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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Institute of Pacific Relations
Creator:	Institute of Pacific Relations. American Council
Title:	Institute of Pacific Relations records
ID:	11043785
Date [inclusive]:	1925 -- 1943
Physical Description:	0.75 linear feet 0.75 linear feet; 2 boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Institute of Pacific Relations was created in 1925 to bring awareness to issues between the nations of the Pacific Rim. The collection contains minutes, reports, correspondence, conference records, committee and other administrative records, and newspaper clippings related to the Institute of Pacific Relations and its American Council branch.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL12: Institute of Pacific Relations records, 1925-1943, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

The first meeting of the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR) was held in 1925. The purpose of the Institute was to serve and bring awareness to issues regarding the nations of the Pacific Rim. More specifically, according to the Certificate of Incorporation from December 1938, the objectives of the American Council of the IPR were to promote the study of the people and nations of the Pacific area by working with the general IPR and to stimulate attention to the problem areas, as well as to conduct research, hold conferences, study groups, create publications, and explore other avenues to bring attention to these issues. Various councils

were responsible for the national, regional, and local programming. Much of the funding for the Institute came from philanthropies, businesses, and corporations. The American Council was an active member. The IPR international headquarters were in Honolulu until the early 1930s when they were moved to New York and the American Council emerged as the dominant national council. Well-known members of the group were Henry Robinson Luce, E. C. Carter, A. L. Warnshuis, Mrs. John D. Rockefeller Jr., Charles Harvey Fahs, and Daniel Johnson Fleming. The IPR became embroiled in various controversies after World War II and during the Cold War. Eventually the IPR lost its tax-exempt status. Centers for various studies were also on the rise during this time, which made the IPR no longer necessary. The Institute dissolved in 1960.

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Onsite storage.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Formerly part of the independent Missionary Research Library (MRL), these records were accessioned by the Burke Library at the time of the MRL's closure in 1976. Many of the records in this collection were the personal records of members such as Charles Fahs and A. L. Warnshuis.

Processing Information

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. The collection was processed and made available in 2014 and came from a large group of disorganized boxes. The finding aid was created by Brigitte Kamsler in 2014 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2021.

Conditions Governing Use

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Related Materials

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[Institute of Pacific Relations records, 1927-1962](#). Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Libraries.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Pacific Area -- Foreign relations
- Institute of Pacific Relations -- : Archives
- Institute of Pacific Relations. American Council -- : Archives

Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL12, Ecumenical/World Mission

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Title/Description	Instances	
General Forum, 1925-07-13 -- 1925-07-14	box 1	folder 1
Clippings and statements, 1925 -- 1927	box 1	folder 2
Correspondence, minutes, reports, 1925 -- 1928	box 1	folder 3-6
Fifth Biennial Conference, 1933-08	box 1	folder 7
American Council: minutes, 1926 -- 1927	box 2	folder 1
American Council: minutes, circa 1927 -- 1928	box 2	folder 2

American Council: minutes, circa 1928 -- 1929	box 2	folder 3
American Council: Research Committee, 1928	box 2	folder 4
American Council: Committees and Board of Trustee minutes, 1928	box 2	folder 5
American Council: minutes, circa 1929 -- 1930	box 2	folder 6
American Council: minutes, circa 1930 -- 1931	box 2	folder 7
American Council: minutes, 1932	box 2	folder 8
American Council: Certificate of Incorporation, Constitution, and minutes, 1938	box 2	folder 9
American Council and East Indies Institute, 1943	box 2	folder 10

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