U.S. PRESIDENT’S COMMITTEE FOR HUNGARIAN REFUGEE RELIEF:
Records, 1957

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INTRODUCTION

The President’s Committee for Hungarian Refugee Relief was established by the President on December 12, 1956. The need for such a committee came about as a result of the United States’ desire to take care of its fair share of the Hungarians who fled their country beginning in October 1956. The Committee operated until May, 1957. During this time, it helped re-settle in the United States approximately 30,000 refugees. The Committee’s small staff was funded from the Special Projects Group appropriation.

In its creation, the Committee was assigned the following duties and objectives:

a. To assist in every way possible the various religious and other voluntary agencies engaged in work for Hungarian Refugees.

b. To coordinate the efforts of these agencies, with special emphasis on those activities related to resettlement of the refugees. The Committee also served as a focal point to which offers of homes and jobs could be forwarded.

c. To coordinate the efforts of the voluntary agencies with the work of the interested governmental departments.

d. It was not the responsibility of the Committee to raise money.

The records of the President’s Committee consists of incoming and outgoing correspondence, press releases, speeches, printed materials, memoranda, telegrams, programs, itineraries, statistical materials, air and sea boarding manifests, and progress reports. The subject areas of these documents deal primarily with requests from the public to assist the refugees and the Committee by volunteering homes, employment, adoption of orphans, and even marriage. Also included are the working papers necessary to fulfill the Committee’s objectives.
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Prospectus for Kilmer Operation

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American Friends Service Committee
American Hungarian Federation
Catholic Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference
Communications Counselors
First Aid for Hungary
International Rescue Committee
Lutheran Refugee Service
National Council of Catholic Women
New Jersey Governor’s Committee for Refugee Relief
American National Red Cross
Tolstoy Foundation
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United States Austrian Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
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Yugoslavia

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Congressional (Divider)
House of Representatives (Divider)
Alabama -George Huddleston, Jr.
Alabama, -Armistead, I. Selden, Jr.

Alaska -E. L. Bartlett

Arkansas -E. C. Gathings

Arkansas -Brooke Hays

Arkansas -W. F. Norrell

12 Arizona -John J. Rhodes

California -Scott M. Hauser

California -Edgar W. Hiestand

California -Patrick J. Hillings

California -Craig Hosmer

California -Donald L. Jackson

California -Cecil R. King

California -Albert P. Morano

California -John E. Moss

California -Charles M. Teague

California -Robert Wilson

California -J. Arthur Younger

Colorado -William S. Hill [Empty folder]

Connecticut -James T. Patterson

Florida -Charles E. Bennett

Florida -Paul G. Rogers

Florida -Bob Sikes
Florida - William C. Cramer
Florida - George Smathers
Georgia - John J. Flynt
Georgia - Phil M. Landrum [Empty folder]
Georgia - Carl Vinson
Idaho - Gracie Pfost
Illinois - Sid Simpson
Illinois - Charles W. Vursell
Indiana - John V. Beamer
Indiana - Charles B. Brownson
Indiana - Winfield K. Denton
Indiana - Cecil M. Harden
Indiana - Ralph Harvey
Indiana - Earl Wilson
Iowa - Fred Schwengel
Kansas - Frank Carlson
Kansas - Myron V. George
Kentucky - Carl D. Perkins
Kentucky - Frank Chelf
Louisiana - Overton Brooks
Louisiana - T. A. Thompson
Louisiana - Hale Boggs
Louisiana - Edwin E. Willis [Empty folder]
Massachusetts – Philip J. Philbin
Michigan -August E. Johansen
Minnesota -August H. Andreson
Mississippi -William M. Colmer
Mississippi -Arthur Winstead
Missouri -W. R. Hull, Jr.
Missouri -Frank M. Karsten
Nebraska -A. L. Miller
New Jersey -Gordon Canfield

New Jersey -H. Alexander Smith
New York -James C. Healey
New York -John R. Pillion
New York -Edmund P. Radwan
New York -John J. Rooney
New York -Catherine St. George
New York -Stuyvesant Wainwright
North Carolina –Graham A. Barden
North Carolina -Carl T. Durham
North Carolina -Sam J. Ervin, Jr. [Empty folder]
North Carolina -L. H. Fountain
North Carolina -Charles Raper Jonas
Ohio -A. D. Baumhart, Jr.
Ohio -Charles A. Vanik
Ohio - John M. Vorys
Oklahoma - Page Belcher
Oklahoma - Ed Edmondson
Oklahoma - Toby Morris
Oregon - Charles O. Porter
Pennsylvania - Thomas E. Morgan
Pennsylvania - Hugh Scott
Pennsylvania - Walter
South Carolina - John L. McMillan
South Dakota - E. Y. Berry
South Dakota - George S. McGovern
Tennessee - Howard H. Baker
Tennessee - Clifford Davis
Tennessee - J. L. Evins
Tennessee - H. R. Loser
Texas - Lindley Beckworth
Texas - O. C. Fisher
Texas - Frank Ikard
Texas - George Mahon
Texas - Wright Patman
Texas - W. R. Peage
Texas - Jack Brooks
Texas - Walter Rogers
Texas - Clark W. Thompson
Texas - Martin Dies
Texas - Homer Thornberry
Utah - Arthur V. Watkins
Virginia - Richard H. Poff
Virginia - Edward J. Robeson, Jr.
Washington - Walt Horan
Washington - Russell V. Mack

West Virginia - Robert C. Byrd
West Virginia - Elizabeth Kee
Wisconsin - Lawrence H. Smith
Wisconsin - Clement S. Zablocki
Office of the Clerk
Senate (Divider)
Alabama - Lister Hill
Arizona - Barry Goldwater
Arizona - Carl Hayden
Arkansas - John L. McClellan
California - Thomas H. Kuchel
Colorado - John A. Carroll
Connecticut - Prescott Bush
Florida - Spessard L. Holland
Idaho -Frank Church
Illinois -Everett McKinley Dirksen
Iowa -Thomas E. Martin
Kansas -Frank Carlson
Kentucky -John Sherman Cooper
Louisiana -Russell Long
Maryland -J. Glenn Beall
Massachusetts –Leverett Saltonstall
Michigan -Patrick McNamara
Michigan -Charles E. Potter
Minnesota -Hubert H. Humphrey
Minnesota - Edward J. Thye
Mississippi -John Stennis
Missouri -Stuart Symington
Montana -Mike Mansfield
Nebraska -Carl T. Curtis
Nevada -George W. Malone
New Jersey -H. Alexander Smith
New Jersey -Peter W. Rodino
New Mexico -Dennis Chavez
North Dakota –William Langer
Ohio -George H. Bender
Ohio -Lausche
Oklahoma - A. S. Mike Monroney
Oklahoma - Robert S. Kerr
South Carolina - Strom Thurmond
South Dakota - Karl E. Mundt
Tennessee - Albert Gore
Tennessee - Estes Kefauver
Texas - Lyndon B. Johnson
Texas - Price Daniel
West Virginia - Chapman Revercomb
Wisconsin - Joseph McCarthy
Wisconsin - Alexander Wiley
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International Rescue Committee
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National Jewish Hospital at Denver
American Red Cross
Educational Services (Divider)
Correspondence, Miscellaneous
Dictionaries

Educational Films

Film: Life in America

Final Arrangements – Disposition of Surplus Material for Closing Out

Language Masters (McGraw-Hill) [A Device for Teaching Languages]

Language Research Associated Inc. Material

Life in America [Booklet]

Miscellaneous School Material

Correspondence [Offers, Teaching Materials]

Pictures [Posted Photos]

Teachers [To help teach English at Kilmer]

This is Kilmer – Scripts, etc. [Orientation Program]

World Literacy - Mrs. E. G. Mitchell

Educational Brochures

Educational Services

Film Scripts

15 Employment (Divider)

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“Mac” Employment

“Mc” Employment

“N” Employment

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“Y” Employment [Empty folder]

“Z”

General Information (Divider)

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General Information [Requests for general information]

Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare [materials re health care of refugees]

I N S Procedures [Immigration and Naturalization Service]

National Academy of Sciences

Public Health

U. S. Employment Service

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    Refugee Status Report
    Official Visitors
The President’s Committee for Hungarian Refugee Relief at Joyce Kilmer Reception Center – Kilmer, N. J. – A Manual of the Policies and Procedures Followed in Connection with Hungarian Refugee Resettlement

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Hungarian Athletes

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MacDonald

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END OF CONTAINER LIST
The museum is situated in Abilene, Kansas. In honor of Kansas and their limestone the building was constructed from that material. In 1954 on Veterans Day the museum was dedicated. The motivation for the museum was to have materials and objects associated with President Eisenhower on display. There is 30,000 square feet of gallery space which holds fine art and information on the president's military career. The Introductory Gallery has an overview of Dwight Eisenhower's life from boyhood till 1945. Eisenhower was married to Mamie. Her exhibit depicts her early life and more specifically her time as the first lady. Dresses she wore as the first lady are on display depicting her style. Things to do near Dwight D. Eisenhower Library and Museum. Greyhound Hall of Fame. Old Abilene Town. Abilene, Kansas 293 contributions 67 helpful votes. still ok but new museum lacks a lot. I miss the old exhibit that was user friendly, and covered Ike's time period as president, this one is not and does not. really no sense of what he had to deal with in the 1950s but is attractive and for really young generations, ok. Frequently Asked Questions about Dwight D. Eisenhower Library and Museum. When is Dwight D. Eisenhower Library and Museum open? Dwight D. Eisenhower Library and Museum is open: Sun - Sat 9:00 AM - 4:45 PM. What hotels are near Dwight D. Eisenhower Library and Museum? Hotels near Dwight D. Eisenhower Library and Museum Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th U.S. president (1953â€”61), who had been supreme commander of the Allied forces in western Europe during World War II. A republican, as president, he presided over a period that was characterized by economic prosperity and conformity in the midst of the Cold War. Eisenhower was more interested in sports than in his studies at Abilene (Kansas) High School. Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum. Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Boy Scouts. Dwight D. Eisenhower (second from left) on a Boy Scout camping trip along the Smoky Hill River, Kansas. Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc. Eisenhower, Dwight D. Dwight D. Eisenhower as a young boy. Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc. Abilene, Kansas: home of Dwight D. Eisenhower. To Visit the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library in Abilene, Kansas. Looking for More to Do and See in Abilene? Have You Visited the Eisenhower Library? 1 â€“ Not Really a Native Son. Although he considers Abilene, Kansas, to be his hometown, and you can tour Eisenhower’s boyhood home at the Eisenhower Library, the 34th president was actually born in Texas. So, to see his birthplace, youâ€™ll have to travel to the town of Denison, roughly halfway between Oklahoma City and Dallas, right on the Oklahoma/Texas border. â€œI come from the very heart of America.â€~ Dwight D. Eisenhower. Although he was raised in