GUIDE TO THE ANDREW AND BEATRICE OSBORN COLLECTION

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Andrew & Beatrice Osborn collection
Collection dates: 1919-1977
Creator: Andrew & Beatrice Osborn
Languages represented: English
Repository: Rare Books and Special Collections, University of Sydney Library
https://library.sydney.edu.au/collections/rare-books/
Extent: 1 box
Genre and Forms: Pamphlets, booklets.
Abstract: Collection of political pamphlets about communism, socialism and imperialism.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Provenance
A gift from Andrew and Beatrice Osborn.

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Biographical note
Andrew Delbridge Osborn (1902-1997)
Andrew Osborn was born in Australia in 1902 and emigrated to the United States in 1928. His intellectual and innovative approach was valued at the New York Public Library, the United Nations, and as Deputy Librarian at Harvard University Library from 1942-58. He obtained higher degrees from Columbia University and the University of Southern California.

In 1959 Osborn returned to Australia and became the University Librarian at Sydney University on E.V. Steele’s retirement. Osborn helped plan the new Fisher Library and was instrumental in increasing the size of the Library’s collection from 400,000 to 750,000 items. He resigned in 1962 when appointed Professor of Librarianship at the University of Pittsburgh (1962-66). From 1966 to 1970 he was founder and dean of the library school at the University of Western Ontario. He influenced the education of library students for many years who found his book and articles on cataloguing listed in their required readings.

In 1986, he was awarded an Order of Australia for his dedication to obtaining resources for Australian libraries, and an honorary doctorate from the University of Sydney in 1978 in recognition of his work and contribution to the development of Australian University libraries.

(At the time of compiling this finding aid I was unable to locate any information about Beatrice Osborn. JP 15/5/21)

Local Catalogue Headings
Osborn, Andrew D.
Uncatalogued collection in RBSC [Socialist and communist pamphlets published mainly in Russia and Great Britain]

See also:
Andrew D. Osborn collection, Rare Books and Special Collections, University of Sydney Library. This boxed collection contains correspondence to Andrew and Beatrice Osborn from Margaret Mann and Keyes and Elinor Metcalf.
DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

2. Occupation. Student activist publication: [South Australia?], 1974.
5. Women’s Liberation around the world – Australia, Cuba, USA, Canada. Wellington: Socialist Action League, [Nd].
6. The Timor story by Helen Hill. Victoria: [Nd].
24. Two different lines on the question of war and peace – comment on the open letter of the Central Committee of the CPSU. By the Editorial Department of Renmin Ribao (People’s Daily) and Hongqi (Red Flag). Peking: Foreign Languages Press, 1963.
29. Philosophy is no mystery: Peasants put their study to work. Peking: Foreign Languages Press, 1972.
44. The truth about how the leaders of the CPSU have allied themselves with India against China. By the Editorial Department of Renmin Ribao (People’s Daily). Peking: Foreign Languages Press, 1963.
46. The origin and development of the differences between the leadership of the CPSU and ourselves – comment on the open letter of the Central Committee of the CPSU. By the Editorial Departments of Renmin Ribao (People’s Daily) and Hongqi (Red Flag). October 22, 1963. Peking: Foreign Languages Press, 1963.