

Catalogue of The Papers of the European Organiser of the American-European Peace March from San Francisco to Moscow

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INTRODUCTION

This collection of papers is one of the archives collected by Commonweal Library, an independent peace library located in the J.B. Priestley Library of the University of Bradford. These archives are part of the Special Collections at the University of Bradford.

This set of papers, like many of the most significant of the Commonweal archives, was catalogued as part of the PaxCat Project. The Project was funded by the National Cataloguing Grants Programme for Archives and ran from May 2009-May 2010. You can find out more about the Project from the reflective blog kept by Helen Roberts, our Project Archivist.

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Reference code

GB 0532 CwI NVA

Title

Papers of the European Organiser of the American-European Peace March from San Francisco to Moscow

Dates

1960 - 1962

Level of description

Fonds

Extent

0.65 metres

Name of creator

April Carter

Administrative/ Biographical history

The San Francisco to Moscow Walk for Peace (as it was first known) was an initiative of the Committee for Non Violent Action. The CNVA was an American direct action group based in New York whose leaders included AJ Muste and Bayard Rustin. The walk began on 1 December 1960 and its principal aim was to publicise the case for unilateral nuclear disarmament. The core team of American marchers was accompanied by two photographers and included CNVA secretary Bradford Lyttle. After walking 4000 miles across America, the team flew to London and were welcomed by a rally in Trafalgar Square on 4 June 1961.

April Carter, formerly secretary of the Direct Action Committee, acted as organiser of the march during its European phase. An office was set up at 87 Chancery Lane, London. Her work began several months before the team arrived in Europe and involved liaising with peace, nuclear disarmament and direct action groups in Europe in an effort to gather support for the march and recruit additional European members of the team. She was assisted by CNVA and civil rights activist Bayard Rustin, who was based in London in the period leading up to the team's arrival in England, and also by Helga Stolle in Hamburg and Inge Oskarsson in Stockholm. Oskarsson and fellow activist Jill Brealt had begun to plan a European March for Disarmament around the same time and it made sense to merge this with the San Francisco to Moscow Walk for Peace. This was then re-named the American-European March.

After marching through southern England via the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment at Aldermaston, the team sailed from Southampton. They were refused permission to enter France, which was under a state of emergency following an attempted military coup in Algeria. They were turned back twice at Le Havre after engaging in direct action.

The march was then re-routed through Belgium. The main team was joined at Mouscron on the Belgian border on 2 July by additional marchers from France, and near Osnabruck on 29 July by a subsidiary march from Holland. During their progress through West Germany, some members were arrested for defying a ban on protests at military bases.

Negotiating the journey between a divided Germany and into Eastern Europe was difficult and involved working with the state-sponsored Peace Councils. The East German authorities allowed the march to pass into its territory on 7 August. The march was under constant surveillance by police, Peace Council officials and a group of 'supporters' (who were probably Stasi agents). These 'supporters' distributed their own leaflets and carried their own banners which hijacked the message of the march. The authorities also ensured that the march was routed away from large centres of population and military establishments. The team were unable to reach Berlin as planned. In mid August, in a rapidly deteriorating political climate caused by the construction of the Berlin Wall, the marchers were deported back to Helmstedt, near the border in West Germany.

In contrast the march was better received in Poland, which the team reached on 22 August at Frankfurt-an-der-Oder, and in the Soviet Union, which they reached on 15 September at Brest. Hospitality and public meetings were arranged by the Peace Councils. The marchers were allowed to hold a silent vigil outside the Ministry of Defence Building in Warsaw, and to distribute their leaflets freely. Spontaneous street meetings took place in both countries and the marchers experienced less surveillance in Poland than in any other country. After arriving in Moscow on 3 October, a silent picket was held in Red Square outside the Lenin-Stalin mausoleum. The team obtained an audience with the Secretary of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet, Mikhail Geogardsy, as well as with Nina Kruschchev. In defiance of the authorities, they also addressed a meeting of students at Moscow University. The marchers left the Soviet Union on 8 October.

Immediate source of acquisition

Donated to the Commonweal Collection in 1984 by April Carter, as part of the Direct Action Committee archive.

Scope and content

This collection brings together files found amongst the archives of the Direct Action Committee with a separate set of files previously labelled as archives of the Committee for Non Violent Action. Although the march was a CNVA project, the files held here do not constitute the main CNVA archive (which is held at Swarthmore College Peace Collection). This collection relates only to the march and was created and kept by its European Organiser April Carter, previously secretary of the DAC.

The collection contains:

Files on the related European March for Disarmament, organised by Inge Oskarsson and Jill Breal, Stockholm [Cwl NVA/1].

Correspondence and memoranda between April Carter/Bayard Rustin and the CNVA office in New York [Cwl NVA/2].

Administrative and fundraising files [Cwl NVA/3].

Correspondence with contacts in the European peace, direct action and nuclear disarmament movements, arranged by country [Cwl NVA/4].

Applications and correspondence received from volunteer marchers and supporters [Cwl NVA/5].

Files about the progress of the march through southern England and related events [Cwl NVA/6/1-5].

Letters and progress reports received from the march team in Europe [Cwl NVA/6/6-7].

Publicity material and press cuttings [Cwl NVA/7].

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling

A small amount of duplicate material was weeded. Duplicates of publicity material and other ephemera were retained for use in displays and workshops.

Accruals

None expected.

System of arrangement

The collection had been split up at some point, as described in Scope and content. However parts of the original filing system were still apparent and the arrangement attempts to recreate this.

Access conditions

Access to personal data supplied by those applying to join the March is restricted.

Available to researchers, by appointment. Access to archive material is subject to preservation requirements and must also conform to the restrictions of the Data Protection Act and any other appropriate legislation.

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Language of material

Mainly English, but also significant material in French, German, Flemish, Dutch, Swedish, Danish, Polish and Russian.

Existence of copies

Some copies found amongst papers of Richard Taylor (GB 0532 Cwl DT).

Related units of description

Archives of the Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War (GB 0532 Cwl DAC).

Papers of Hugh Brock (GB 0532 Cwl HBP).

Archives of the Committee for Non Violent Action, Swarthmore College Peace Collection (DG 017).

Papers of Abraham J Muste, Swarthmore College Peace Collection (DG 050).

Papers of Bayard Rustin, Library of Congress.

Publication note

Jerry Lehmann, *We walked to Moscow* (Raymond: Greenleaf Books, 1966).

Brad Lyttle, *You come with naked hands: the story of the San Francisco to Moscow March for Peace* (Raymond: Greenleaf Books, 1966).

Peace News supplement, 20 October 1961.

Günter Wernicke and Lawrence S. Wittner, 'Lifting the Iron Curtain: The Peace March to Moscow of 1960-1961', in *The International History Review*, vol. 21, no. 4, December 1999, pp. 900-917.

Archivist's note

Described by Helen Roberts.

Rules or conventions

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Date(s) of description

October 2009.

INDEXING

Persons

Carter, April (b1937)

Muste, Abraham John (1885 – 1967)

Oskarsson, Inge (b1927)

Rustin, Bayard Taylor (1912 – 1987)

Corporate Bodies

American-European March

Committee for Non Violent Action

Subjects

Nuclear disarmament – United States – History – 20th century

Peace movements – United States – History – 20th century

Nonviolence – United States – History – 20th century

Pacifism – United States – History – 20th century

Anti-nuclear movement – Great Britain – History – 20th century

CWL NVA/1. EUROPEAN MARCH FOR DISARMAMENT

Date

1960 - 1961.

Extent

4 files.

Cwl NVA/1/1

Title

File. European March for Disarmament

Date

May 1960 - April 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Language

Some items in German.

Scope and content

Correspondence of Inge Oskarsson/Jill Brealt, Stockholm, including letters from Maurice Costyn, Union Fédérale (4); AJ Muste (2); John Conder (2); Bertrand Russell (3); April Carter; Ira Morris; Ismael Jezierski; Hugh Brock; Friends Peace Committee; Mary H Weik, American Federation of World Citizens (2); De Jeugd en de Wereldvrede; Monroe Smith, Youth Argosy; Dan Elwyn Jones, Youth CND; Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany, Stockholm (2); Robert Falony (2); Valida Diehl; Frank Rogers (2). With letter of recommendation for Inge Oskarsson to attend meeting with Soviet Peace Committee in Veikars.

Note

File contains letters in English forwarded to April Carter. Letters in German forwarded separately to Helga Stolle, Hamburg.

Cwl NVA/1/2

Title

File. European March for Disarmament

Date

September 1960 - September 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Language

Some items in German, Swedish.

Scope and content

Correspondence between Inge Oskarsson/Jill Brealt, Swedish Committee of the European March, and April Carter, about relations between the two marches. Including letters from Maurice Cosyn (Union Fédérale) (2), AJ Muste (CNVA) (2) and Hugh Brock; circulars; press releases; proposed route; application to join march; basic policy of march and memorandum to European contacts; leaflets; list of Swedish contacts.

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

CwI NVA/1/3

Title

File. European March for Disarmament

Date

April 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Language

Language.

Scope and content

Correspondence of Frank Rogers, English correspondent for the march, with supporters/donors, including letters from April Carter and John Conder (2) about co-operation with the San Francisco to Moscow March, completed forms and list of donors/marchers.

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

CwI NVA/1/4

Title

File. Inge Oskarsson

Date

May 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Designs for a badge or banner; correspondence of Inge Oskarsson, including letters from Gerard Daechsel and April Carter; notes.

CWL NVA/2. COMMITTEE FOR NON VIOLENT ACTION

Date

1960 - 1961.

Extent

6 files.

Cwl NVA/2/1

Title

File. Committee for Non Violent Action

Date

October 1960 - January 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Budget for European leg of march; CNVA leaflets, bulletins and press release; correspondence of April Carter with AJ Muste, including minutes of CNVA EC meeting, 6 January, letter from Edith Russell on behalf of Bertrand Russell, and documents on purpose and organisation of march.

Cwl NVA/2/2

Title

File. Committee for Non Violent Action

Date

March - May 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

April Carter's copies of letters and memoranda from AJ Muste to Bayard Rustin, European and Soviet contacts, including Heinz Kloppenburg; CNVA press release.

Cwl NVA/2/3

Title

File. Committee for Non Violent Action

Date

May 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence and memoranda from Neil Haworth/Brad Lyttle to April Carter/Bayard Rustin, including biographical details of marchers; CNVA bulletin and press release.

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

CwI NVA/2/4

Title

File. Committee for Non Violent Action

Date

May - December 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence and memoranda from Neil Haworth/George Willoughby to April Carter/Bayard Rustin/George Willoughby/AJ Muste/Brad Lyttle, including letter from Bayard Rustin (War Resisters League) and memorandum from Bayard Rustin to AJ Muste; minutes of CNVA EC meetings; CNVA press releases and bulletin.

CwI NVA/2/5

Title

File. Committee for Non Violent Action

Date

March - May 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence and memoranda from April Carter/Bayard Rustin to AJ Muste/George Willoughby, other CNVA leaders and European and Soviet contacts, including letters from Arlo Tatum (War Resisters' International) (2) and Heinz

Kraschutzki; circulars issued to volunteer marchers; plan of route through western Europe; basic policy of march; leaflet; reports of discussion meetings and conferences, including in Groeningen, 11-12 March; report of Bayard Rustin's arrival in England .

CwI NVA/2/6

Title

File. Committee for Non Violent Action

Date

June - September 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence and memoranda from April Carter to Bayard Rustin/George Willoughby/Neil Haworth, other CNVA leaders and European contacts; biographical details of marchers, including notes and reports by AJ Muste and Brad Lyttle; report on trip to Paris, 6 June 1961, by AJ Muste.

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

CWL NVA/3. ADMINISTRATIVE FILES

Date

1961 - 1962.

Extent

12 files.

Cwl NVA/3/1

Title

File. Ad hoc British committee

Date

January - June 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter; agenda, notes and minutes of meeting, 2 February.

Cwl NVA/3/2

Title

File. Personnel

Date

January - May 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter about clerical support in the London office.

Cwl NVA/3/3

Title

File. Deputation to Home Office about Bayard Rustin's stay in Britain

Date

March 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter, including letters from secretary to Fenner Brockway and Stuart Morris (PPU) (2).

Cwl NVA/3/4

Title

File. Sponsors

Date

April 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter with potential sponsors of the march, including letters from AJ Muste, Herbert Read, secretary to George MacLeod, TO Roberts, Michael Tippett, Lord Boyd Orr, secretary to Bertrand Russell, secretary to John Osborne, Sybil Thorndike, secretary to Benjamin Britten, Philip Toynbee, Arnold Wesker, Emrys Hughes and Alex Comfort. With lists of international sponsors.

Cwl NVA/3/5

Title

File. Donors

Date

May 1961 - January 1962.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of Hugh Brock with contributors to the fund to support the marchers, including Quaker Meetings, Quaker Trusts, Friends Peace Committee and Peace Pledge Union. With blank headed paper for the march and appeal circulated to Quaker Meetings.

Cwl NVA/3/6

Title

File. Fundraising

Date

May 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Draft appeal letters; classified adverts; copy letters from April Carter/Bayard Rustin to sponsors and the press.

Cwl NVA/3/7

Title

File. Route

Date

[May 1961].

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Proposals for route through Europe (France, Belgium, West Germany, East Germany, Poland, Soviet Union); memorandum on alternative routes if entry to France denied; proofs and final versions of published route.

Cwl NVA/3/8

Title

File. Travel arrangements

Date

March - June 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter making bookings for marchers to travel by ferry to Le Havre and Ostend, including letter from Inge Oskarsson.

Cwl NVA/3/9

Title

File. Minibus

Date

May 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of Bayard Rustin with Peter Read about the use of his minibus.

CwI NVA/3/10

Title

File. Team equipment

Date

July - September 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter with team members about equipment/personal belongings, including postcard from Ron Jump in Italy.

CwI NVA/3/11

Title

File. Finances

Date

January 1961 - January 1962.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Invoices, treasurer's reports, tenancy agreement for office at 87 Chancery Lane, London, and related correspondence of April Carter, European Organiser, including letters from Jules Rabin (2); AJ Muste; Bayard Rustin; Brad Lyttle (2); Wanda Hayman; Hilary Harris Films.

CwI NVA/3/12

Title

File. Finances

Date

May - October 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Receipts and notes of expenses associated with the European leg of the march, with leaflets, receipt book, cheque book (stubs only) and letter.

CWL NVA/4. CONTACTS

Date

1956 and 1960 - 1961.

Extent

16 files.

Cwl NVA/4/1

Title

File. International Fellowship of Reconciliation/War Resisters' International

Date

1956 and October 1960 - May 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Language

Some items in French, German.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter/Bayard Rustin/AJ Muste with European contacts, including letters from Hildegard Herbster, Per Olav Tiller (2), Ira Morris, Philip Eastman (IFOR) (2), Jack Henriquez (l'Anti-Antitoutiste pour la Paix), with leaflet and poster, Eric Mohr (IFOR), Danish Committee for the European March, Jim Peck, Valida Diehl, Art Springer (2) and Brad Lyttle; list of attendees at 10th triennial conference of WRI, Gandhigram, India, December 1960; other lists of contacts; German leaflet about conscription, 1956.

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

Cwl NVA/4/2

Title

File. Peace Councils

Date

March - September 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Language

Some items in German (with translations), Polish.

Scope and content

Correspondence of AJ Muste/Neil Haworth/George Willoughby with Bayard Rustin/April Carter, and of AJ Muste/Brad Lyttle with officers of East German, Polish and Soviet Peace Committees, World Peace Council, Soviet and East German leaders and ambassadors; reports of meetings between AJ Muste and Peace Committees; lists of slogans for banners suggested by Deutscher Friedensrat; route of march through western Europe; minutes of CNVA EC meetings; CNVA press releases; report of walk in Illinois, 22-26 March; biographical details of marchers; letter from Brad Lyttle in Poland, with Polish anti-war leaflet.

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

Cwl NVA/4/3

Title

File. Conference to consult European peace groups about the march

Date

November 1960 - February 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter/AJ Muste, including letters from Helga Stolle (5); Internationale der Kriegsdienstgegner; Magda Trocmé; Niels Mathiesen, Folkereising mot Krig (2); Bayard Rustin (5); Hildegard Goss-Mayr, Zentrum für Soziale und Internationale Verständigung; Hagbard Jonassen and Tage Hing, Aldrig mere Krig. With CNVA leaflet and application form to join the march.

Cwl NVA/4/4

Title

File. Conference to consult European peace groups about the march, Groningen, 11-12 March 1961

Date

February - March 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

List of participants; report; notes; correspondence of April Carter, including letters from Jo Le Ruelle, Comite gegen Atoombomproeven (2); Paul Carette; Tage Hind.

CwI NVA/4/5

Title

File. European contacts

Date

March - June 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Memoranda from April Carter/Bayard Rustin to European contacts; circulars; leaflets; report of conference in Groningen, 11-12 March; biographical details of marchers; list of national contacts in Europe; press release.

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

CwI NVA/4/6

Title

File. European contacts

Date

June 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Lists and index cards of contact details for individuals and organisations, collected for use by AJ Muste.

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

CwI NVA/4/7

Title

File. Austria

Date

March - June 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter with Ernst Schwartz and Francis Rona.

CwI NVA/4/8

Title

File. Belgium

Date

March - September 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Language

Some items in French, [Flemish].

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter with Maurice Cosyn (Union Fédérale), Arno Hamers (Centre Liégeois d'Action Non-Violente), Lea Provo (Comité d'Accueil aux Marcheurs Pour la Paix) and Jack Henriquez (l'Anti-Antitoutiste Pour la Paix). With leaflets and circulars.

CwI NVA/4/9

Title

File. Denmark

Date

March - July 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Language

Leaflet in Danish.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter with Svend Haugaard (Aldrig mere Krig) and Tage Hind; list of Danish contacts; Danish leaflet issued by Kampagnen mod Atomvåben.

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

Cwl NVA/4/10

Title

File. Eastern Europe (East Germany and Poland)

Date

February - June 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter with supporters/potential marchers.

Cwl NVA/4/11

Title

File. France

Date

March - June 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Language

Some items in French.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter/Bayard Rustin, including letters from Claude Bourdet, France Observateur; Alfred Kastler, Fédération Française contre l'armement atomique (2); Pierre Martin, Action Civique Non Violente (8); Frank Lea (5); Marcia Leventhal; Jean Friend, Centre Quaker International, Paris (2); Ira Morris; Gerard Daechsel (3); Esther Peters. With biographical details of marchers planning to join march from Paris to Belgian border; open letters and telegrams to General de Gaulle; report by AJ Muste; reports and letters by Robert Kingsley about attempted entry into France and civil disobedience at Le Havre; membership application and bulletin, Comité Français d'action mondialiste; lists of members of Society of Friends in France, French anti-war and direct action groups; planned route through western Europe; circular about plans for march.

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

Cwl NVA/4/12

Title

File. Germany

Date

March - September 1960.

Extent

1 file.

Language

Some items in German.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter/Pat Arrowsmith, including letters from Bodo Manstein, Kampfbund gegen Atomschäden (3), with leaflet; Heinz Kloppenburg (2); Nikolaus Koch (2); Wilhelm Keller (3) and Wilhelm Ude, Verband der Kriegsdienstverweigerer, with leaflets; Dr Th. Michaltscheff, Internationale der Kriegsdienstgegner (6); Heinz Nagel and Alexander Maass, Kampf dem Atomtod; Christian Mayer-Amery, Komitee gegen Atomrüstung; Lore Frobenius (3); Dagmar Tuesfeld.

Cwl NVA/4/13

Title

File. West Germany

Date

April - December 1960.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter/Pat Arrowsmith with Helga Stolle and Hans-Konrad Tempel, Aktionskreis fuer Gewaltlosigkeit / Verband der Kriegsdienstverweigerer / Ostermarsch der Atomwaffengegner, about plans for nonviolent direct action in West Germany and links with the international march. Including letter from Helga Stolle to AJ Muste.

Cwl NVA/4/14

Title

File. West Germany

Date

March - August 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Language

Some items in German.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter with Helga Stolle and other West German contacts, including letters from Gerard Daechsel (7), Martin Niemoeller (3), Richard Ullman, Lore Frobenius, Allen Skinner, Max Born, AJ Muste (2); correspondence of AJ Muste with Heinz Kloppenburg; circulars issued by Helga Stolle as West German co-ordinator; leaflets; lists of contacts; report and notes of meeting in Hamburg, 22-23 April.

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

Cwl NVA/4/15

Title

File. Holland

Date

March - September 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Language

Some items in Dutch.

Scope and content

Correspondence between April Carter and Cor Hoek, Algemene Nederlandse Vredes Actie; Dutch leaflet about the march and application to join; planned route of march through western Europe; poster, 'Anti atoombom actie: verenig u voor het te laat is!'.

Cwl NVA/4/16

Title

File. Norway

Date

March - September 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence between April Carter and Niels Mathiesen and Nils Gleditsch, Folkereising Mot Krig, with letter from Per Olav Tiller.

CWL NVA/5. VOLUNTEERS

Date

1958 and 1961.

Extent

5 files.

Cwl NVA/5/1

Title

File. Volunteers

Date

[May - June 1961].

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Biographical details of volunteers for European leg of the march, including some completed application forms, and photographs (including Brad Lyttle, Robert Kingsley and Inge Oskarsson).

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

Cwl NVA/5/2

Title

File. Volunteers

Date

May - July 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Language

Some items in German.

Scope and content

Completed application forms from volunteer marchers, with photographs, correspondence of April Carter, notice of meeting and briefing for volunteers.

Note

Some forms include comments by march organisers.

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

CwI NVA/5/3

Title

File. Supporting marchers

Date

April - September 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter with those applying to join the march as 'supporting marchers' to the core team, including letters from Hemlata Devi Hakansson (2) and Devi Prasad (3); completed application forms and some photographs, including from Gerard Daechsel; memoranda and route through western Europe.

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

CwI NVA/5/4

Title

File. Supporters

Date

April - July 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter, European Organiser, with supporters, including letter from Bertrand Russell (1), and completed forms.

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

CwI NVA/5/5

Title

File. Polish and Russian interpreters

Date

May 1958 and April - August 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Language

Leaflet in English/Russian.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter with supporters offering to act as interpreters for the march through Poland and Russia. With leaflet issued by Non Violent Action Against Nuclear Weapons, May 1958.

Note

See also CwI NVA/7/5.

CWL NVA/6. PROGRESS OF MARCH

Date

1961.

Extent

7 files.

Cwl NVA/6/1

Title

File. Planning for English stage of march

Date

January - August 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter/Bayard Rustin/AJ Muste with English contacts, including letters from Hugh Brock (Peace News), Stuart Morris (PPU) (5), Friends Peace Committee (3), Inez Randall (2), secretaries of CND groups in southern England, London Region CND, Peggy Duff, John Collins and John Darr (with letter to Ivor Montagu); circulars; agenda for meeting to discuss plan of activities during march; route of march through western Europe .

Cwl NVA/6/2

Title

File. London Region CND

Date

March - June 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter with Barry Marks, London Region CND, and key supporters about organising a welcome rally for marchers in Trafalgar Square, 4 June, including letters from Jacquetta Hawkes and Donald Soper, and notes of meeting, 16 April; correspondence of Bayard Rustin with political leaders; lists of CND members providing hospitality to marchers; CND leaflets and bulletins; briefings and schedule of events for marchers; notes; biographical details of marchers.

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

Cw/ NVA/6/3

Title

File. Southern Region CND

Date

March - July 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter with Inez Randall, Southern Region Council of CND, about practical arrangements for the march as it passed through southern England; minutes of regional council, 22 April 1961.

Cw/ NVA/6/4

Title

File. Southern Region CND

Date

April - July 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter, European Organiser, with local CND groups along the route of the march, about arrangements for catering, hospitality and supporting events; memoranda, leaflets and circulars.

Cw/ NVA/6/5

Title

File. Southern Region CND

Date

[May - June 1961].

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Circulars; publicity leaflet.

CwI NVA/6/6

Title

File. Progress reports from march team

Date

June - September 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Language

Some items in German, Flemish.

Scope and content

Telegrams and letters received by April Carter, including from Brad Lyttle (12), Gerard Daechsel (2), AJ Muste (5), Barton Stone, Barnaby Martin, Robert Kingsley, Inge Oskarsson and Bea Herrick (2); press releases; bulletins; open letters to Konrad Adenauer (and other West German ministers), Heinz Hoffman (East German defence minister), Charles de Gaulle and the King and Queen of Belgium; bulletin of Verband der Kriegsdienstverweigerer.

CwI NVA/6/7

Title

File. Correspondence

Date

June - October 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Correspondence and memoranda from April Carter to Brad Lyttle/AJ Muste and the team of marchers, including letter from AJ Muste and letter to Hugh Brock; biographical details of German team members.

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

CWL NVA/7. PRESS AND PUBLICITY

Date

1960 - 1961.

Extent

5 files.

Cwl NVA/7/1

Title

Album. San Francisco to Moscow Walk for Peace, CNVA: literature and press releases

Date

July 1960 and November 1960 - February 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

CNVA bulletins and press releases; press cuttings; black and white photographs of the march through United States (12); black and white photograph of USS Proteus; black and white photograph of anti-nuclear march in Britain, no date.

Cwl NVA/7/2

Title

File. Press and publicity

Date

January - July 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Scope and content

Press releases; biographies of members of original march team; lists of press contacts; letters to the press; leaflets; correspondence between April Carter/Bayard Rustin and Jack Smith/other CNVA leaders, including postcard from Bea Herrick.

Conditions of access

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

Cwl NVA/7/3

Title

File. Press cuttings

Date

October 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Language

Danish.

Scope and content

Press cuttings from Danish newspapers about the progress of march through Soviet Union; leaflet, Aktiv pacifisme, Svend Haugaard.

Cwl NVA/7/4

Title

File. Leaflets and banners

Date

April - July 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Language

Some items in French, German, Dutch, Flemish, Polish, Russian.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter about the translation of leaflets and slogans for banners, with drafts, proofs and printed versions and memorandum from Brad Lyttle.

Note

See also Cwl NVA/5/5 and 7/5.

Cwl NVA/7/5

Title

File. Translations

Date

April - July 1961.

Extent

1 file.

Language

Some items in French, German, Dutch, Russian.

Scope and content

Correspondence of April Carter with supporters prepared to act as translators and interpreters; foreign language versions of slogans, leaflets, forms and briefings for marchers.

Note

See also Cwl NVA/7/4.