



University of Victoria Archives

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Kenneth Drury fonds

## **1. Fonds-level description**

### **Title**

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### **Dates**

1941-1962

### **Extent**

30 cm of textual records, 108 photographs

### **Biographical sketch**

Kenneth Drury (1893-1971), journalist and editor with the Vancouver *New-Herald* and the Victoria *Times*, was born on 16 February 1893 in Victoria, the son of former Liberal MLA Richard Low Drury (1863-1915) and Alice Cusack Drury (1866-1936). He was educated at Boys' Central School, Victoria High School, the University of Toronto and the Columbia School of Journalism at Columbia University, New York, graduating from Columbia in 1915.

Drury began his career in journalism as a reporter for the Victoria *Daily Colonist* in the summer of 1910, covering the visit to Prince Rupert of Sir Wilfred Laurier, Prime Minister of Canada. He later studied piano at the Toronto Conservatory of Music, returning to Victoria and working for the Victoria *Times* until he went overseas with the Canadian Army in 1917. After the war he returned to work for the *Times* and served in various senior positions, including editor, until he left in 1944 to become editor of the Vancouver *News-Herald* and later assistant to the publisher of the Vancouver *Sun*. He retired from journalism in 1953 and returned to live in Victoria with his wife Katherine; he died in Victoria in 1971.

As a journalist Drury covered many important events, including the United Nations Conference on International Organization (UNCIO) in San Francisco from April to June, 1945, and also participated in journalism conferences including the Empire Press Union's Imperial Press Conferences in London, England (1946) and Ottawa (1950). Apart from journalism Drury was active in the local community, serving as Chairman of the Canadian Civil Liberties Union, Vancouver Branch (1950), and on the Victoria Centennial Pioneers' Committee (1962). He collected song sheets, reflecting his continuing interest in music, and kept informed of current events, acquiring numerous newspapers, magazines, and ephemeral material.

### **Scope and content**

Fonds documents Drury's journalism career and consists of files relating to journalism, 1943-1958; subject files, 1944-62; the Empire Press Union, 1941, 1946; and the United Nations Conference on International Organization, 1944-45.

### **Notes**

Gifts of Ken Drury, August 1977, and Katherine Drury, July 1991.

## **2. Structure**

**Series 1. Journalism. 1943-1958.**

**Series 2. Subject files. 1944-1962.**

**Series 3. Empire Press Union. 1941, 1946.**

**Series 4. United Nations Conference on International Organization. 1944-1945.**

### **3. Inventory**

#### **Accession 1977-055A**

##### Box 1

##### Journalism, 1943-1958

- 1.1 Editorials, tss., 8 leaves, 1949, 1955.
- 1.2 The Fathers of Confederation -- Article series sent to newspapers, Nos. 1, 3-5, 7-12, 14-17, 19-24. Tss., 40 leaves.
- 1.3 "The Right to Know." -- Speech given by Drury, Kiwanis Club, Vancouver, 7 October 1948. Ts. with hol. rev., 16 leaves.
- 1.4 Speech given by Drury at the Kiwanis Club and the Electric Club, Vancouver, October 1950. Untitled. Carbon ts., 42 leaves.
- 1.5 The Times-London -- Notes on the Production of the Times. London: The Times Publishing Company, 15 p.
- 1.6 Vancouver News-Herald -- Style Guide, 1943, with annotations by Drury, 12 p.; Information for Employees (Non-Mechanical Departments), with annotation by Drury, 1948, 4 p.
- 1.7 Vancouver News-Herald -- Accounts, 1948. In bound booklet.
- 1.8 Vancouver News-Herald -- Management. Outgoing correspondence, carbons, 1945-1948; budgets, payroll lists, 1947-1948.
- 1.9 Vancouver Newspaper Guild -- Correspondence, 1944, 1946, 1948.
- 1.10 B.C. Daily Newspapers Association -- Correspondence, 1945.
- 1.11 Articles on Free Press, 1954-1958.

##### Subject files, 1944-1962

- 1.12 British Columbia -- 1944-1950, Clippings and tss. off editorials and articles; address by Herbert Anscomb (1948).
- 1.13 British Columbia -- "Economic Developments in British Columbia". Speech by A.E. Graver, President, B.C. Electrical Col. Ltd., to Commerce Dept. banquet, UBC, 25 February 1949, 17 p.
- 1.14 Canadian Civil Liberties Union -- Vancouver Branch -- Executive report by Drury, Branch Chairman, 18 April 1950, ts. with hol. rev., 7 p.; motions passed by the Canadian Senate, 20 March 1950, 3 p.; announcement and agenda of meeting, 18 April 1950.
- 1.15 Conservative Party of Canada, 1945-1954 -- Clippings, election manifesto, memos.
- 1.16 Conservative Party of Canada, 1949-1952 -- Clippings.
- 1.17 Forestry, 1945-1948 (News-Herald morgue) -- Pamphlet, Men and Trees, 1947; clippings; news releases; other forestry booklets, drafts of articles and reports.
- 1.18 Forestry - H.R. MacMillan -- "B.C. Needs Revision in Forest Taxation Policies," clipping of article by MacMillan, Vancouver Sun, 10 March 1948.

- 1.19 Liberal Party of Canada, 1950-1952 -- Clippings, tss., proofs re. Mackenzie King, St. Laurent Etc.
- 1.20 Medical and scientific notes -- Holographs, 5 leaves, n.d.
- 1.21 Taxes -- Clark, Colin, "The Danger Point in Taxes", published in Harper's Monthly, 1950, ts. with hol. markings, 4 leaves.
- 1.22 Universities - Colleges - UBC. -- "Garnett G. Sedgewick, Professor".  
Broadside re. the Sedgewick Memorial Fund, with reproduction of Sedgewick's portrait on the cover, 1949, 4 p.
- 1.23 Victoria, B.C. - 100th Birthday -- Mayor's Dinner for Centennial Pioneers, Empress Hotel, Victoria, 30 May 1962. [Drury's name listed on the Centennial Pioneers' Committee]. Programme, inserts, 6 p. total.

#### Empire Press Union, 1941, 1946

- 1.24 Empire Press Union -- Proceedings to 13th Annual Meeting, 5 March 1941; Sixth Imperial Press Conference, Britain, June 1946. Programme and diary; correspondence with W.A. Craick, Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, 1 May 1946; summary of programme and arrangements; and confidential circular presented to conference delegates.
- 1.25 Empire Press Union Tour, 1-10 July 1946 -- "Normandy to the Baltic". Folder containing European maps; booklet re. the French-occupied zone of Germany, 76 p.; itinerary, bound in red book, 10 p.
- 1.26 Empire Press Union Tour, 1-10 July 1946 -- 48 b & w photographs (26 cm. x 21 cm.) of delegates visiting France, Germany and Belgium. Includes view of location of Hitler's bunker, Berlin. Delegates shown include: Drury, Roy Thomson, Floyd Chalmers, British Ambassador to Belgium, Brigadier Hatton, W. Rupert Davies. Also 2 copies of b & w photograph of Canadian and West Indies delegates to the Sixth Imperial Press Conference, London, taken at Moncton, New Brunswick, enroute to Halifax for overseas trip, 22 May 1946. With detailed captions. Includes Drury, Roy Thomson, W. Rupert Davies.

#### United Nations Conference (UNCIO), 1944-1945

- 1.27 U.S. Dept. of State -- Toward the Peace: Documents, 1945, 38 p. Contains documents re. the Atlantic Charter and United Nations declarations, 1941-1945.
- 1.28 The United Nations -- Peoples and Countries -- Prepared by the U.N. Information Office, New York, used by Drury at the 1945 San Francisco conference. 47 p. 29.
- 1.29 UNCIO -- Proposals for a General International Organization as Developed at Dumbarton Oaks, 1944, 22 p.
- 1.30 UNCIO -- Opinion of the Dept. of Foreign Relations of Mexico Concerning the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals of the Creation of a General International Organization. 23 April 1945. With inserted sheet of holograph notes by Drury.
- 1.31 UNCIO, San Francisco -- 49 Mile Scenic Drive. Map of San Francisco area (not to scale), given to Drury at U.N. conference, 1945.

- 1.32 UNCIO, San Francisco, April-June 1945 -- Reports, clippings, speeches, 1945-1946.
- 1.33 UNCIO, San Francisco, 1 May 1945 -- Press release No. 32, "Address by Mr. Georges Bidault, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chairman of the French Delegation at the Sixth Plenary Session". Ts. with holograph markings by Drury, 7 p.
- 1.34 UNCIO, San Francisco -- British Information Services. Press releases, 28 April, 3 May, 12 May 1945. Re. Anthony Eden; proceedings of conference. 10 p.
- 1.35 UNCIO, San Francisco -- Directory of Press, Periodical, Radio, News photographic Representatives, 1 May 1945, 33 p. Also lists staff of Chief Press Relations Office; delegation and press hotels; delegates press officers by country.
- 1.36 UNCIO, San Francisco -- Telephone directory, First Issue, 60 p., 25 April 1945, listing information for transmitting international government messages in code, assignment of delegations by hotels, alphabetical listings of delegates, Secretariat and Conference Service offices, delegates listed by nation, map of downtown San Francisco.
- 1.37 Trueblood, D. Elton -- "President Roosevelt's Unfinished Work". Pamphlet, 1945, 4 p.

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United Nations Conference (UNCIO), 1944-1945

- 1.38 United Nations Conference on International Organization (UNCIO), San Francisco, April-June 1945. 53 b&w photographs of delegates and buildings in downtown San Francisco. Taken by Acme News pictures, Inc., San Francisco Bureau. Includes photos of Anthony Eden and U.S. President Harry S. Truman. (91-086)
- 1.39 UNCIO, San Francisco -- 7 b&w photographs of conference, including Lester B. Pearson, Drury and other Canadians present. Taken by the National Film Board of Canada.