

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION:	War Resisters' International
ACCESSION NO:	81/57
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HISTORICAL NOTE:	<p>The War Resisters' International was founded in 1921 in Holland at first under the name 'Paco' (Esperanto for peace) and the Declaration and Statement of Principles were drawn up. In 1923 it adopted the name The War Resisters' International (WRI) and moved its headquarters to England. Originally formed by delegates from four European countries, the WRI united the war resistance movements in Germany, Austria, Holland and Great Britain. By the 1930s it was the major international pacifist anti-war body with affiliates in nearly 30 countries. In 1925 the first War Resisters' International Conference was held in England, the International Council appointed, with Fenner Brockway, the founder of the English C.O. Movement, as Chairman, and a constitution adopted. The pledge of its members was to resist any kind of war and to support men who were resisting military service.</p>
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS:	<p>Two copies only of War Resisters' International publications have been retained, where available, and the many excess copies discarded. Rusted staples have been removed from booklets and leaflets and care should be taken when handling these publications.</p>
NOTE ON LISTING:	<p>As no discernible original order was evident, the items have been rearranged into series.</p>
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Box No	Series No	Description	Dates
	1	<i>The War Resister</i> [Note: Journal of War Resisters' International]	
1	1/1	<i>The War Resister</i> No. 43, Winter 1937 – No 54, Autumn 1948 [incomplete; missing issues Nos. 45, 46, 47, 53].	1937-1948
	1/2	<i>The War Resister</i> No 55, Spring 1949 – No 63 Autumn 1953.	1949-1953
	1/3	<i>The War Resister</i> No 64, Spring 1954 – No 69 Autumn 1955.	1954-1955
	1/4	<i>The War Resister</i> No 70, First Quarter 1956 – No 72 Third Quarter 1956; No. 80 Third quarter 1958. [incomplete; missing issues Nos.73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79].	1956-1958
	2	War Resisters' International: Conferences	
	2/1	<i>War Resisters of the World: An account of the Movement in twenty countries and a Report of the International Conference held at Hoddesdon, Herts., England July, 1925.</i>	1925
	2/2	<i>War Resistance: A Practical Policy. The Third Conference of the War Resisters' International, Lyon, France, August, 1931.</i>	1931
	2/3	<i>Review of the International Movement</i> July, 1934 to July, 1937, by Grace M. Beaton (General Secretary).	1934-1937
	2/4	<i>War Resisters' International Calling: Simultaneous Conferences Throughout the World January and February 1946, June 1945.</i> [Agenda papers].	1945
	2/5	<i>The Rainbow in the Clouds: Report of the Secretary, Grace Beaton, to the 7th International Conference of the War Resisters' International, Brunswick (Germany), July 1951.</i>	1951
	3	War Resisters' International: Publications, 1930-1948 [Note: All pamphlets and booklets below were published by War Resisters' International, 11 Abbey Road, Enfield, Middlesex and printed by various printers.]	
	3/1	<i>Cutting Ice: a Brief Survey of War Resistance and the International</i> by H. Runham Brown, 1930.	1930
	3/2	<i>Is it Universal Conscription? c. 1932.</i>	c. 1932
	3/3	<i>War Resistance.</i> William Floyd, c. 1934 [interleaved with	c. 1934

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		leaflet: "Gas Drill: a Frenchwoman's Protest", 1934.]	
	3/4	<i>Principle, Policy and Practice</i> , H. Runham Brown, c. 1934.	c. 1934
	3/5	<i>Spain: A Challenge to Pacifism</i> . H. Runham Brown, third ed., 1938.	1938
	3/6	<i>Our Work in Spain: Saving the Children</i> , c.1938.	c. 1938
	3/7	<i>South American Settlement for Refugees. Statement by Rudolph P. Messel</i> , January 1939.	1939
	3/8	<i>He Laid down his life that we may live</i> [Josef Stankunas]. Merle Eyles, 1939.	1939
	3/9	"Der Grossvater Unserer Familie", c.1939.	c. 1939
	3/10	<i>The Chair of the W.R.I. George Lansbury Passes</i> . H. Runham Brown, 1940.	1940
	3/11	<i>A Peace Aims Declaration</i> . Pacifist Research Bureau, 1941.	1941
	3/12	<i>The War Resisters' International in War-time</i> . H. Runham Brown, 1941.	1941
	3/13	<i>Memorandum on the National Service Acts, 1939-41 and Other Emergency Legislation. Prepared for the War Resisters' International by Charles H. E. Hill, January 1942.</i>	1942
	3/14	<i>Down on the Farm: The Lansbury Gate Farm</i> , 1942.	1942
	3/15	<i>Letters: Coming through the barriers, 1942-1943.</i>	1942-1943
	3/16	<i>Why India</i> . Reginald Reynolds, 1944.	1944
	3/17	<i>Why Hitler</i> . Runham Brown, c. 1944.	c.1944
	3/18	<i>Four years of War</i> . Grace M. Beaton, 1943.	1943
	3/19	<i>Pacifists over the World</i> . Harold Bing, 1943.	1943
	3/20	<i>Educational Reconstruction in Germany</i> . William F. Sollmann, 1944.	1944
	3/21	<i>Twenty Years' Work in the War Resisters' International</i> . Grace M. Beaton, 1945.	1945

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	3/22	<i>Resistance in Norway</i> . Diderich Lund, 1945.	1945
	3/23	<i>Germany – Democracy in Peril</i> . Theodor Michaltscheff, 1945.	1945
	3/24	<i>Der Friedens Bote</i> . Hamburg: War Resisters' International [Germany], 1948.	
	4	War Resisters' International: Pamphlets by A. Ruth Fry [Note: A. Ruth Fry was an official of the War Resisters' International, acting as Honorary Treasurer in the 1940s. Fry wrote and privately published this series of pamphlets from her home in Thorpeness, Suffolk.]	
	4/1	" <i>Sanctions Junction, Change Here For Peace</i> ", 1936. Reprinted 1939.	1936
	4/2	<i>An International Force</i> , 1937.	1937
	4/3	<i>Asses, Fools & Prating Coxcombs</i> , 1937.	1937
	4/4	<i>The Problem</i> , 1937.	1937
	4/5	<i>Two Loyalties</i> , 1938.	1938
	4/6	<i>Force and Failure</i> , 1938.	1938
	4/7	<i>The Spectacles of Faith</i> , 1938.	1938
	4/8	<i>Vision or Prison</i> , 1939.	1939
	4/9	<i>No! Not Safety First</i> , 1939.	1939
	4/10	<i>Is There No Better Way</i> , rev. ed., 1940	1940
	4/11	<i>The Storm</i> , 1940.	1940
	4/12	<i>No War or No World</i> , 1945	c. 1945
	4/13	<i>Fear, the Dictator</i> , rev. ed., 1947	1947
	5	War Resisters' International: Press News Service.	1948
	5/1	<i>War Resisters' International: Press News Service. Special Issue, March 1948.</i> [Assassination of Gandhi]	
	6	War Resisters' International: Leaflets and flyers	1935-c. 1948
	6/1	WRI publicity and appeals leaflets, Christmas greetings,	

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		circulars, 1935-c. 1948.	
	7	War Resisters' League [<i>Note: US War Resisters' League, associated with War Resisters' International.</i>]	1938-1946
	7/1	WRL News: <i>Of special interest to members and friends of the War Resisters' League. Issued at 5 Beekman Street, New York 7, New York</i> No. 16, May 15, 1947 – No. 39, April 1950. [incomplete; missing issues Nos. 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 26, 33].	
	7/2	War Resisters' League: Leaflets, flyers, book lists, c. 1940-1949.	
	8	Publications, other organisations	
	8/1	<i>Gandhi's Fast – Its Cause and Significance.</i> London: No More War Movement, c. 1932.	c. 1932
	8/2	<i>The Positive Faith of Pacifism.</i> Evan W Thomas. New York: War Resisters' League, 1942.	1942
	8/3	<i>The Way to Freedom.</i> Evan W Thomas. New York: War Resisters' League, 1943.	1943
	8/4	<i>The New Indian Rope Trick.</i> Reginald Reynolds. London: Indian Freedom Campaign, c. 1944.	c. 1944
	8/5	<i>New Leagues for Old: Blueprints or Foundations?</i> Jessie Wallace Hughan. New York: The Plowshare Press, c. 1945	c. 1945
	8/6	<i>Dick Sheppard Commemoration Concert, November 1, 1947.</i> Peace Pledge Union.	1947
	8/7	<i>Non-Violence et action directe.</i> Bruxelles- Paries: Pensee et Action, 1948.	1948

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