

**MS 904
Tucson Committee For Interracial Understanding
Records, 1943-1945**

DESCRIPTION

Correspondence, minutes, clippings and other printed matter relating to TCIU's opposition to discrimination against Japanese-Americans, African-Americans, Mexican-Americans, Jews and Chinese. The collection also includes the constitution, member lists and financial records.

5 boxes, 2.5 linear feet

ACQUISITION

Donated in 1959

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Todd Mills in 1980; the finding aid was completed by Riva Dean in October 1998.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Tucson Committee for Inter-racial Understanding (T.C.I.U.) was founded in Tucson in September 1943. Its purpose was to promote "friendly relations between all people, regardless of race, creed, or color." Some of their main concerns were the elimination of the poll tax, the Japanese Americans in WWII relocation centers and anti-Semitism. Some members included in the collection are Helen McCrossen, C. G. Hargrove and Elizabeth Ashen.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection documents the organization and activities of the Tucson Committee for Inter-racial Understanding. Because the committee was documenting activities around the country, the collection documents the work and concerns of civil rights groups in the 1940s. There is correspondence and printed material on the abolishment of the poll tax, the Relocation Camps for Japanese-Americans, the "Negro in the military" and other civil rights

issues for African-Americans, Chinese, Mexican-Americans and Jews. The collection includes correspondence with other individuals and agencies around the country.

The correspondence includes both incoming and outgoing demonstrating the efforts to influence various politicians in Arizona and elsewhere. The clippings and articles as well as printed material on subjects of interest to the committee would be useful to researchers studying the small civil rights movement in Tucson and their communication with similar organizations around the country in the 1940s.

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