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Section for Citizen Unity General Correspondence A4270**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	These correspondence files contain material on conferences, annual and monthly reports, bibliographies, catalogs, kits, finances, and correspondence with city and county Councils of Citizen Unity and Citizen Morale Committees. These entities were part of the Section for Citizen Unity, which was formed on January 1, 1942 by the State War Council to inform and educate the general public on war issues and to garner support for the war effort.
Creator:	New York State War Council. Section for Citizen Unity
Title:	General correspondence
Quantity:	2 cubic feet
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Series:	A4270

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Arrangement

Alphabetical by subject.

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Administrative History

The Section for Citizen Unity was formed on January 1, 1942 by the State War Council. Some of the section's functions were: to help interpret the civilian war program to the general public; to foster projects for building unity at home behind the war effort; to develop an informed understanding of war issues on part of the general public including the Atlantic Charter, total manpower mobilization, wartime financing, censorship and news policy; to assist local communities in developing more effective organization for handling radio programs, speakers bureaus, discussion projects, exhibits, block groups, war forums and war problem round tables; and to gather and disseminate materials relating to the war effort such as pamphlets, film lists, bibliographies, radio script reference lists, and dramatization material. The Section for Citizen

Unity, directed by John W. Merring, was divided into city and county Councils of Citizen Unity and Local Citizen Morale Committees. The Victory Publications Clearing House, in conjunction with the Section for Citizen Unity, issued pamphlets on war issues to the general public.

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Scope and Content Note

The general correspondence files contain material on conferences, annual and monthly reports, bibliographies, catalogs, kits, finances, and correspondence with city and county Councils of Citizen Unity and Citizen Morale Committees. Also included in the files are clippings, press releases, telegrams, form letters, mailing lists, and purchase requisitions and vouchers.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Container list is available at the repository.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Items Online

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Access Terms

- Publicizing
- World War, 1939-1945

- Albany (N.Y.)
- Coordinating
- Civil defense
- New York (State)
- Victory Publications Clearing House
- Herring, John W.