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**Proceedings, recommendations, and background files of the
Governor's Conference on Crime, the Criminal and Society
A0615**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series documents the activities and recommendations of the 1935 crime conference which served as the basis for Governor Lehman's anti-crime program of 1936. The conference stressed the need for a nationally coordinated law enforcement program. The series includes: transcripts of proceedings of General Sessions 1-4; transcripts of proceedings of Round Tables 1-5 concerning 1) crime prevention, 2) detection and apprehension, 3) prosecution and the courts, 4) institutional care, and 5) probation, parole and rehabilitation; conference planning and organization materials.
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Arrangement

Arranged by subject.

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Administrative History

Governor Herbert Lehman called this crime conference on July 23, 1935 in response to the U.S. Attorney General's National Crime Conference held in Washington in 1934. The national conference stressed the need for a coordinated law enforcement program throughout the nation.

The New York conference, held September 30 to October 3, 1935 in Albany, was a forum for discussion of crime and crime prevention by attorneys, judges, law enforcement administrators, government officials, and others with law enforcement responsibilities or interests. The conference was conducted in four general sessions with reports from five round table (subcommittee) discussion groups.

The recommendations generated by this conference led to Governor Lehman's anti-crime program, presented to the legislature in 1936. The legislature made substantial revisions to the Code of Criminal Procedure and the County, Executive, Judiciary, Correction, and Penal Laws.

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Scope and Content Note

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Folder list.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

This series was compiled by the State Library from old collections #615 (boxes 1-6) and #46 (box 7). In 1978 the State Archives accessioned these records as collection #615, accession numbers -376 and -377.

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Access Terms

- Crime prevention--New York (State)
- Crime--New York (State)
- Reports
- Crime prevention
- Criminals--New York (State)
- Criminal justice, Administration of--New York (State)
- Transcripts
- New York (State)
- Proceedings
- Governor's Conference on Crime, the Criminal and Society (1935 : Albany, N.Y.)
- New York (State). Executive Department