

Guide to the Harriet Silverman Papers

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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, reports, publications, and research material which document Harriet Silverman's activities as director and educational secretary of the Workers' Health Bureau of America and executive-secretary of the People's National Health Committee.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The papers were transferred from the George Rosen papers in 1999.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Harriet Silverman was an activist in New York City involved in labor and left-wing social and political movements in the 1920s and 1930s. As director and educational secretary of the Workers' Health Bureau of New York and executive-secretary of the People's National Health Committee, Silverman wrote articles, reports, and pamphlets regarding the rights of workers. She was a delegate of several conventions and conferences including the New York state convention of the American Labor Party, the American Investigation Committee on Russian Women, the National Health Conference, and the White House Conference on Children in Democracy. Harriet Silverman died in New York City in May 1940.

Scope and Contents

The papers consist of correspondence, reports, publications, and research material which document Harriet Silverman's activities as director and educational secretary of the Workers' Health Bureau of America and executive-secretary of the People's National Health Committee.

Arrangement

The papers are arranged alphabetically by organization.

Collection Contents

Accession 2000-M-132: Inventory, 1917-1941

The papers consist of materials created and accumulated by Silverman while serving as director of the Workers' Health Bureau of America and executive-secretary of the People's National Health Committee (PNHC). The files relating to the PNHC comprise the bulk of the collection. The files are comprised of correspondence, reports, and publications. A significant portion of the files consists of materials relating to the Wagner Health Bill, for which the PNHC was created to support. Files related to the bill include correspondence, drafts of the bill, recommendations for amendments, and research material. Another significant portion of the files relates to the *People's Health Bulletin*. The *Bulletin* files consist primarily of materials for inclusion submitted by various people involved in workers' health rights.

Files documenting Silverman's activities as director and education secretary of the Workers' Health Bureau of America include correspondence, publications, and reports. The correspondence consists primarily of correspondence between Silverman and Grace Burnham and Charlotte Todes, executive secretary and organizing secretary of the Workers' Health Bureau respectively. One file of correspondence regarding a study of women in industry is listed at the end of the correspondence. The administrative reports comprise another pertinent portion of the files. The reports document the activities, goals and dissolution of the Workers' Health Bureau of America.

b. 1, f. 1	American Association for Labor Legislation	1936-1937, undated
b. 1, f. 2	American Medical Association	1939-1940
b. 1, f. 3	American Public Welfare Association	1938, undated
	People's National Health Committee	
	General	
b. 1, f. 4-5	Correspondence	1939-1940
b. 1, f. 6	Fundraising	1939-1940, undated
b. 1, f. 7	Publications	1938, undated
b. 1, f. 8	Reports	1938-1939
	Conferences	
b. 1, f. 9	Philadelphia's Health Needs	1939-1940
b. 1, f. 10-12	White House Conference on Children in Democracy	1940
b. 1, f. 13-20	<i>People's Health Bulletin</i> English	1939-1940
b. 2, f. 21-22	Legislation	1938-1940
b. 2, f. 23	Photographs [Farm Security Administration]	1939
b. 2, f. 24-25	Publications	1925-1941, undated

People's National Health Committee (continued)

Wagner Health Bill

b. 2, f. 26	General	1939
b. 2, f. 27	Amendments and objections	1939
b. 2, f. 28	Background material	1938, 1939
b. 2, f. 29	Campaign on	1939
b. 2, f. 30	Clippings	1939
b. 2, f. 31	Conference	1939
b. 2, f. 32	Correspondence	1939-1940
b. 2, f. 33	Notes [miscellaneous]	1939, undated
b. 2, f. 34	Speeches	1939, undated
b. 2, f. 35	United Auto Workers Medical Research Institute	1937

Workers' Health Bureau of America

Correspondence

b. 3, f. 36	General	1924, 1928, undated
b. 3, f. 37	Burnham, Grace	1924-1926
b. 3, f. 38	Todes, Charlotte	1928
b. 3, f. 39	Publications	1924-1927
b. 3, f. 40-43	Reports	1925-1928, undated
b. 3, f. 44	Women in industry study	1928
b. 3, f. 45	Women's rights	1917-1930
b. 3, f. 46	Worker's rights	1926

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Labor unions and public health
Public health advisory groups

Names

Silverman, Harriet

Corporate Bodies

People's National Health Committee (United States)
Worker's Health Bureau of America