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HARVEY GEORGE FORSTER FONDS

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HARVEY GEORGE FORSTER. – 1919-1971. – 48 cm of textual records.

Harvey George Forster was born on Oct. 8, 1892, in Caledonia, Ontario and died on May 26, 1974 in

Welland, Ontario. He was received on probation in the Hamilton Conference of the Methodist church in 1912 and attended Victoria College that Academic year, in 1913, he travelled on the Stormness Circuit and in 1914 attended Union Theological Seminary in New York

He resigned from the ministry and entered military service until the end of the war. In 1921, he was ordained and spent 1 year at Port Robinson, Ontario, before organising the All People mission in the Welland area, he served this work until his retirement in 1961. Even after his retirement, he maintained an active interest in the “ethnic” Ministry and organised labour.

He received his B.A. and M.A. from Victoria University, his B.D. from Union Theological Seminary, his Th. D. rom McGill University and completed his basic work for a P.D. from Columbia. He also received an honorary D.D. from Victoria.

Dr. Forster was actively involved in the United Church’s Board of Publication, negotiation with the Anglican Church for organic union, work with the world council of Churches and the Canadian Council of Churches. He sat on the Welland Board of Education for Several years and acted on behalf of the local unions in contract negotiations. He was in fact closely connected to organized labour. Dr. Forster also wrote four books and several articles on a variety of Subjects.

Most central to his ministry, however, was his work among non-Anglo-Saxon immigrants. He spoke Italian, French and Hungarian and was ever a defender of Immigration, religious and social tolerance and cooperation. And defence of the rights of minorities. He believed strongly that working class immigrant’s needed a strong church and strong unions to protect their rights. Such sympathies often made him the target of personal abuse and he was denounces as a communist. He was especially vulnerable to such attacks during the post-war red scare of the cold war.

The collection consists of 4 boxes of personal papers. About two boxes contain correspondence from 1919-1971 dealing with his work at the All People’s Mission, union relations, assisting individual parishioners. The rest of the material is mostly pamphlets and clippings he collected; a few files of lectures and sermons, and several files of reports concerning the All People’s Missions in the Welland area.

The Papers will be of special interest to researchers concerned with organized labour, All People’s Missions and Immigration, especially after World War II.

Acc.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
86.103C	1-1	Correspondence	1919-1926
	1-2	Correspondence	1927-1929
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	1-4	Correspondence	1932-1935
	1-5	Correspondence	1936-1937
	1-6	Correspondence	1938-1939
	1-7	Correspondence	1940
	1-8	Correspondence (Jan- June)	1941

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	1-9	Correspondence (July- Dec)	1941
	1-10	Correspondence (Jan- June)	1942
	1-11	Correspondence (July- Dec)	1942
	1-12	Correspondence(Jan- June)	1943
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	1-15	Correspondence	1945
	1-16	Correspondence (Jan- June)	1946
	1-17	Correspondence (July- Dec)	1946
	1-18	Correspondence(Jan- June)	1947
	1-19	Correspondence (July- Dec)	1947
	1-20	Correspondence (Jan- March)	1948
	1-21	Correspondence (April- September)	1948
	2-22	Correspondence (Oct. –Dec)	1948
	2-23	Correspondence (Jan-Feb)	1949
	2-24	Correspondence (March- June)	1949
	2-25	Correspondence (July- Dec)	1949
	2-26	Correspondence (Jan- May)	1950
	2-27	Correspondence (June- Dec.)	1950
	2-28	Correspondence (Jan- May)	1951
	2-29	Correspondence (June- Dec.)	1951
	2-30	Correspondence	1952
	2-31	Correspondence	1953
	2-32	Correspondence	1954
	2-33	Correspondence	1955
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	2-38	Correspondence (Jan-June)	1960
	2-39	Correspondence (July- Dec.)	1960
	2-40	Correspondence	1961
	2-41	Correspondence	1962-1964
	2-42	Correspondence	1965-1971

LECTURES SERMONS, ALL PEOPLE'S MISSION REPORTS

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86.103C	3-43	Correspondence re John Delucia's family (Delucia was killed as a spy for the Canadian army in Italy and his family applied for pension).	
	3-44	Correspondence re war claims for Samuel Beke	1949-1957
	3-45	Correspondence and documents re union negotiations with the Anglican Church of Canada. Forster was on the negotiating committee for some time.	
	3-46	Sermons	
	3-47	Sermons	
	3-48	Sermons	
	3-49	Lectures: • With New Canadian • The Refugees • Unity, that the world may believe • Facts regarding the U.L.F.T.A. (Ukrainian Labor Farmer Temple Association). • Forward from Amsterdam • Sister Phebe of Europe • The Guaranteed Annual wage • The revenge of the Waldensians	
	3-50	Lectures: • Statistics of Negro Population in Manhattan, a statistical analysis of the 1915 state census (Partial fulfillment of the degree at Columbia).	
	3-51	Lectures: • Paul's conception of the Ecclesia (student Paper, 1915) • The Church and Labour • The Christian faith in a Revolutionary	

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		period • Can the FCSO (fellowship for a Christian Social order) aim be attained through Institutional church • O Rare new work that hath such creature's in it	
	3-52	Lectures: • The Church in the Changing Social Order • The Relation of Church and state according to the Reformers. • History of the Ukraine (Fragment) • Church life and Outreach • The Church in Europe today	
	3-53	Lectures: • Parish Problems • History of Hungary (Fragment) • The Social Service Council • Canadian labour (Fragment) • Race and Race relations • The Radical Minister and His congregation	
	3-54	Lecture Fragments	
	3-55	Welland- All People's Missions, Reports (incomplete)	1926-1933
	3-56	Welland- All People's Missions, Reports (incomplete)	1934-1942
	3-57	Welland- All People's Missions, Reports (incomplete)	1943-1961
	3-58	Welland- All People's Missions, Financial statements (incomplete)	1929-1949
	3-59	Welland- All People's Missions, Financial statements (incomplete) and Undated	1950-1961
	3-60	All People's Mission- Welland, General materials	

PAMPHLETS AND CLIPPINGS

Acc.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
86.103C	4-61	Materials re Boy Scout troop in Welland	
	4-62	Pamphlets: A. Trvetko Bagranoff, The American Missions share in the Regeneration and defense of Bulgaria B. Darkest Russia	

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	4-63	Pamphlets: A. Alex. Granovsky, Ukraine's Case for Independence B. The Reformierte Bund" in Germany, 1933-1947	
	4-64	Pamphlets: A. Bolshevik Misrule in Ukraine B. Thessalonica Agricultural and Industrial Institute, 1986 C. The struggle for Freedom of Religious Conscience in the Ukraine	
	4-65	Pamphlets: A. The Yugoslav Review, 1956	
	4-66	Pamphlets: A. The Relation of Freedom and control in Industry B. .Workers and Bosses are Human: Collective Bargaining at Work	
	4-67	Pamphlets: A. Eugene Forsey, Youth and Jobs in Post-War Canada B. The Industrial club and its programme	
	4-68	Pamphlets: A. Collective Bargaining B. Legislation Concerning Collective Labour Agreements	
	4-69	Pamphlets: A. Bora Laskin, Collective Bargaining in Canada B. A National Labour Code , Proposed by the Canadian Congress of Labour	
	4-70	Pamphlets: A. The why and whither of Labour unions B. Reconstruction – the First step	
	4-71	Pamphlets: A. The Business Man's Inspiration B. The church and Industrial Relation's C. H.R. Seager, The Theory of the Minimum Wage	
	4-72	Pamphlets: A. "Mons" The Retreat that spelled Victory B. The Truth about war Makers, George Drew C. Nato and the Communist Challenge	

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	4-73	Pamphlets: A. War Service through Prayer B. Internationalism and the Defense of the Existing status Quo	
	4-74	Pamphlets: A. George Pidgeon, The Church Union in Canada B. Your marriage in War time C. Protecting the Home: An appeal for the upholding of Highest standards of Sexual Behavior	
	4-75	Pamphlets: A. What are Venereal Diseases? B. The Bright Shield of Continence	
	4-76	Pamphlets: A. Address at the Dedication of Window, union Theological Seminary, Carl H. Elmore B. The Eastern Pilgrim: A Pageant	
	4-77	Pamphlets: A. The Dawning: A Pageant of Ressurection B. The shape of the Church's response in worship C. Evangelistic Preaching	
	4-78	Pamphlets: A. Have you heard about Grace Church (U.S.A) B. God, Christ and Man	
	4-79	Pamphlets: A. A book of Prayers B. Fellowship C. The Present Summons to a Larger Fellowship	
	4-80	Pamphlets: A. How can I find god B. I confess my faith C. Highlights of Holy week	
	4-81	Pamphlets: A. The Church as History B. The Message and Method of Present Day Evangelism	
	4-82	Pamphlets: A. The Story of Jonah B. Sunday in the Modern State	

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	4-83	Pamphlets: A. The Catholic Sick Room B. Confession Prayers for Children C. Joan of Arc	
	4-84	Pamphlets: A. The Holy Rosary B. Ought we to Honour Mary?	
	4-85	Pamphlets: A. Programme: Down Town Boy's club B. Official Rules, 1942 Baseball C. Playing Rules of the Canadian Rugby Union, 1938	
	4-86	Pamphlets: A. The Ontario Hockey Association, Constitution and Rules, etc.	
	4-87	Columbia University, Bulletin of Information re courses in History, Economics and Public Law, 1919-1920.	
	4-88	Miscellaneous- Pamphlets and Documents	
	4-89	Miscellaneous- Pamphlets and Documents	
	4-90	Newspaper Clippings	
	4-91	Newspaper Clippings	
	4-95	Newspaper Clippings	
	4-93	Newspaper Clippings	