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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Rare Book and Manuscript Library                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Henry Ford Peace Expedition (1915-1916)                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Hopkins, Mary Alden, 1876-1960                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Henry Ford Peace Expedition Collection                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | 4078773                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | MS#0441                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1913-1924                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Date [bulk]:</b>              | 1915-1916                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 0.42 linear feet 1 document box                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English , Swedish .                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | This collection contains photographs, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, and writings relating to the Henry Ford Peace Expedition that took place in the winter of 1915-1916. |

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Henry Ford Peace Expedition collection; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

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The purpose of the Henry Ford Peace Expedition was to call a conference of delegates from non-combatant countries during World War I. In the winter of 1915-1916, the Ford Peace Expedition carried a delegation of Americans to Norway, Sweden, and Holland to meet with fellow European pacifists. Henry Ford hosted the "Peace Ship" which served as both a vehicle for travel and for collaboration amongst its passengers.

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## Biographical / Historical

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During the months prior to the expedition, Hungarian feminist and pacifist Rosika Schwimmer encouraged Ford to commission the expedition. On December 4th, 1915, Henry Ford and members of the peace voyage boarded Oscar II, also known as the Peace Ship, in Hoboken, New Jersey for the expedition. The delegates for the peace expedition traveled first to Christiania (present day Oslo), Norway, and later met with fellow pacifists in Sweden and Holland. In February, 1916, members of the neutral nations from Europe met with the Ford party in Stockholm, Sweden, to form the Neutral Conference for Continuous Mediation. The expedition returned from Europe in February of 1916, but work within the Neutral Conference for Continuous Mediation continued until the end of that year. Among many active figures that influenced the expedition were Rosika Schwimmer, Ellen Key, and Louis P. Lochner.

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## Summary

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This collection of printed materials and photographs was assembled by Mary Alden Hopkins, a member of the Expedition, in 1952. The content primarily spans the time period just before, during, and after the expedition between the winter of 1915 and 1916. The collection centers on Hopkins' personal accounts of the expedition, biographical pamphlets, and passenger lists. Official statements issued by Louis P. Lochner, General Secretary of The Neutral Conference for Continuous Mediation, at Stockholm, are also included herein. Additionally, a letter from Lochner with the "Appeal to Neutrals" the Neutral Conference's manifesto, is located in this collection. Several issues of Four Lights, a magazine published by the Women's Peace Party of New York City, are included along with various newspaper clippings pertaining both to the expedition and to the war in general. The photographs in this collection are both unidentified and undated, but certainly describe the social and political activities that took place during the expedition.

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## Arrangement

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The material is arranged in two series.

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### Restrictions on Access

This collection has no restrictions.

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Source of acquisition--Mary Alden Hopkins. Method of acquisition--Gift of; Date of acquisition--1952.

### **Processing Information**

Papers processed by Robyn Hjermsstad.

### **Processing Information**

Finding aid written by Robyn Hjermsstad June 2010.

### **Accrual**

No additions expected

### **Processing Information**

Collection is processed to folder level.

### **Accruals**

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## **Related Materials**

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Other institutions that house collections relating to the Henry Ford Peace Expedition include: Swarthmore College Peace Collection, Swarthmore College Henry Ford Peace Expedition Literary File, photography collection, University of Texas, Austin Papers Relating to the Ford Peace Plan, 1915-1918, Library of Congress Fredrick and Lilian Holt Peace Expedition Papers, 1915-1917, University of Michigan

### **Selected Related Material-- Other Repositories**

[Swarthmore College Peace Collection](#), Swarthmore College.

### **Selected Related Material-- Other Repositories**

[Henry Ford Peace Expedition Literary File](#), Photography Collection, University of Texas, Austin.

### **Selected Related Material-- Other Repositories**

[Papers Relating to the Ford Peace Plan, 1915-1918](#), Library of Congress.

### **Selected Related Material-- Other Repositories**

[Frederick and Lilian Holt Peace Expedition Papers, 1915-1917](#), University of Michigan .

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- Peace
- World politics
- Mediation, International
- World War, 1914-1918
- Photographic prints
- Ford, Henry, 1863-1947
- Lochner, Louis Paul, 1887-1975
- Henry Ford Peace Expedition (1915-1916)
- Neutral Conference for Continuous Mediation (1916)

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## **Collection Inventory**

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### **Series I: Printed Materials, 1913, 1915-1916, 1923, 1924**

#### **Scope and Contents**

This series has four document types: clippings, *Four Lights*, pamphlets, and writings, each designated to an individual folder. Folder four contains many typed drafts of Hopkins' writings, most of which were created on board the Peace Ship in the winter of 1915. Titles include: "The Ship of Fools," "The Ford Peace Expedition in Scandinavia," "Statement of Desire to Return from Expedition," and "The Return of the Ford Peace Expedition." Folder 4 also contains a letter from Louis P. Lochner with the "Appeal to Neutrals," as well as travel itineraries, and a letter from Ellen Key. Eleven issues of *Four Lights* are located in folder 2 (map case 14-p-1), with dates January-March 1917, May-July 1917, September-October 1917. Most of the pamphlets in series I are either biographies listing those involved in the

expedition, or passenger lists. The majority of the newspaper articles are specifically related to the expedition, though some are articles that pertain to the war in general.

| Title/Description                                                              | Instances  |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Clippings, 1916 February 2, 3, 5, 8-12, April 28, June 10, 17; 1923 October 24 | box 1      | folder 1 |
| Clippings, circa 1916; 1916 February 7, 15, May 15; 1924 October 18            | box 14-P-1 | folder 2 |
| Four Lights, 1917 January-March, May-July, September-October                   | box 14-P-1 | folder 2 |
| Pamphlets, 1913, 1915-1916                                                     | box 1      | folder 3 |
| Writings, 1915-1916                                                            | box 1      | folder 4 |

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## Series II: Photographs, undated

### Scope and Contents

The photographs document not only the activities that took place on board the Peace Ship but also professional and leisurely activities that took place in Christiania (now Oslo), Norway and Stockholm, Sweden. These consist mostly of human portraits, although some landscape and street photographs exist. Photographs of the skiers at the ski jump at Lillehammer in Norway are also found in this collection. The photographs are both undated and unidentified.

| Title/Description            | Instances |               |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Photographs, circa 1915-1916 | box 1     | folder 5 to 8 |

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