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Maurice Pate Papers, 1904-1985 (bulk 1945-1965): Finding Aid

Summary Information

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Abstract:	Maurice Pate (1894-1965) was an international civil servant who devoted his career to improving the welfare of children. He coordinated food relief operations for civilians, children, and prisoners of war during both world wars and was the first Executive Director of UNICEF from 1947 to 1965. His papers document his career as a humanitarian, including his work in Belgium, Poland, with the Red Cross and for UNICEF, and also include biographical information and his personal correspondence.

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Biography of Maurice Pate

Maurice Pate was an international civil servant who devoted his career to improving the welfare of children. He was involved in a variety of relief efforts during both world wars and their immediate aftermaths, and was the first Executive Director of UNICEF.

Maurice Pate was born on October 14, 1894, in Pender, Nebraska, to Richard E. and Rachel Davis Pate. When he was three, his family moved to Denver, Colorado. Pate was the eldest of seven children, three of whom died during infancy. Pate entered Princeton University in 1911 and graduated with a B.S. in 1915. Pate married Jadwiga Monkowska of Poland in 1927. They divorced ten years later after she was unable to acclimate to living in the United States. Pate married Martha B. Lucas, an educator, on October 31, 1961. He had no children.

Immediately after his graduation from Princeton University, Pate obtained employment at the First National Bank in Hartley, Iowa, where his uncle was president. He remained there for a short time before World War I inspired him to volunteer to work with Herbert Hoover's Commission for Relief in Belgium in 1916. Pate worked as a field representative in the county of Tournai, overseeing the distribution of food to Belgians. Pate became close friends with Herbert Hoover and collaborated with him on relief works throughout the rest of his career. After the United States declared war, Pate joined the U.S. Army. He served in France from 1917 to 1919, first with the 29th Engineers and later with the 74th Engineers. He was promoted to the rank of Master Engineer, Senior Grade, in December 1917 and obtained the rank of Second Lieutenant of Engineers in November 1918.

In 1919, after his service in the Army was completed, Pate returned to work for Hoover's Commission in Poland, which was by then named the American Relief Administration. Pate, as Assistant to the Director of the American Relief Administration in Poland, coordinated efforts to provide food and other aid to 1.3 million children. In 1920, after Pate made an initial survey of conditions in Russia, the Administration began food relief operations for millions of Russians as well. Pate remained with the American Relief Administration until its operations ended in 1922.

Pate remained in Poland, working as assistant to the Warsaw manager of the Polish subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey from 1922 to 1927. Pate then operated his own import business in Poland and served as the Warsaw representative of two American banks and one English bank. He returned to the United States in 1935, working in New York as an investment banker and serving as the director of several machine-tool and natural gas firms until 1939.

After Germany's invasion of Poland, Pate returned to relief work, serving as President of the Commission for Polish Relief from 1939 to 1941. The Commission, in which Herbert Hoover was very active, was a privately operated organization that coordinated the purchasing and shipment of supplies to the Polish people. Once the United States entered the war, Pate became Director of Relief to American and Allied Prisoners of War for the American Red Cross. He served in this capacity from 1942 to 1946, coordinating the shipment of \$170 million of relief supplies, including food, clothing and medicine, to prisoners of war in Europe and the Far East. In 1946, Pate was selected to be part of Herbert Hoover's World Food Survey, a mission given to Hoover by President Harry S. Truman to organize the means to alleviate worldwide famine conditions. The group visited many countries, and Pate's role was to assess the relief needs of children. The work of the survey and Hoover's subsequent recommendations to Truman led to the United States sponsorship of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

UNICEF was established on December 11, 1946 by the United Nations General Assembly as a three year operation to provide emergency food and supplies to children in countries devastated by the war, primarily

in Europe. Pate was selected as the first executive director in 1947. UNICEF provided aid to children based solely on their need, regardless of their nationality, using funds voluntarily contributed by governments, organizations, and individuals. After the three year term was completed, UNICEF was renewed for another three years to help governments in developing countries establish programs to provide basic protection from disease and malnutrition to children and their mothers, addressing the chronically poor conditions for children in those nations. In 1953, UNICEF was established as a permanent organization to continue with its work in aiding governments in establishing health, medical, and educational programs for their nation's children. They also continue to provide emergency aid supplies during crises. At this time, the name was shortened to the United Nations Children's Fund, although the acronym UNICEF was retained. It has become one of the most internationally recognized, and least controversial, of the United Nations' programs.

Pate oversaw the growth and changing mission of UNICEF, remaining its executive director until his death in 1965. He visited nearly all of the 133 countries where UNICEF operated during his tenure as executive director, assessing the needs of children and the existing programs, negotiating with governments, and fundraising. While he was executive director, the number of governments contributing funds to UNICEF grew from 35 in 1951 to 118 in 1965.

Pate received decorations through his life for his humanitarian aid work, including awards from the governments of Belgium, Ecuador, France, the Netherlands, and Poland. He received an honorary degree from Denison University in 1956 and Princeton University in 1958. Pate was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize but declined to be considered, insisting that it was the organization of UNICEF, not any one individual, that improved the welfare of the world's children. Pate died on January 19, 1965, at the age of 70. UNICEF was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in October 1965.

Description

The Maurice Pate Papers document Pate's humanitarian work during World War I with the Commission for Relief in Belgium, during World War II with the Red Cross Prisoner of War Relief and in Poland, with the Hoover World Food Survey Mission, and with UNICEF. The papers include correspondence, reports, Pate's notes and writings, publications, and photographs. The Pate Papers also include biographical materials and his personal correspondence.

Please see the series descriptions in the contents list for additional information about individual series.

Series 1: Personal Papers, 1904-1985

The Personal Papers series contains biographical information about Pate, including awards, clippings, memorials, photographs, and correspondence. The correspondence includes letters between Pate and friends, family and business associates, and discusses his travels, invitations to events, investments, and fundraising. The series also includes materials related to the Princeton University Class of 1915, and a small number of papers of his wife, Martha Lucas Pate, his father, and his grandfather.

Series 2: Humanitarian Work, 1912-1966

The Humanitarian Work series documents Pate's involvement with several relief organizations, including the American Red Cross Prisoner of War Relief, Commission for Relief in Belgium (CRB), Herbert Hoover World Food Survey Mission, American Relief Administration in Poland (ARA), Commission for Polish Relief (CPR), and UNICEF. The papers include correspondence, reports, Pate's notes and writings, publications, and photographs. The series also includes a small amount of material documenting Pate's years as a businessman in Poland. See also Series 3: Oversized Materials.

Series 3: Oversized Materials, 1916-1959

The Oversized Materials series is largely composed of scrapbooks documenting Pate's humanitarian work, including in Poland and with the Red Cross during World War II, the Hoover Food Survey Mission, and UNICEF. The series also includes memorabilia from Pate's work with the Commission for Relief in Belgium, awards certificates, and a panoramic photograph of the Class of 1915 twentieth reunion.

Arrangement

The Papers have been arranged in three series:

Series 1: Personal Papers, 1904-1985

Series 2: Humanitarian Work, 1912-1966

Series 3: Oversized Materials, 1916-1959

Access and Use

Access

Collection is open for research use.

Restrictions on Use and Copyright Information

Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from the collection must be requested from the Curator of the Public Policy Papers. Researchers are responsible for determining any copyright questions.

Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition

This collection was donated by Martha Lucas Pate, wife of Maurice Pate, in June 1980.

Appraisal

Appraisal has been conducted in accordance with Mudd Library guidelines. Duplicate materials and Princeton University publications have been separated from this collection.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Additional papers related to Maurice Pate are available at other institutions. The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library holds a collection of Maurice Pate Papers, 1916-1965, as well as other collections with a small amount of material related to Pate. The Hoover Institution Library and Archives holds records of the Commission for Polish Relief, the Commission for Relief in Belgium, and other relief organizations in which Pate was active.

The UNICEF archives in New York hold the records of the Office of the Executive Director, c. 1940-1984, which include the records of Pate's tenure.

This collection is part of a group of 28 Mudd Library collections related to 20th century economic thought and development which were processed as part of a National Historical Publications and Records Commission funded project. Researchers wishing to access these collections should search for the subject "Economics--20th century" or related terms in the Princeton University Library Main Catalog. A collection at the Mudd Library of particular relevance to the Maurice Pate Papers is the papers of Henry R. Labouisse, the second Executive Director of UNICEF.

Processing and Other Information

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Works Cited

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Processing Information

This collection was processed by Adriane Hanson and Christopher Shannon in 2006. Finding aid written by Adriane Hanson in January 2007.

Encoding

Machine-readable finding aid encoded in EAD 2002 by Adriane Hanson on April 4, 2007.

Descriptive Rules Used

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Subject Headings

These papers have been indexed in the [Princeton University Library online catalog](#) using the following terms. Those seeking related materials should search under these terms.

- Pate, Maurice, 1894-
- American Red Cross.
- American Relief Administration.
- Commission for Relief in Belgium.
- Princeton University. Class of 1915.
- UNICEF.

- Child welfare -- International cooperation.
- Economics -- 20th century.
- Humanitarian assistance, American.
- Food relief, American.
- World War, 1914-1918 -- Civilian relief.
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Civilian relief.
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Food supply.
- Correspondence.
- Photographs.
- Scrapbooks.

Series 1: Personal Papers, 1904-1985 ... (Continued)**Contents List****Series 1: Personal Papers, 1904-1985 (4.38 linear feet in 11 boxes)****Series Description**

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Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by document type or subject.

<u>title</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>
Awards and Honorary Degrees		
Albert Lasker Award, 1959	1	1
Charles Evans Hughes Award, 1965	1	2
Denison University, Honorary Doctor of Human Letters, 1956	1	3
International Union for Child Welfare, 1964-1965	1	4
Princeton Class of 1915 Merit Cup, 1950	1	5
Princeton University, Honorary Doctor of Philanthropy, 1957-1958	1	6
Reconnaissance Français Nomination, 1919	1	7
Biographical		
Biographical Sketches, 1949-1964, undated	1	8
Clippings and Articles, 1950-1965	1	9
Last Will and Testament, 1963	1	10
Memorabilia, 1919-1965	1	11
Memory Book by Princeton University Class of 1915, 1985	1	12
Contacts		
Address Book, undated	1	13
Business Cards, undated	2	1
Lists, 1949-1958, undated	2	2
Rolodex, undated	2	3 to 5
Correspondence		

Series 1: Personal Papers, 1904-1985 ... (Continued)

1948-1960	2	6
A, 1948-1964	2	7
Bohmer, Charles, 1915-1917	3	1
B, 1948-1964	3	2
Centerville Beach Club, 1948-1964	3	3
C, 1948-1964	3	4
D, 1949-1963	3	5
E, 1949-1963	3	6
Family, 1919, 1948-1965	3	7
Father, Richard E. Pate, 1933-1935, 1965	3	8
F, 1949-1964	3	9
G, 1949-1957	4	1
Hoover, Herbert, 1940-1965	4	2 to 4
Hoover, Hoover, Regarding UNICEF, 1938-1964	4	5
Hull, Cordell, 1941	4	6
H, 1949-1964	4	7
I, 1949-1964	4	8
J, 1949-1964	4	9
Katzin, Alfred G, 1949-1965	4	10
K, 1948-1964	4	11
L, 1948-1964	5	1
M, 1948-1965	5	2
N, 1948-1964	5	3
O, 1947-1965	5	4
Poland, 1948-1964	5	5
P, 1948-1965	5	6
Q, 1956-1958	5	7
R, 1948-1964	5	8
S, 1943-1964	5	9
T, 1949-1964	6	1
U, 1949-1963	6	2
V, 1948-1962	6	3

Series 1: Personal Papers, 1904-1985 ... (Continued)

W, 1946-1964	6	4
Y-Z, 1950-1965	6	5
Unidentified, 1916, 1955, undated	6	6
East Side High School Annual, 1911	6	7
Family Papers		
Martha Lucas Pate, 1948-1977	6	8
Pate Family, 1904-1961	6	9
Memorials		
Calling Cards, undated	6	10
Condolences		
A, 1965	6	11
B, 1965	6	12
C-D, 1965	7	1
E-G, 1965	7	2
H-J, 1965	7	3
K-M, 1965	7	4
N-Q, 1965	7	5
R-S, 1965	7	6
T-V, 1965	8	1
W-Z, 1965	8	2
Princeton Classmates, 1965	8	3
Sent to UNICEF, 1965	8	4 to 5
With Biographical Information, 1965	8	6
Worldwide, 1965	8	7
Condolences and Clippings, 1965	9	1
Funeral		
Audio Recording, 1965 (1 1/4 inch reel)	9	2
Service, 1965	9	3
UN and UNICEF Tributes, 1965	9	4
Military Papers, 1918-1924	9	5
Photographs		
Pate, 1947, 1964, undated	9	6

Series 2: Humanitarian Work, 1912-1966 ... (Continued)

Pate with Children, 1954, undated	9	7
Pate with Others, undated	9	8
Photocopies, 1947-1961, undated	9	9
Photographs of Other People, 1946, undated	9	10
Princeton University		
Alumni Memorabilia, 1935-1960, undated	9	11
"As We Turn Our Memories Back," 1963-1966	9	12
Class Notes, 1913, undated	10	1 to 2
Correspondence, 1911-1965, undated	10	3 to 6
Expense Books, 1917, undated	10	7
"The Gargoyle Herald," 1915-1922, undated	10	8
Memorabilia, 1911-1915, undated	11	1
Memory Book Correspondence, 1967-1969	11	2
Photographs, 1958, undated	11	3
25th Reunion, 1939	11	4

Series 2: Humanitarian Work, 1912-1966 (3.13 linear feet in 8 boxes)**Series Description**

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See also Series 3: Oversized Materials.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by association or country.

<u>title</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>
American Red Cross Prisoner of War Relief		
Awards and Citations, 1945-1946	11	5
Clippings and Press Releases, 1944-1946	11	6
Conversion Charts, undated	11	7
Correspondence, 1942-1947	11	8
Photograph Album, 1945	11	9

Series 2: Humanitarian Work, 1912-1966 ... (Continued)

Photographs, 1945, undated	11	10 to 11
Prisoners of War Bulletin, 1943-1945	12	1
Publications, 1945-1947, undated	12	2
Red Cross News, 1943-1945	12	3
Reports and Manuscripts, 1944-1948, undated	12	4 to 6
Thank You Letters, 1943-1946	12	7
Commission for Relief in Belgium (CRB)		
Belgian League of Honor, 1936-1938	13	1
Clippings, 1919, undated	13	2
Correspondence, 1916-1926, undated	13	3
Diary, 1916-1917	13	4
Educational Foundation, 1935-1938	13	5
Journal, 1916-1917	13	6
Member Directory, 1939	13	7
Paper on the Withdrawal of the CRB from Belgium, 1917	13	8
Personal Documents and Ephemera, 1916-1922, undated	13	9
Photographs, undated	13	10
Publications, 1916-1920, undated	13	11
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Typical Day for a CRB Delegate, 1916	13	13
Herbert Hoover World Food Survey Mission		
Correspondence, 1946	13	14
Foreign Newspapers, 1948	13	15
Mason, Frank E. and Julius Correspondence, 1946	13	16
Notes on Trip with Hoover Mission, 1946	14	1
Photograph Album, 1946	14	2
Photographs		
Belgium, undated	14	3
Egypt, undated	14	4
Thailand (Siam), undated	14	5
Unlabeled, undated	14	6 to 11
Reports, 1946	14	12

Series 2: Humanitarian Work, 1912-1966 ... (Continued)**Poland**

American Relief Administration (ARA)		
"ARA Association Review," 1936-1946	14	13
Bulletins, 1922-1923	15	1
Clippings, 1917-1920	15	2
Correspondence, 1919-1940, undated	15	3 to 7
Honors and Citations, 1919-1922, undated	15	8
International Trade Notes, undated	15	9
Meeting Minutes, 1939-1940	15	10
Memorabilia, 1921-1925, undated	15	11
Photographs, 1912-1925, undated	15	12
Polish Language Lessons, undated	15	13
Publications, 1919-1925	15	14
Reports and Articles, 1919-1922, undated	15	15
Report on Travel into USSR, 1932	15	16
Zhamiecki, Alexander Article, 1954	15	17
Business Interests, 1921-1942, undated	16	1 to 7
Concern and Involvement, 1916-1936, undated	16	8 to 9
Commission for Polish Relief (CPR)		
Address Book, 1939-1945	16	10
Articles and Writings, 1941	16	11
Correspondence, 1936-1947	16	12
Financial, 1940-1942, undated	17	1
Meeting Minutes, 1942	17	2
Memoranda and Contacts, 1941, undated	17	3
Paderwieski, I. J., 1941	17	4
Photographs, 1940, undated	17	5 to 7
Thank You Notes, 1945-1946	17	8
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)		
Clippings, 1961-1966, undated	17	9
Correspondence		
1940-1964	17	10

Series 3: Oversized Materials, 1916-1959 ... (Continued)

Davidson, Al, 1947	17	11
Desk Calendar, 1962	17	12
Executive Board, 1959-1965	17	13
New Yorker Profile of Pate, 1961	17	14
Nobel Peace Prize, 1965-1966	17	15
Pate, Martha Trip to Russia, 1961	17	16
Photograph Album, undated	18	1
Publications, 1946-1965	18	2
Rajchman, Ludwig Correspondence, 1947	18	3
Reports and Reference, 1941-1965, undated	18	4
Sample of Pate's Work, 1953-1954	18	5
Writings about Pate and UNICEF, 1955-1966	18	6
"UNICEF Staff News," 1956-1959	18	7

Series 3: Oversized Materials, 1916-1959 (3.0 linear feet in 6 boxes)**Series Description**

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Arrangement

Arranged by size, and then alphabetically.

<u>title</u>	<u>Box</u>
Commission for Polish Relief (CPR) Scrapbook, 1937-1940	19
Hoover Food Survey Mission Scrapbook, 1946	19
Hoover Food Survey Mission Scrapbook, 1946	20
Hoover, Herbert Scrapbook, 1947-1955	21
Poland Scrapbook, 1940-1946	21
Red Cross Scrapbook, 1942-1945	22
UNICEF Beginnings Scrapbook, 1946-1951	22
UNICEF Scrapbook, 1952-1954	23
Awards, 1918-1959	24
	1

Series 3: Oversized Materials, 1916-1959 ... (Continued)

Commission for Relief in Belgium (CRB) Memorabilia, 1916-1917	24	2
Princeton Class of 1915 20th Reunion Panoramic Photograph, 1935	8	1