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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Co-administrator for the United Nations Development Program. 1966-1969, and executive chairman of the United Nations Technical Assistance Board, 1957-1965. Owen was a distinguished British civil servant who attended the San Francisco Conference in 1945 and worked thereafter for the United Nations (UN).

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Summary

Correspondence and professional files of Owen. Most of the materials in this collection relate to his activities at the UN. These include numerous documents and reports pertaining to the

United Nations' technical assistance programs. Some of Owen's speeches and publications are also in the collection. The reports Owen received from Gunnar Myrdal and those concerning the private meetings of the Secretary General are especially interesting. A few of the people with whom Owen corresponded are Lady Astor, Clement Attlee, Chester Bowles, Sir Stafford Cripps, John Diefenbaker, Dag Hammarskjöld, Julian Huxley, B.H. Liddell Hart, Trygve Lie, Selwyn Lloyd, Gunnar Myrdal, Adlai Stevenson, and U Thant. Also, papers on regional planning and social services in Great Britain from 1938 to 1944, with emphasis on Scotland. There are manuscripts, manuscript notes, social surveys, government reports, and related correspondence on such topics as hospitals, housing, youth, and the aged. There is some correspondence regarding Owen's association with a private research group Political and Economic Planning (PEP). Among the Scotland files are Owen's manuscripts, notes, and related material for his Stevenson Lectures in Citizenship at the University of Glasgow, 1939-1944.

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Arrangement

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- Older people -- Great Britain

- Astor, Nancy Witcher Langhorne Astor, Viscountess, 1879-1964
- Attlee, C. R (Clement Richard), 1883-1967
- Bowles, Chester, 1901-1986
- Cripps, Richard Stafford, Sir, 1889-1952
- Diefenbaker, John G., 1895-1979
- Hammarskjöld, Dag, 1905-1961
- Huxley, Julian, 1887-1975
- Liddell Hart, Basil Henry, Sir, 1895-1970
- Lie, Trygve, 1896-1968
- Lloyd, Selwyn, 1904-1978
- Myrdal, Gunnar, 1898-1987
- Stevenson, Adlai E (Adlai Ewing), 1900-1965
- Thant, U, 1909-1974
- United Nations
- United Nations Development Programme
- United Nations. Technical Assistance Board
- Political and Economic Planning (Think tank)
- University of Glasgow
- United Nations Conference on International Organization (1945 : San Francisco, Calif.)

Collection Inventory

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