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Be it true or false, what is said about men often has as much influence upon their lives, and especially upon their destinies, as what they do.

Victor Hugo: Les Miserables I

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INTRODUCTION

General

The following introductory material includes information on the donor of the papers, the parents and sister of Howard and Herbert Norman, the Norman family in Japan as missionaries, the education and career of Howard Norman, and the education, career and scholarly activities of Herbert Norman.

Donor

The Howard and Gwen Norman Papers were donated to the Library: Special Collections, UBC in 1987 by Gwen Norman, widow of Howard Norman. Howard and Gwen, nee Roberts were married in 1932. Gwen Norman currently resides in Toronto.

William Howard Heal Norman

Howard Norman the second of three children in the Norman missionary family, was born in Karuizawa, Japan on July 6, 1905. He was educated at the Canadian Academy, Kobe, Japan and at Victoria College, University of Toronto. He graduated from Emmanuel College in 1931 and was ordained in the same year. He was married to Gwen in 1932, and commissioned as a missionary from Humbercrest United Church. From 1932 to 1940 he served under the United Church of Canada and the Japan Methodist Church in Toyama, Tokyo and Kanazawa, Japan. He was housemaster at the Canadian Academy, Kobe in 1939-40.

Howard was the minister at St. George United Church, Vancouver, B.C. from 1941 to 1947. He was active on behalf of Japanese Canadians during this time.

In 1947 he returned to Japan to work under the Kyodan (United Church of Christ of Japan). Howard taught at Kwansai Gakuin University, Nishinomiya from 1947 to 1959. On return to Canada he assisted at the United Church of Canada Board of World Mission in Toronto from 1959 to 1961. He subsequently returned to Japan as an evangelistic missionary at Matsumoto, Nagano Prefecture from 1961 to 1963. From 1963 to 1971 he was minister of Iona Church, Shiojiri, Japan. He retired to Canada in 1972 and served as a hospital chaplain until 1975.

In 1983 he was invested by the Emperor of Japan with the Order of the Rising Sun, 5th class.

Howard Norman died in Toronto on January 2, 1987.

E. Herbert Norman

E. Herbert Norman was a scholar, author, foreign service officer and career diplomat. He was the third of three children born in Japan to

Reverend Daniel Norman, D.D. and Catherine Heal Norman. Herbert was born in Karuizawa, Japan on September, 1, 1909. His sister Grace was born in 1903.

Herbert's parents were involved in missionary work in Japan for more than forty years. They were highly respected by the Japanese. A church built by Daniel Norman in Nagano was destroyed as a firebreak during the war and was subsequently rebuilt after the war as the Norman Memorial church.

Herbert's father was born near Aurora, Ontario on a farm, and was a graduate of Victoria College, Toronto in 1896. He first went to Japan as a missionary in 1897. Herbert's mother was born on a farm near Mitchell, Ontario and received her B.A. from Victoria College in 1896. His parents were married in Ontario in 1901 prior to both leaving for Japan. They retired to Canada in 1940 where Daniel Norman died in London, Ontario, June 19, 1941 and Catherine died in Strathroy, Ontario December 20, 1952.

Herbert was educated by his mother in the early grades and attended the Canadian Academy at Kobe to complete his junior matriculation in 1926. During this period Herbert spent one year in Toronto (1923-24) when his parents were on furlough. In 1925, again in Japan, Herbert contracted tuberculosis and spent time in a sanitorium in Kariuzawa, and accompanied by his mother in late 1926, spent another period in a sanitorium outside Calgary, Alberta. During his confinement Herbert continued his education reading history, philosophy, and other learned subjects. On recovery from his illness in 1928 Herbert completed his senior matriculation at Albert College, Belleville, Ontario where his brother Howard was teaching.

Herbert majored in classics at Victoria College, University of Toronto where he received a B.A. in 1933. He won a Kylie Scholarship in history in his last year at Victoria College and this took him to Trinity College, Cambridge, England where he completed a second classics B.A. in 1935. Herbert and Irene, nee Laura Irene Clark, were married at this point in Hamilton, Ontario August 31, 1935 according to one source (Bowen, 1984) and on August 31, 1936 according to the data sent by Herbert to The Canada Who's Who. Herbert taught classics part-time at Upper Canada College while continuing his post-graduate education at the University of Toronto. He was awarded a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship in far eastern studies in the fall of 1936 and entered Harvard University where he completed his M.A. in 1937. While serving as a research associate with the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR) in New York, he completed his doctoral dissertation titled "Japan's Emergence as a Modern State" which he successfully defended, and was awarded a Ph.D. by Harvard in 1940. Howard Norman, on study furlough, was attending the Union Theological Seminary in New York only three blocks from where Herbert was studying during this period.

Herbert entered External Affairs in July 1939. He was posted to the Canadian Legation, Tokyo, May 1940 as a language officer and was subsequently promoted to third secretary December, 1941. He was

interned with fellow embassy staff at the outbreak of the Pacific war in December 1941, and was subsequently repatriated to Canada, as part of a prisoner exchange in 1942. He worked to the end of the war in 1945 with the Examination Unit of External Affairs in Ottawa where he organized a Japanese intelligence section. He was promoted to second secretary rank in February 1944.

Herbert's first two post-war assignments were, first to assist in the repatriation of Canadians from the Phillipines, and then to serve in Allied intelligence in the occupation of Japan from September 1945 to January 1946. In the spring of 1946 he served as alternate Canadian delegate to the Far Eastern Commission in Washington, D.C. and was promoted to first secretary. In August 1946 he was appointed head of the Canadian Liaison Mission, in Tokyo, with accreditation to the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers. He served in this post until October 1950.

Herbert Norman was returned to Canada in late 1950 where he was subjected to a security investigation which cleared him of allegations of being a communist brought by the American intelligence community. He was cleared by the RCMP and appointed to head the American and Far Eastern Division of External Affairs. He again became the subject of allegations of being a communist in 1938 as a result of the testimony of Professor Karl Wittfogel appearing before the McCarran Committee. As a result of the publicity he was moved from his post as head of the American desk in July 1952 to administer the Information Division.

Herbert Norman was made High Commissioner to New Zealand in May 1953 and remained in that post until 1956. He was then appointed as Ambassador to Egypt and Minister to Lebanon. He arrived in Cairo just 2 months before the start of the Suez crisis. He was in Beirut presenting his credentials when the crisis began. He worked hard to convince President Nasser to permit Canadian peacekeeping troops into the Sinai as part of a United Nations contingent. In March 1957 old allegations concerning his alleged communist ties resurfaced at U.S. Senate hearings. He committed suicide in Cairo on April 4, 1957. His ashes were placed at the base of a tree next to the poet Shelley's tomb in the Protestant Cemetery in Rome.

E. Herbert Norman continued his scholarly activities throughout his career. He was offered posts by the University of Washington in 1941, by Yale University near the close of the war, and by the University of British Columbia in the early 1950's. He delivered several papers in Japanese at scholarly conferences; participated in the affairs of the IPR, and helped reorganize the Japan branch after the war. Herbert Norman was elected president of the Asiatic Society of Japan. He wrote many well known papers including: "Japan's Emergence as a Modern State"; "Soldier and Peasant In Japan; the Origins of Conscription"; "Feudal Background of Japanese Politics"; "People Under Feudalism"; "Persuasion or Force: the Problem of Free Speech in Modern Society"; "On the Modesty of Clio"; and "The Place of East Asian Studies in a Modern University". His

book "Ando Shoeki: A Forgotten Philosopher of 18th Century Japan" was published in 1949.

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GUIDE TO INVENTORY

General

The Howard and Gwen Norman papers are contained in one box holding 24 folders and 31 photograph envelopes. The foldered material is ordered into seven separate record series. There are no subgroups in the papers. There is no material held separately from the box.

The papers are of considerable interest to anyone interested in the history of missionaries in Japan. Asian studies students will find the papers useful. Anyone interested in the life of E. Herbert Norman will find the papers a must, especially for the years when Herbert was in school. The photographs serve to bring to life some of the persons featured in the papers.

Description

The correspondence series is arranged chronologically for the period 1922 to 1957, and mostly contains personal letters written by E. Herbert Norman except for folder 1-13 which contains a letter from Irene Norman to Howard and Gwen Norman with Herbert's last notes to them enclosed. The early correspondence reveals Herbert as a youth. There are letters written while he is confined with tuberculosis, and letters written from university which discuss the many weighty matters so often the passion of youth. The later material is written from the various diplomatic posts held by Herbert. The letters in this collection in addition to those of the E. Herbert Norman Papers form an almost unbroken succession from 1922 to 1957.

The letters and papers of condolence contain biographical notes on Herbert by Howard. The material reveals the esteem in which Herbert was held by his many friends and associates.

The clippings series contains material about Herbert Norman from a variety of North American and Japanese newspapers.

The legal documents series contains a copy of Herbert's will as written in Wellington, New Zealand in 1954. An executor's assignment and release is also included.

The speeches and writings series includes a book review by Herbert and a speech given by him to the graduating class, Victoria University College, Wellington, New Zealand, May 7, 1954. There is a paper by Howard Norman on women's liberation in Japan. A testament to the high regard the Japanese held for Herbert is the collection of speeches and the attendance list for the memorial service, which included Crown Prince Mikasa, held at the Tokyo University Club, May 4, 1957.

The printed materials series includes a photocopy of the Canadian Academy School Annual for 1926. Herbert is featured throughout. The

remainder of the series are periodicals which clearly reflect the periodic and continuing interest in the Herbert Norman story. One item is a paper in German.

The photograph section which serves to bring to life many of the participants in the papers, includes Norman family portraits when Herbert, Howard and Grace were children. There is a series of photographs of the memorial service at the Tokyo University Club. Prince Mikasa and Howard are prominent in the photos. There is a picture of Herbert with President Nasser, and one of him in Beirut. There is a small color photo of his resting place in the Protestant Cemetery, Rome.

Related Information

Users of the Howard and Gwen Norman Papers should also see the E. Herbert Norman Papers held in the UBC Special Collections.

The following is a list of additional information available to users from other sources:

Barros, James. "No Sense of Evil: Espionage, the Case of Herbert Norman". Deneau, Toronto, 1986.

Bowen, Roger. "Innocence Is Not Enough, The Life and Death of Herbert Norman". Douglas & McIntyre, Vancouver, Toronto, 1986.

Bowen, Roger. (ed.) "E.H. Norman: His Life and Scholarship". University of Toronto Press, Toronto, 1984.

Dover, John W. (ed.) "Origins of the Modern Japanese State: Selected Writings of E.H. Norman". Pantheon Books, New York, 1975.

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Name:	Folder or Photo no.
Tommy Davies	BC-1860/28
Andrew Horvat	1-23
Sidney Katz	1-23
General MacArthur	1-9
Masao Maruyama	1-24
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Crown Prince Mikasa	1-21,BC-1860/11/12/13
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INVENTORY

Box & Folder no.	Subject
	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE: ca. 1922-1957
1-1	-E. Herbert Norman to Grace; 6 items: 1922-23.
1-2	-E. Herbert Norman to family from Canadian Academy, Kobe, Japan; 4 items: Jan. 1925-Jun. 1925.
1-3	-E. Herbert Norman to family while convalescing, Karuizawa, Japan; 1 item: Oct. 8, 1926.
1-4	-E. Herbert Norman to family from Calgary, Alberta; 4 items: Apr.-Jul. 1927.
1-5	-E. Herbert Norman to family from Toronto, Ontario; 3 items: ca. 1932.
1-6	-E. Herbert Norman from Cambridge, England; 5 items: ca. 1933.
1-7	-E. Herbert Norman from Cambridge, Mass.; 1 item: ca. 1936-37.
1-8	-E. Herbert Norman from Tokyo, Japan; 5 items: ca. 1945.
1-9	-E. Herbert Norman from Tokyo to General MacArthur; 1 item: Nov. 23, 1948.
1-10	-E. Herbert Norman from Ottawa, Ontario; 2 items: 1951 & 52.
1-11	-E. Herbert Norman to Howard and Gwen from Wellington, New Zealand and on his return to Ottawa; 22 items: Jan. 1954-Aug. 1956.
1-12	-E. Herbert Norman to Howard and Gwen from Cairo, Egypt; 11 items: Aug. 1956-Mar. 1957.
1-13	-Irene Norman letter to Howard and Gwen with Herbert's last notes to them plus transcription; 4 items: April 11, 1957.
	LETTERS AND PAPERS OF CONDOLENCE
1-14	-biographical letter to Sidney Katz about Herbert

by Howard: May 20, 1957.

-biographical paper about Herbert by Howard.

-memorial service program for Herbert, Chalmers United church, Ottawa: April 9, no year noted.

-letter from Lester B. Pearson to Howard Norman: April 18, 1957.

-numerous other letters of condolence; 16 items total.

CLIPPINGS

1-15, 1-16 -numerous press clippings about E. Herbert Norman from a variety North American and Japanese newspapers; 50 items total.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS

1-17 -copy of E. Herbert Norman's will, Wellington, New Zealand; 1 item: May 23, 1954.

-Executor's Assignment and Release; 1 item: Nov. 23, 1957.

SPEECHES AND WRITINGS

1-18 -E. Herbert Norman book review of "Tokyo Record" by Otto Tolischus in "Far Eastern Survey"; 1 item: April 19, 1943.

1-19 -E. Herbert Norman speech to the graduating class, Victoria University College, Wellington, New Zealand; 1 item: May 7, 1954.

1-20 -Howard Norman paper on womens liberation in Japan; 1 item: ca. 1977.

1-21 -E. Herbert Norman memorial service speeches and attendance list, Tokyo University Club, Japan; 3 items: May 4, 1957.

PRINTED MATERIALS

1-22 -photocopy of the "Red and Grey" School Annual of the Canadian Academy Kobe, Japan; 1 item: 1926.

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-periodicals

-U.S. News and World Report, "The Strange Case of Mr. Norman, Story of What Preceded the Suicide of Canada's Ambassador to Egypt"; 1 item: April 26, 1957.

-Maclean's Magazine, "What Kind of Man Was Herbert Norman" by Sidney Katz; 3 copies: Sept. 28, 1957.

-The Canadian Review, "McCarthyism and the Death of a Canadian Diplomat" by Andrew Horvat; 1 item: May 1977.

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-Pacific Affairs, "An Affection For the Lessor Names, An Appreciation of E. Herbert Norman", by Masao Maruyama, Richmond, Virginia; 1 item: Sept. 1957.

-"Der Harte Kurs" a paper in German by Gerhard Mehnert, Berlin; 1 item: 1958.

-"The City Temple Tidings", an unnamed reference to E. Herbert Norman page 129, London, England; 1 item: May 1965.

Photo no.

PHOTOGRAPHS

-There are 31 photographs individually contained in numbered envelopes. All photos are black and white except for numbers 25 and 31. Photos 9 to 23 inclusive are of the memorial service at the Tokyo University Club, attended by Crown Prince Mikasa of Japan May 4, 1957. These fifteen photos have been numbered and annotated on the back by an unknown person.

BC-1860/1

-small oval portrait of child on a post card, 5.8x3.0 cm.

BC-1860/2

-mounted photo of Grace, Herbert and Howard Norman, 8.4x13.4 cm. Nagano, Japan: 1912.

BC-1860/3

-post card of Grace, Herbert and Howard Norman, 9.0x14.0 cm. Nagano, Japan: 1912.

BC-1860/4

-family photograph of Herbert, Grace, and Howard Norman with their mother and father, 10.5x6.2 cm.

BC-1860/5

-family portrait of Herbert, Grace and Howard with their mother and father, 9.2x13.0 cm.by

Burgess, Mitchell, Ontario.

- BC-1860/6 -a portrait of eight people, 9.2x13.5 cm. by Ishuzaka.
- BC-1860/7 -annotated photo of E. Herbert Norman plus seven others, 7.8x5.7 cm. dated Aug. 24, 1938.
- BC-1860/8 -portrait of a large group with E. Herbert Norman second row centre, 20.3x12.8 cm.
- BC-1860/9 -memorial service composite, 22.8x10.3 cm.
- BC-1860/10 -memorial service, 16.5x12.1 cm.
- BC-1860/11 -memorial service, one minute silence with Prince Mikasa, 16.5x12.1 cm.
- BC-1860/12 -memorial service, Prince Mikasa, 16.5x12.1 cm.
- BC-1860/13 -memorial service, Howard Norman and Prince Mikasa, 16.5x12.1 cm.
- BC-1860/14 -memorial service, 16.5x12.1 cm.
- BC-1860/15 -memorial service, 16.5x12.1 cm.
- BC-1860/16 -memorial service, Howard Norman, 16.5x12.1 cm.
- BC-1860/17 -memorial service, Howard Norman, 16.5x12.0 cm.
- BC-1860/18 -memorial service, 16.5x12.0 cm.
- BC-1860/19 -memorial service, 16.5x12.1 cm.
- BC-1860/20 -memorial service, 16.6x12.0 cm.
- BC-1860/21 -memorial service, 16.7x12.0 cm.
- BC-1860/22 -memorial service, 16.5x12.0 cm.
- BC-1860/23 -memorial service, Howard Norman, 16.5x12.1 cm.
- BC-1860/24 -photo of E. Herbert Norman as an adult, no date, 18.6x24.3 cm.
- BC-1860/25 -color photo of E. Herbert Norman, 8.9x5.9 cm.
- BC-1860/26 -photo of E. Herbert Norman plus three Japanese men, 12.8x9.1 cm.
- BC-1860/27 -photo of Howard and Herbert Norman, dated 1955,

16.5x12.1 cm.

BC-1860/28 -photo of Howard and Herbert Norman with Tommy Davies at the Canadian Embassy 1955, 16.5x12.0 cm.

BC-1860/29 -photo of E. Herbert Norman with President Nasser of Egypt, Cairo Sept. 1956, 19.7x14.7 cm.

BC-1860/30 -photo of E. Herbert Norman and military band, Beirut, Lebanon, Nov. 1956, 23.8x17.9 cm.

BC-1860/31 -color photo of E. Herbert Norman's grave, Protestant Cemetary, Rome, 8.8x12.8 cm.

BC-1860/32 -photo of E. Herbert Norman reading, n.d., 20 x 25.5 cm.

BC-1860/33 - photo of E. Herbert Norman in a portrait poise, n.d. 20 x 25.5 cm.