

# **Food for Freedom, Inc. Records**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Food for Freedom, Inc., Records

**Span Dates:** 1942-1948

**ID No.:** MSS20925

**Creator:** Food for Freedom, Inc.

**Extent:** 7,000 items ; 14 containers ; 5.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** World War II civilian relief organization directed by Harold Weston. Correspondence, notes, memoranda, reports, articles, minutes, news releases, reprints, clippings, cartoons, mailing lists, speeches, and other records of the organization, including the manuscript for "Battle of Bread" by Weston.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Adamic, Louis, 1899-1951--Correspondence.

Jessup, Philip C. (Philip Caryl), 1897-1986--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962--Correspondence.

Shotwell, James T., 1874-1965--Correspondence.

Weston, Harold, 1894-1972.

Weston, Harold, 1894-1972. Battle of bread. 1948.

### Organizations

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Food for Freedom, Inc.

International Emergency Food Council.

Reconstruction Service Committee.

UNICEF.

United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

United States. President's Famine Emergency Committee.

### Subjects

Reconstruction (1939-1951)

World War, 1939-1945--Civilian relief.

World War, 1939-1945--Food supply.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The records of Food for Freedom, Inc., were given to the Library of Congress by Harold Weston in 1947-1948.

### Processing History

The collection was processed in 1951 and rehoused circa 1960. The collection was expanded and revised in 2012.

### Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Food for Freedom, Inc., is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## **Access and Restrictions**

The records of Food for Freedom, Inc., are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## **Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Food for Freedom, Inc., Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Organizational History**

Food for Freedom, Inc., was founded in 1943 by Harold Weston (1894-1972), a modernist painter who devoted his work during the World War II period to combating hunger among refugees in Europe and Asia. He lobbied Eleanor Roosevelt with the idea of building a national coalition of organizations to provide humanitarian aid to starving peoples, and was credited by her for helping bring about the United National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The records of Food for Freedom, Inc., span the years 1942-1947 and consist of correspondence, notes, memoranda, reports, articles, minutes, news releases, reprints, clippings, cartoons, mailing lists, speeches, and other material, including the manuscript for "Battle of Bread" by the organization's director, Harold Weston.

Organizations represented in the records include the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, International Emergency Food Council, International Emergency Food Council, Reconstruction Service Committee, UNICEF, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, and the United States President's Famine Emergency Committee. Among the correspondents are Louis Adamic, Phillip C. Jessup, Eleanor Roosevelt, and James Thomson Shotwell.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged by type of material.

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| BOX 8            | Food facts  |
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