

Olga Reithaus Papers

Inventory

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Introduction

This material was collected and deposited by Olga Reithaug, who was involved with the B.C. C.C.Y.M. (Cooperative Commonwealth Youth Movement) organization.

Scope and Contents Note

The extent of this material is 13 cm, including 59 photographs. In addition, there was a bound volume of the CCF News for 1951, which was removed from the collection and placed elsewhere in Special Collections. The dates covered by this material are 1933 to 1985, with the bulk of it dating from the forties and fifties.

Many of the photographs arrived loosely attached to black pages from photo albums; they were removed for conservation reasons but their order, which was according to the convention depicted or to the group involved (for instance, CCYM or CCF), was retained. The other photographs have been arranged in the same way. They for the most part follow a chronological order as well.

In addition to the photographs there are press releases, correspondence, newspaper clippings, other publications and a brief historical outline of the CCYM by Olga Reithaug. The collection as a whole shows the workings of the CCYM, the issues with which it involved itself, and its relationship with the CCF.

Historical Note

Cooperative Commonwealth Youth Movement (CCYM) groups were formed across Canada in the thirties, soon after the formation of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) in 1933. The CCYM was active in B.C., especially in the Vancouver area.

CCYM annual conventions were usually held to coincide with provincial CCF conventions. CCYM members elected provincial executive members, and made a point of being at least as progressive as the CCF. Although the CCYM supported the senior party during election campaigns, at social events and with fund-raising, the CCYM groups raised their own money rather than depending on the CCF for financial support. Most CCYM members maintained ties with the CCF long afterward; some ran successfully for office for the party.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- 1-1 Four letters, incoming to Olga Reithaug, 1947
(from D.E. Allen, G.M. Weir [?], Harold E. Winch, M.J. Coldwell)

PRESS RELEASES

- 1-2 Two press releases, ca. late 1940s [by Olga Reithaug?]

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

- 1-3 Loose newspaper and magazine clippings, including some photocopies, ca. 1950-85
- 1-4 Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, 1951-53

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 1-5
- photocopy of CCF Programme, 1933
 - CCF programme for B.C., 1945
 - CCF Members' Handbook, 1945
 - CCF question-and-answer booklet, 1948
 - Horizon [CCF journal for young Canadians], May 1948
 - Horizon, October 1948
 - Horizon, March 1949
 - CCYM songbook, ca. 1940s
 - photocopy of CCF Winnipeg Declaration of Principles, 1956
 - printed CCF speech, 1962

HISTORY

- 1-6 A brief (3 pp.) history/reminiscence of the CCYM by Olga Reithaug

C.C.F. National Convention, July 26-28, 1950, Vancouver - photos 13, 14 and 16 by J.S. Powley

- BC1917-11 National Executive elected July 28, 1950 in Vancouver.
Front: Stanley Knowles, Lorne Ingle (National Secretary), Therese Casgrain, unknown, Prof. Frank Scott
Back: Donald MacDonald, David Lewis, M.J. Coldwell, Grace MacInnis, unknown
- BC1917-12 Lorne Ingle, unknown, David Lewis
- BC1917-13 Ken Bryden, Fred Dowling, Angus MacInnis, Murray Cotterill
- BC1917-14 Dorothy Clarke, Olive Valleau, Therese F. Casgrain
- BC1917-15 Prof. Frank Scott (front), Donald MacDonald and Stanley Knowles (on far right)
- BC1917-16 Hazen Argue, M.P., H.W. (Bert) Herridge, M.P., and Owen Jones, M.P.
- BC1917-17 Harry Laidlaw (of New York), Grace MacInnis
- BC1917-18 Presentation at Banquet, Stanley Park Pavilion: Sandy Nicholson, Prof. Frank Scott, Mrs. Nicholson, M.J. Coldwell, David Lewis
- BC1917-19 Sandy Nicholson, Therese Casgrain, M.J. Coldwell, M.P.
- BC1917-20 C.C.F. Women's Luncheon, Hotel Georgia, Vancouver
- BC1917-21 unknown, Evelyn Le Sueur, Frances Rush, Margaret Jones, Gladys Webster (Arnold Webster's first wife)

Miscellaneous C.C.F. Photographs - photos 22, 23, 25, 29-31 and 33-36 by J.S. Powley

- BC1917-22 "Checking Up": Ernest E. Winch, Burnaby, March 1940
- BC1917-23 M.J. Coldwell (16 W. Hastings, C.C.F.), December 1941

- BC1917-24 Dorothy G. Steeves, 1941
- BC1917-25 Ken [Lamb?], March 1941
- BC1917-26 Camp Woodsworth, Gabriola Island, B.C., ca. 1950
(photoprint on postcard, 14 cm x 9 cm)
- BC1917-27 Grace MacInnis chairing a political discussion
group at the C.C.F. summer school on Gabriola
Island, ca. 1950
- BC1917-28 Joe Noseworthy, M.P., at the C.C.F. summer camp on
Gabriola Island ("Joe Noseworthy peeling spuds"),
ca. 1950
- BC1917-29 Robert M. (Bob) Strachan, Leader of the Opposition
in B.C., with M.J. Coldwell, federal leader of the
C.C.F., November 1952
- BC1917-30 B.C. Legislative Caucus, 1952
Front: Arthur Turner (whip), Harold Winch
(Leader), Ernest Winch, Randolph Harding
Back: Frank Calder, Mr. Hagen, Leo Nimsick, Frank
Mitchell (former C.C.Y.M. member)
- BC1917-31 [Jay Powley?] "My new camera it's a jinx", ca.
1955
- BC1917-32 T.C. (Tommy) Douglas and M.J. Coldwell in Ottawa,
ca. 1960 (21 cm x 26 cm)
- BC1917-33 Herbert W. Herridge & Bernard G. Webber, ca. 1958
- BC1917-34 Laura Jamieson, Dorothy Steeves, Grace MacInnis,
ca. 1958
- BC1917-35 Colin Cameron, ca. 1958
- BC1917-36 [Therese Casgrain?], Cloverdale, December 1958
(19 cm x 18 cm)

Co-operative Commonwealth Youth Movement, Vancouver - photos 37-
56 by J.S. Powley

- BC1917-37 Olive Greer, May 1941
- BC1917-38 Provincial Executive of the B.C. Section of the
C.C.Y.M., April 1946 (13 cm x 18 cm)
Front: Ivy Pettigrew, Olga Reithaug, Kay Doherty,
Kay Baillie, Margaret Shepherd
Back: unknown, Bill Watts, Archie Macauley,
Maurice Simpson, Joe Lotzkar, unknown, Tom
Elder

- BC1917-39 Study session of C.C.Y.M. (18 cm x 13 cm and 25 cm x 21 cm enlargement of same print):
 Top Left: Anne McCauley; seated in front of her is Ethel Jacobs (daughter of CCF MLA in Saskatchewan)
 Standing at Back: Maurice Simpson, Olga Reithaug, Jack Thomas
 Front Row: second from left (with glasses) William (Bill) Hartley (later an MLA and cabinet minister in the NDP Government in 1972); to his left is Freddie Hartley (later a medical doctor in Vernon); in front of him is Margaret Shepherd (daughter of former CCF MLA Len Shepherd, Surrey); seated at extreme right is Joe Lotzkar
- BC1917-40 Ethel Jacobs, June 1946
- BC1917-41 Ethel McLean, April 1947
- BC1917-42 Margaret Shepherd, April 1947
- BC1917-43 "Jean", April 1947
- BC1917-44 Kay Bailey, April 1947
- BC1917-45 "Betty", April 1947
- BC1917-46 "Blanche", April 1947
- BC1917-47 Olga Reithaug, April 1947
- BC1917-48 Ethel Jacobs, April 1947
- BC1917-49 Ivy Pettigrew, April 1947
- BC1917-50 Ethel Jacobs, Olga Reithaug, April 1947
- BC1917-51 Margaret Shepherd, April 1947
- BC1917-52 Ivy Pettigrew, April 1947 (12 cm x 20 cm)
- BC1917-53 Marie Le Brun, March 1948
- BC1917-54 Welda Whiteman, June 1948
- BC1917-55 Olga Reithaug, June 1948
- BC1917-56 Ethel McLean, March 1948
- BC1917-57 Kay Powell (bookkeeper at CCF office from the late thirties to 1953 and later secretary to Arnold Webster when he became leader of the B.C. CCF and Opposition leader), ca. 1948

BC1917-58

In the orchard at Boag House, East 54th Avenue, Vancouver: Olga Reithaug, Ethel Jacobs, Evelyn Swanson (CCYM advisor), Margaret Shepherd, ca. 1950

BC1917-59

After CCYM meeting held in Victoria: Ethel Jacobs, Kay Doherty (who later married Frank Mitchell who was MLA for Esquimalt), Ethel McLean, Kay Bailey, ca. 1950