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Guide to the Association of Pasadena Scientists Records 1945-1946



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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract The Association of Pasadena Scientists was founded late in 1945 as a response to the growing controversy over the use of atomic energy. Membership in the organization was open to scientists, graduate students, and technicians in the Pasadena area. The main purpose of the group was "to meet the increasingly apparent responsibility of scientists in promoting the welfare of mankind and the achievement of a stable world peace." The records of the Association of Pasadena Scientists cover the period 1945 to 1946 and include press releases, statements and correspondence of members of the Association.

Information on Use

Citation

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Historical Note

The Association of Pasadena Scientists was founded late in 1945 as a response to the growing controversy over the use of atomic energy. Membership in the organization was open to scientists, graduate students, and technicians in the Pasadena area, and was composed mainly of persons on the staff of the California Institute of Technology, and a few graduate students. The main purpose of the group was "to meet the increasingly apparent responsibility of scientists in promoting the welfare of mankind and the achievement of a stable world peace." The Association also wished to insure the existence of a spirit of free inquiry especially with regard to atomic energy, and also to assure the free flow of accurate information to the public.

Scope Note

The records of the Association of Pasadena Scientists cover the period 1945 to 1946 and include press releases, statements and correspondence of members of the Association. Some correspondence of interested individuals outside the Association is included. The bulk of the

material consists of papers and memos generated by the internal workings of the group. The Association was affiliated with the Federation of American Scientists.

Subject Headings

- Oppenheimer, J. Robert
- Association of Pasadena Scientists
- Federation of American Scientists
- California Institute of Technology
- Atomic Scientists of Chicago
- Association of Manhattan Project Scientists
- Oak Ridge Scientists
- American Association of Scientific Workers
- Atomic bomb--Moral and ethical aspects
- Nuclear energy--Moral and ethical aspects
- Nuclear nonproliferation
- Manhattan Project (U.S.)
- Atomic scientists' movement

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Federation of American Scientists material, n.d.

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FAS material, Nov 20, 1945-Jan 22, 1946

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FAS material, Jan 25, 1946-Mar 19, 1946

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FAS material, Mar 27, 1946-Aug 2, 1946

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Association of Pasadena Scientists Newsletters Vol. 1, number 1-Vol II, number 1

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APS letters and releases, undated-Sept 5, 1946

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APS membership lists and data

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APS membership data

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APS minutes of general meetings, Nov 23, 1945-April 23, 1946

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APS committee lists, notices about steering committee meetings, APS constitution

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APS steering committee minutes

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Bull of the Atomic Scientists, UCLA correspondence, CIT statements, Association of Cambridge Scientists correspondence

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Correspondence, Atomic Scientists of Chicago; Columbia University; Conscriptio News; Cornell Scientists, Fellowship of Reconciliation; US Government

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Correspondence, Hollywood Writers Mobilization; U of Illinois; Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, Inc. (Hollywood); Nat Comm. on Atomic Information

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Correspondence, Miscellaneous; New York Scientists; North California Assoc. of Scientists

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Correspondence, American Assoc. of Scientific Workers; National Assoc. of Scientific Writers; David P. Shoemaker; Southern California Science Teachers Assoc.; University of Texas; Charles Wagner

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Materials concerning the J. R. Oppenheimer hearing before the Senate