

**EARL G. HARRISON PAPERS, 1945-1946**  
**1994.A.0079**  
**(RG-10.088)**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Earl G. Harrison papers

Dates: 1945-1946

Accession number: 1994.A.0079 (RG-10.088)

Creator: Harrison, Earl G., 1899-1955

Extent: 0.5 linear foot (1 box)

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Abstract: The Earl G. Harrison papers consist of the journal Harrison kept during his summer 1945 tour of displaced persons camps, a typescript of his article "The Last Hundred Thousand" about the camps he visited and people he met, excerpts from addresses about displaced persons he delivered in the fall and winter of 1945, a broadcast transcript of a radio program from July 1946 featuring Harrison's support of Jewish migration to Palestine, and newspaper and magazine clippings about displaced persons and Harrison's work.

Languages: English

**Administrative Information**

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Acquisition information: Earl G. Harrison, Jr., J. Barton Harrison, and Paul Harrison donated the Earl G. Harrison papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1994.

Accruals: Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed, see archives catalog at [collections.ushmm.org](http://collections.ushmm.org) for further information.

Related archival materials: The Museum's library holds a copy of Earl G. Harrison's 1945 report "The Plight of the Displaced Jews in Europe: A Report to President Truman."

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### **Biographical note**

Earl G. Harrison (1899-1955) was a lawyer who served in President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration as Director of Alien Registration within the Justice Department, United States Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, and US representative on the Intergovernmental Commission on Refugees. At President Harry Truman's request, he toured and inspected displaced persons camps in the American zone of Europe in the summer of 1945. His report, which became known as the Harrison Report, publicized the poor conditions of the camps, recommended that 100,000 Jewish displaced persons be permitted to resettle in Palestine, and led to the separation of Jewish displaced persons from anti-Semitic populations, an improvement in their housing and rations, and the appointment of an adviser on Jewish affairs to the U.S. Army.

### **Scope and content of collection**

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### **System of arrangement**

The Earl G. Harrison papers are arranged as a single series:

- Series 1: Earl G. Harrison papers, 1945-1946

### **Indexing terms**

Harrison, Earl Grant, 1899-1955

Jewish refugees--Europe--History--20<sup>th</sup> century.

Refugee camps--Europe.

World War, 1939-1945--Refugees.

World War, 1939-1945--Jews--Europe.

Holocaust survivors.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Series 1: Earl G. Harrison papers, 1945-1946

Folder	Title
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2	"The Last Hundred Thousand," 1945
3	Excerpts from addresses, October-December 1945
4	Transcript of a radio broadcast, 10 July 1946
5	Articles and clippings, 1945-1946