

# Children's Crusade for Children Records

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Childrens' Crusade for Children Records

**Span Dates:** 1939-1940

**ID No.:** MSS15701

**Creator:** Childrens' Crusade for Children

**Extent:** 7,500 items ; 24 containers plus 2 oversize ; 11 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**Summary:** Organization formed in 1939 for the relief of war-exiled children of Europe. The crusade culminated with a nationwide collection of money from public, private, and parochial school children in April 1940.

## 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

Canby, Marion G. (Marion Gause), 1885-1974--Correspondence.

Fisher, Dorothy Canfield, 1879-1958--Correspondence.

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Herling, John--Correspondence.

Lehman, Herbert H. (Herbert Henry), 1878-1963--Correspondence.

White, William Allen, 1868-1944--Correspondence.

### Organizations

Children's Crusade for Children.

### Subjects

World War, 1939-1945--Children.

World War, 1939-1945--Civilian relief.

World War, 1939-1945--Refugees.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The records of the Children's Crusade for Children, an organization formed in the winter of 1939-1940 for the relief of war-exiled children, were given to the Library of Congress in 1940 by the organization.

### Processing History

The records of Children's Crusade for Children were arranged and described in 1962. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

### Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Dorothy Canfield Fisher and others whose writings are represented in these records is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

### Access and Restrictions

The records of the Children's Crusade for Children 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, Children's Crusade for Children Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Organizational History

The Children's Crusade for Children was formed and operated in 1939-1940 by Marion G. Canby and Dorothy Canfield Fisher to aid the war-exiled children of Europe.

## Scope and Content Note

The records of the Children's Crusade for Children document the history of an organization formed in the winter of 1939-1940 under the leadership of Marion G. Canby and Dorothy Canfield Fisher for the relief of war-exiled children of Europe. The purpose of the crusade, as outlined in articles, speeches and correspondence of Fisher and others, was to make American children aware of the blessings of living in a democratic country and to give these children an opportunity to express by contributions in pennies their sympathy for the plight of war-stricken children in other lands. The crusade was to culminate its drive in late April 1940, with a nationwide collection of money from public, private, and parochial school children.

The collection includes correspondence, administrative records, drafts of speeches and articles by Fisher and others, clippings concerning the crusade from newspapers and magazines around the country, responses or requests to officials for public support, and forms of publicity used to further the goals of the crusade.

Prominent correspondents in addition to Fisher and Canby include William Allen White, Herbert H. Lehman, and John Herling.

## Arrangement of the Records

This collection is arranged in six series:

- [Correspondence, Memoranda and Other Records, 1939-1940](#)
- [State and Territory file, 1939-1940](#)
- [Printed Matter, 1940](#)
- [Financial Papers, 1940](#)
- [Photographs and Publicity, 1940](#)
- [Scrapbooks, 1940](#)

## Description of Series

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BOX 15-21	<b><u>State and Territory File, 1939-1940</u></b> Records relating to the organization in various states and territories, including correspondence and newspaper and magazine clippings. Arranged alphabetically by state or territory.
BOX 22	<b><u>Printed Matter, 1940</u></b> Newspaper and magazine clippings. Unarranged.
BOX 23	<b><u>Financial Papers, 1940</u></b> Account book and lists of participating schools with amounts of money raised. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 23-25	<b><u>Photographs and Publicity, 1940</u></b> Publicity photographs, printed matter, contest material, and publicity material from local organizations. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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BOX OV 2	Posters from Wisconsin, one with illustration by Norman Rockwell, and childrens' drawings from Vermont, 1940