

UNION DES FEMMES FRANÇAISES PORTFOLIO, 1943-1947 2017.362.1

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Descriptive summary

Title: Union des femmes françaises portfolio

Dates: 1943-1947

Accession number: 2017.362.1

Creator: Union des femmes françaises

Extent: .5 linear feet (1 box, 1 oversize folder)

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Abstract: The collection contains a portfolio of documents, fliers, leaflets, newsletters, photographs, and publications collected by a group of former partisans called the Union des Femmes Françaises and presented to Vice President Henry A. Wallace during a trip he made to France in April 1947. The collected materials were presented to him as mementos of the French Resistance during World War II, and wrapped in ribbon in a small Hermes suitcase.

Languages: French, English

Administrative Information

Access: Collection is open for use, but is stored offsite. Please contact the Reference Desk more than seven days prior to visit in order to request access.

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Related materials: The collection is part of the Vice President Henry A. Wallace collection (IRN 562794)

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

Processing history: Adam Fielding, August 2017

Administrative note

The Union des femmes françaises (UFF, now known as Femmes solidaires) was created by former members of the Union des jeunes filles de France and Comité mondial des femmes contre la guerre et le fascisme after both groups were dissolved in 1939. Actions during World War II include organizing demonstrations and publishing underground newsletters. The UFF was officially organized by a congress in December 1944 at the initiative of the French Communist Party by Eugénie Cotton (1881-1967), Marie-Claude Vaillant-Couturier (1912-1996, survivor of Auschwitz and Ravensbruck), and Yvonne Dumont (1911-2002), with the participation of women's committees active in the Resistance. Their first Congress, in June 1945, paid homage to Danielle Casanova (born Vincentelli Perini, 1909-1943), a Resistance member who was deported to Auschwitz in 1943 and died of typhus, and to Berty Albrecht (1893-1943), a member of the Resistance who died by hanging in the Fresnes prison following her arrest by the German military.

Scope and content of collection

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Also includes two poems by Louis Aragon and Paul Eluard; a letter and photograph of Jacqueline Quatremaire, a woman who was imprisoned in the Fort de Romainville concentration camp and deported to the Auschwitz concentration camp where she perished; publications about French Resistance fighters France Bloch-Sérazin and Danielle Casanova; a prisoner prayer book; and a 1943 illegally published copy of Laurent Daniel's *Les amants d'Avignon*. Many materials include cards with personal inscriptions to Wallace regarding the item.

System of arrangement

The collection is arranged as one series. Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

Indexing terms

Person:

Wallace, Henry A. (Henry Agard), 1888-1965.

Quatremaire, Jacqueline.

Bloch-Sérazin, France, 1913-1943.

Casanova, Danielle, 1909-1943.

Corporate:
Union des femmes françaises

Topical Subject:
Women guerrillas--France--Biography.
World War, 1939-1945--Underground movements--France.
France--History--German occupation, 1940-1945.

Geography:
Paris (France)

Genre/Form:
Photographs.
Publications.
Poems.
Newsletters.

CONTAINER LIST

Folder	Title
1	Dedication to Henry A. Wallace, 1947
2 OS 1	French Resistance documents, 1943-1947 (2 folders)
3	Letter and photograph of Jacqueline Quatremaire, 1943-1947
4	Photograph with poem by Louis Aragon, 1947
5	Poems by Louis Aragon and Paul Eluard, undated
	Publications:
6	<i>Constitution of World Federation of United Nations Associations</i> , 1946
7	Daniel, Laurent. <i>Les amants d'Avignon</i> . Paris 1943, 1943
8	<i>France Bloch-Sérazin : exécutée à Hambourg le 12 février 1943</i> , [1947]
9	<i>Prieres du Prisonnier</i> , 1943
10	<i>Une vie, un exemple ... Danielle Casanova, morte à Auschwitz le 10 mai 1943, chevalier de la légion d'honneur à titre posthume</i> , [1945]