

Arthur G. Barnett, papers

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GUIDE

Biographical Information

Arthur G. Barnett is a Seattle attorney who worked on civil rights cases. Most of his papers concern his political and civic efforts on behalf of Japanese-Americans before, during and after the evacuation in 1942. Much of his activities were undertaken as chairman of the Seattle Council of Churches and Christian Education's Japanese American Emergency Committee and its Social Welfare Committee. He was also chairman of the Gordon Hirabayashi Defense Committee. Hirabayashi was arrested, tried and convicted for disobeying evacuation orders and violating curfew in a case that was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Barnett was chairman and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Civic Unity Committee, which was formed in 1944 by the Mayor of Seattle as an unofficial race relations committee. It was superceded in 1964 by the Seattle Human Rights Commission.

In 1936 Barnett was hired as a field worker for the Warren Avenue Project. The Warren Avenue Project was a youth project instigated by the Community Fund's Inter-Agency Committee and guided by a committee composed of local ministers, school principals, Boy Scout leaders, YMCA and YWCA representatives. Its purpose was to provide recreational and educational activities for youth in the Denny Regrade area, which had the highest rate of juvenile delinquency in the city. It received support from the W.P.A. and Seattle Parks Department

Interviews

Arthur Barnett discussed the Gordon Hirabayashi case in an interview with Delores Goto in 1971. This interview was subsequently transcribed. The 1974 tape recorded interview with Gordon Hirabayashi also discusses the case. This interview also contains Hirabayashi's comments upon the Alien Land Law case of 1924. The last 15 minutes of the tape includes an interview with S. Katsuno. This interview has not been transcribed.

Provenance

Arthur Barnett donated these papers to the Libraries in many installments between 1971 and 1984. The tape recording of Gordon Hirabayashi's interview with Barnett was donated by Hirabayashi in 1974. The papers were processed in 1991. They measure 8-1/2 cubic inches.

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<u>Box/Folders</u>		<u>Dates</u>
1/1	INCOMING LETTERS	
	American Bar Association	1941
	Christian Friends for Racial Equality	1944
	College Club	1941
	Council of Churches and Christian Education. Seattle	1945
	Federated Christian Church, Hunt, Idaho	1945
	Remember Pearl Harbor League	1945
	Seattle Bar Association	1941
	Seattle Methodist Ministers' Association	1944
	Washington. Assistant to the Attorney General	1942
	Washington State Bar Association	1941
	Williams, De Witt	1942
1/2	OUTGOING LETTERS	1941-44
1/3	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
	American Bar Association	1941
	Council of Churches and Christian Education. Seattle	1945
	National Conference of Christians and Jews	1956
	Takayoshi, Tomeo	1943
	Warren, Charles M.	1941, n.d.
1/4	REPORTS	
	"Report submitted to Tolan Congressional Committee on National Defense Migration" by the Emergency Defense Council of the Seattle Chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens League	n.d.
1/5	STATEMENTS	
	Statement by the Council of Churches Emergency Committee on Aliens for the Tolan Congressional Committee	n.d.
	Statement of Policies by the Committee on Administration of Japanese Work of the Home Missions Council of North America	1945
1/6	TRANSCRIPT	
	Interview of Arthur Barnett by Dolores Goto (see also AUDIO CASSETTES at end of inventory)	1971
1/7-8	CLIPPINGS	

SUBJECT SERIES

Japanese Relocation

1/9	Incoming Letters	
	American Friends Service Committee. Seattle	1944-45
	American Friends Service Committee. Philadelphia	1944
	Evacuee Service Council	1943
	Murphy, U.G.	1944
	U.S. War Relocation Authority	1943
1/10	Outgoing Letters	1943-45, n.d.
1/11	General Correspondence	
	Chadwick, Margaret	1944
	Davis, Susan	1969
	Japanese American Citizens League	1943
	Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play	1943
	U.S. War Department	1944
	Congregationalists. University Congregational Church	1943
	Washington. Attorney General	1944
1/12	Reports	
	"Community Problems in Relocation" presented to the American Public Welfare Association by the War Relocation Authority	1943
	"Japanese Relocation: From Hunt to Spokane a la Suzukis" by Floyd Schmoie	1943
1/13	Statements	
	Statement on behalf of the Social Welfare Committee by Arthur G. Barnett	n.d.
	Statements Regarding Rumors of Sabotage in Hawaii by Kendall J. Fielder	1943
1/14	Speeches and Writings	
	Address at Union College by Hon. Joseph C. Grew	1943
	Speech to Commonwealth Club by Ben Kuroki	n.d.
	"Free and Equal: The Japanese-Americans in Oregon" by Beatrice Stevens	1945
1/15	Surveys	n.d.
1/16	News Releases	1945
1/17	Bulletins	1944
1/18	Brochures	
1/19	Clippings	
1/20	MISCELLANY	

Box/Folders

Dates

Subgroups

CIVIC UNITY COMMITTEE

1/21	Outgoing Letters	1964-65
1/22	Interoffice Correspondence (note: most of this correspondence is between Arthur Barnett and Louise Blackham, Executive Secretary of the Civic Unity Committee)	1964-65
	Minutes	
1/23-25	Board of Trustees	1952-64
1/26	Processing Committee	1964
1/27	Intergroup Agency Association	1955
2/1	Reports Report to the Commission on Civil Rights from the State Advisory Committee	1961
2/2	Speeches and Writings "Civil Rights" by Frank Bayley, Jr. "Highlights of Achievement in Human Relations from 1944 to 1954, and New Directions for Our Efforts" by Arthur G. Barnett	1948 1954
2/3	Legal Documents Brief in the matter of Isidore Balaban et al., vs. Max J. Rubin et al., constituting the Board of Education for the city of New York, et al., for the American Jewish Congress	1964
2/4	Honors and Awards Citations American Indian Women's Service League Barnett, Arthur G. Citizens' Advisory Committee on Minority Housing Clinton, Gordon Esfeld, Sol Goslin, Martin L., Raphael H. Levine, William Treacy Green, Paul R. Gunther, Erna Helsell, Frank P. Jones, Marjorie M. King County Harborview Hospital KOMO-TV Steinmetz, Edith M.	1960 1957 1963 1963 1957 1961 1957 1957 1957 1957 1959 1961 1959
2/5	Miscellaneous	

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Subgroups (cont'd)

CIVIC UNITY COMMITTEE (cont'd)

2/6	Lists	
	Civic Unity Committee officers and Board of Trustees	1963-64
	Civic Unity Committee interest members	1960-64
	Miscellaneous	
2/7	Newsletters ("Fair Play")	1954-58
2/8	Clippings	
2/9	Photographs	
2/10	Subject Series	
	Civic Unity Committee dissolution	1964-65
2/11	Miscellany	

WARREN AVENUE PROJECT

2/12	Incoming Letter	
	Hemphill Diesel Schools	1936
2/13	Outgoing Letters	1936
2/14	Minutes	
	Meeting of the Warren Avenue Committee	1936
	Meeting of the Character Building Agencies	1935
	Inter-Agency Meetings	1935-36
	Meeting of Leaders in the Warren Avenue District on Proposed Community Program	n.d.
	Meeting of the "Central Seattle Fun Clubs" Committee	1936
2/15	Reports	
	Progress Reports	1936
	Final Report	n.d.
	Report of committee to recommend the personnel of the local committee on the Warren Avenue Project	1936
	Proposed report of committee to report to the Inter-Agency Committee	1936
2/16	Lists	
	Inter-Agency Committee on Warren Avenue Project	1935
	Warren Avenue Committee	n.d.
	Suggested Representatives to be included on Warren Avenue Committee	1936

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Subgroups (cont'd)

WARREN AVENUE PROJECT (cont'd)

2/17	Questionnaires
2/18	Miscellany

End of Subgroups

AUDIO CASSETTES (located in tape cabinet, drawer 2)

1. Tape 184a: Interview of Arthur Barnett by Gordon Hirabayashi, recorded 6/16/1974; interview of Gordon Hirabayashi with S. Katsuno
2. Tape 184b: Interview of Arthur Barnett by Dolores Goto, recorded 3/11/1971 (see TRANSCRIPT above)