committee on Spanish Relief and the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. A smattering of letters by

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Temporary catalog card added entries BALDWIN, Roger, 1884-
SELDERS, George, 1890-
Bombing, Aerial American Committee on Spanish Relief
Corporate meetings North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy
Embargo Russell, Charles Edward, 1860-1941
Clergy-U.S. Paddock, Robert Lewis, 1869-1939
Fund raising HANKEMEYER, Natalie
Friends of Spanish Democracy
Refugees-Spain
Spain-History-Civil War, 1936-1939

Date

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prominent persons are present including Stephen Vincent Benet, Witter Bynner, Stuart Chase, John Dewey, John Dos Passos, Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Waldo Frank, John Haynes Holmes, Cordell Hull, Archibald Macleish, Lewis Mumford, Scott Nearing, Upton Sinclair, and William Allen White. More substantial correspondence is present of Charles Edward Russell and George Seldes. The general correspondence concerns fund-raising, the enlistment of support for the Loyalist cause, attempts to organize a delegation of prominent American to visit Spain, and the revision of American foreign policy towards Spain. The bombings correspondence is with clergymen and concerns the endorsement of a letter of protest against the bombings of civilian populations by the rebel forces. The neutrality correspondence concerns the endorsement of a letter of protest against the arms embargo ^{imposed} against Spain under the Neutrality Acts. A large part of this file consists of mimeograph copies of protest letters signed by those adhering to them.

American Friends of Spanish Democracy

Container No.

	General Correspondence
1	A-L
2	M-S
3	S-Z
	Bombings protest correspondence
	A-C
4	D-Z
	Neutrality correspondence
	A-B
5	C-O
6	P-Z; form letters; printed and near-printed matter

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Location Annex 9-n-1

Title AMERICAN FRIENDS OF SPANISH DEMOCRACY. ADDITIONS.

Approximate inclusive dates 1935-1939

Date of receipt June 13, 1987

Received from General Research Division

Volume on arrival 4 pkg.

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 2 AB

Condition fair. Many deteriorating clippings

Restrictions n.a.

Description

Publicity files containing press releases, form letters, clippings, and printed material created or collected by the American Friends of Spanish Democracy in their effort to further the cause of the Spanish Republicans.

Box 7 Publicity files/Printed material (bombings, embargo)

Box 8 Publicity files/Printed material (general)

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Date June 17, 1987