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NAME: RECORDS OF THE VICTORIAN PEACE COUNCIL
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GENERAL NOTE:

The Victorian Peace Council disbanded in 1959 after it established, with various peace groups, the Congress for International Co-operation and Disarmament. The V.P.C. Research and Information Centre existed as an autonomous group until 1964, publishing material on different aspects of peace, disarmament and anti-colonialism. The C.I.C.D. took over the Council's active campaign for peace and nuclear disarmament, later acting as a co-ordinating facility for anti-Vietnam war protest, particularly the 1970 to 1972 Moratorium rallies.

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Box No.	File No.	Description
1.	1.	VPC meetings, pamphlets, correspondence, campaigns, Australian Peace Council (APC) meetings, Sunday Bulletins, Rev. Neil Glover and Passport Ban, invitations, list of campaigns and functions, Aust. for World Peace Assembly (Vic.) 1955. list of Council members. Photos of Paul Robeson and Emil Zatopek, "No War on Cuba" banner. 1955-63
2.	1.	Correspondence, leaflets, minutes, news cuttings, VPC bulletins, photos of 1959 Peace Congress, the Crimes Act, speech by Rev. A.M. Dickie (13/10/60); correspondence with Sir Garfield Barwick. 1959-62
	2.	VPC and other publications: All India Peace Council; paper on disarmament by Rev. F.J. Hartley; paper by Rev. V. James; foreign military bases; U2 spy planes motorcade to Sale (1962); magazine "Peace", Nos. 1-2, 1951. 1951-62
3.	1.	Other publications: The League for Freedom and World Friendship (LFWF); news cuttings re A-tests in Australia; Labour movement and disarmament; "Foreign Policy" by Dr. Jim Cairns (2/4/68); "Aborigines and the Rocket Range" by Dr. Charles Duguid (31/3/47); SEATO - Australia's Betrayal" by D.W.A. Baker; Dance Recital (programme) by Ruth Bergner and Arthur Turnbull; souvenir songbook to the Third World Youth Festival for Peace, Berlin 1951. Songs by Leah Heady. 1950-63
	2.	Australian Peace Council, Australian Assembly for Peace publications, leaflets, correspondence, the Korean War, atomic bomb issues, ALP-Plan for World Peace, Dr. H.V. Evatt. 1950-56
	3.	Pax brochures (April 1959 - June 1961); dinner, pledge schemes. 1959-61
	4.	ACICD Gala Evening (Sydney): invites, lists, etc. Congress News Bulletin No.1, June 19, 1964. 1964
	5.	Publications linking Asia and Africa: Indonesia, Congo, Bandung Conference. 1954-61
	6.	Songs and poems of peace: international and local; manuscripts. 1954-62
	7.	Campaign against German rearmament; leaflets. 1950s-60s.
	8.	Campaign against the Korean War: includes a booklet on germ warfare by the U.S. against North Korea, written by a Canadian, Dr. James G. Endicott; leaflets. 1950s.
	9.	VPC - National Independence Exhibition, Melbourne Town Hall (includes seven photographs). August 1962

4.	1.	War in Laos (1961) leaflets; Victorian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) (bulletin, Vol.5, No.3); leaflets on Korea, Hiroshima, disarmament, news cuttings re. ANZCICD Congress (1959); Aust. Peace Council (APC), summary of reports to a meeting (12/8/49); various leaflets; French nuclear tests; one photo (French tests). 1949-66
	2.	Cavalcade to Canberra - ANZCICD - nuclear test ban treaty petitions presented to Parliament; press cuttings, CICD publications. 1963. List of how Australian Government voted against U.N. resolutions on disarmament. Nov. 1963 Broadcast by Albert Schweitzer on Oslo radio. 28, 29, 30/4/58
	3.	The Hiroshima Panels - program and news cutting, a travelling exhibition. 1968? MAUM leaflet on Hiroshima (n.d.); report of the U.N. Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation. 11/8/58. Various reports, publications, leaflets, news cuttings on Hiroshima. 1955-74.
5.	1.	Bulletin of the World Council of Peace. 1954-59 Other W.C.P publications: China and India peace reports. 1956-71
6.	1.	Democratic rights and beginnings of peace movements: speeches by Rev. Frank Hartley; letter from Hartley to Joliot-Curie; leaflets, reports, lists; APC correspondence; Queensland Peace Conference publications; one photo of John Rodgers. 1948-49
	2.	"Peace" Souvenir program of the Aust. Peace Congress (Vol.1, No.1). 16-19/4/50 "Peace" journal of Aust. Peace Council (Vol.1, No.2), includes special centre supplement - Dean of Canterbury's Message. June 1950 Various reports of the congress; three photos of Johnson, seven photos of Johnson at Exhibition Buildings; 11 photos of Johnson's arrival at Essendon Airport.
	3.	Australian Convention on Peace and War-reports, minutes leaflets. Sept. 1953
	3A.	Cloth peace dove. 1950
	4.	Peace Council and Indo-China - leaflets, news sheet; includes letter from Prime Minister's Dept. re. Australia's commitment to Vietnam war (11/3/63); "The Beacon" (Dec. 1961). 1951-63
	5.	Pugwash Movement - statements of scientists: Linus Pauling, Mark Oliphant, H.G. Higgins; news cuttings. 1954-68
	6.	Visit of Rev. Prof. Hromadka (Czechoslovakia) for Peace Quest Forum meetings; minutes of PQF meeting (20/3/54); news cuttings. 1954
	7.	World Peace Council tributes to Prof. Frederic Joliet-Curie; inaugural

		speech by Joliet-Curie to World Council of Peace (12-19/12/52); statements by Prof. J.D. Bernal (31/8/61), Prof. E.H.S. Burhop, Pres., World Federation of Scientific Workers (17/6/71). 1958-71
	8.	Three mass signature campaigns: Stockholm appeal, Five-Power Peace Pact, Vienna Appeal. 1950-55
	9.	Material on and by Frank Hartley, Alf Dickie, Victor James, including obituary delivered by Alf Dickie of the funeral of Rev. Frank Hartley on 9/7/71; photo and card to the Gibsons from Marion Hartley; sermon by Hartley (23/5/71). "Beacon", Farewell to Rev. Victor James. 1959-71
	10.	Delegations to international conferences: includes Warsaw 1950, Vienna 1952, Madras 1954, Helsinki 1955, Stockholm 1958.
7.	1.	World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs, Tokyo; 26 photos. 1961 "No More Hiroshimas", magazine of Japan Council Against A&H Bombs. 1958-70
8.	1.	VPA Research and Information Centre reports: Cuba, Malaysia, China-India, Polaris missiles, Brunei. 1960s.
	2.	Two photos: Women's anti-conscription weekly walk through Melbourne during the Vietnam war. n.d. Newsletters and bulletins of the VPC, some written by Gloria Meltzer, J.W. Legge. 1958-64 Closing stages of the VPC: invitations: correspondence, interstate, international; Dr. Albert Schweitzer and the H-Bomb (published by the ABC and supplied by Oslo Radio. 1963 CND Newsletter, Vol.1, No.7.

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