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This collection consists of pamphlets from the Post War World Council that document a range of opinions concerning the war and the world, including titles such as "Saboteurs of Victory," "The Case Against Compulsory Peacetime Military Training," "The Future

of the Far East," and "Disarmament in the Post War World."

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Background on Post War World Council

The Keep America Out of War Committee was formed in New York in 1938 as a pacifist and Democratic Socialist organization devoted to strengthening the anti-war movement. After the attack on Pearl Harbor and the U.S. entry into the Second World War, the Committee was dissolved and re-organized as the Provisional Committee Toward a Democratic Peace. The committee continued to evolve in name and focus, and in February 1942, it took the name the Post-War World Council.

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Scope of collection

The Post-War World Council collection consists of 25 pamphlets published during and after the Second World War promoting the ideals of internationalism, peace, and anti-imperialism. With contributions by noted activists such as Norman Thomas, Pearl S. Buck, and Oswald Garrison Villard, the titles include "Saboteurs of Victory," "The Case Against Compulsory Peacetime Military Training," "The Future of the Far East," and "Disarmament in the Post War World."

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Buck, Pearl S. et al.: *Freedom for India Now!*

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Thomas, Norman: *The One Hope of Peace: Universal Disarmament*

1947 Feb

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Villard, Oswald Garrison: *How America is Being Militarized*, rev. ed.

1947 July

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1948

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Arden House Conference: *Report on Disarmament*

1956 Dec. 14-17

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1958 Mar. 20-23

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Gould House Conference on Economics of Disarmament: *Report of the Gould House Conference on Economics of Disarmament*

1961 Jan 28-30

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