

**Dayton Peace Action Committee  
The Hal Barrett Collection**

**MS-300**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The papers of the Dayton Peace Action Committee - The Hal Barrett Collection were accessioned into the Wright State University Special Collections & Archives in July 1999. Harold (Hal) Barrett donated this collection.

The papers in this collection date from 1974 - 1997 and fill 3 gray Hollinger boxes (2.5 linear feet) and 35 folders. This collection is arranged into 8 series as follows:

- Series I: Administrative
- Series II: Correspondence
- Series III: Publications
- Series IV: Newspaper Clippings
- Series V: Events
- Series VI: Media
- Series VII: Hal Barrett's Notes
- Series VIII: Reed Smith/W.S.U. Peace Studies

There are no restrictions to the use of this collection.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

The Dayton Peace Action Committee (DPAC) is a faith-based peace-oriented and anti-nuclear organization which began as the Dayton Area Citizens for Arms Race Education (DACARE) in Dayton, Ohio, in 1979. During the late 1980s – early 1990s, DACARE members decided to rename their organization the Dayton Citizens for Global Security (DCGS). DCGS protested the proliferation of nuclear weapons in the U.S. and the dumping of radioactive (nuclear) waste in Ohio. On July 8, 1996, the members of DCGS voted to change the name of their organization. They decided upon Dayton Peace Action Committee (DPAC). DPAC works to cut spending for unnecessary military and nuclear weapons programs, arguing that the funds - gained through a cut in governmental spending in these two areas – should be invested in American education, housing, health, and environmental protection. There also exists a national Peace Action organization; and through its local chapters (e.g., the Dayton Peace Action Committee), it works to promote global peace through local efforts to stop weapons trafficking and promote nuclear disarmament.

Even though this collection contains memorabilia and papers from DACARE and DCGS, as well as from DPAC, this collection, “The Dayton Peace Action Committee – The Hal Barrett Collection,” is so named because it was donated (July 1999) to the Wright State University’s Special Collections and Archives by Harold (Hal) Barrett while he was a member of DPAC.

A brief biographical sketch of Harold (Hal) Barrett based on information provided by Mr. Barrett:

Hal Barrett was born at Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, on December 13, 1919. He attended grade schools in Dayton, Ohio; Salina, Kansas; and Galva, Kansas. Hal graduated from Fairview High School in Dayton, Ohio, in 1937. He attended Occidental College in Los Angeles, California, from 1944 – 1946, and then received his Associate of Arts degree from Pasadena City College, California, in 1950. He has also taken courses at American University in Washington, D.C., and Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio.

Hal Barrett has six original musical works published and distributed by the Unitarian-Universalist Association in Boston, Philadelphia and New York. He also has over 70 copyrights of record at the Copyright Office in the Library of Congress.

Hal has held jobs as a general worker, machinist and toolmaker. He has also been a candidate for the Presbyterian ministry. Between 1955 and 1983, Hal worked for the I.A.M. (Machinists Union), the U.S. Department of Labor, and Sinclair Community College. His union work entailed publishing a 17,000 circulation national monthly newspaper, carrying out a national stewards and officers education program, and preparing technical data for presentations to the U.S. House and Senate Committees. In the U.S. Department of Labor, Hal Barrett worked as a Foreign Nationals Training Officer. In this job, he arranged and coordinated programs of

education for foreign nationals from third world countries. These programs put the foreign nationals in contact with American equivalents to these trainees' own position in their home country and provided apprenticeship-type training through American corporate workshops. At Sinclair Community College, Hal was part of a local project to establish a Labor Studies degree program (AA); and, after the paperwork was approved, he was asked to become the first chairman of this new degree program at Sinclair Community College. Hal worked in this degree program from 1977 to 1983.

Along with being an active member in DACARE, DCGS, and DPAC, Hal Barrett was also actively involved in such other community organizations as the Dayton Music Club, the Dayton Art Institute, the American Friends' Service Committee (AFSC), the Unitarian-Universalist United Nations Office in New York City, and the Unitarian-Universalist Musicians Network.

When asked: "What do you hope others may get out of the 'Dayton Peace Action Committee – The Hal Barrett Collection', or how are the papers still relevant? Hal replied:

"Well, it is *first-hand information* about the 'hidden' peace movement in the United States between 1979 [when DACARE was created] to 1997 [the last date within this collection]. True, it's a local activity, but it's also part of a national 'movement' during that same period, which had to have had some influence on national policy, and possibly had its effects -- particularly when added to similar, even more vociferous, voices in Europe, and inside the Soviet Union — on halting the nearly catastrophic nuclear arms race, which had the potentials of drawing the whole world into its ravenous whirlpool! And it shows how extensive the local efforts were in this direction, a refutation of any claims that the pacifists sat on their hands and only mouthed their complaints, doing nothing tangible to make their concern known and felt!"

Harold (Hal) Barrett lives in Kailua, Hawaii.

MS-246 in the Wright State University's Special Collections and Archives also highlights Harold (Hal) Barrett. This collection includes: correspondence, reports, essays, articles, personal papers, and copies of the *Federal Machinist News* from Hal's involvement in labor unions; a scrapbook containing editorials Hal has written and published (1982 – 1990); a collection of *The Illuminator*, the newsletter of the First Unitarian Church of Dayton; music and song books either written or compiled, and then published by Hal Barrett; and some art sketches by Hal Barrett, dated from 1977 to 1984.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

### **Series I: Administrative**

Box 1 file 1 contains handwritten and typed Minutes for the meetings (November 1994 - April 1997) of the Dayton Citizens for Global Security (DCGS) and the Dayton Peace Action Committee (DPAC). DCGS and DPAC meeting attendance and the Treasurer's report are noted in these Minutes. Meeting topics include: Hiroshima Photo Exhibit Committee (-an exhibit which was displayed at Wright State University); Atomic Materials Transport; Smithsonian Exhibit on the Enola Gay; Martin Luther King, Jr., parade; DCGS/DPAC annual picnics; voter registration and education campaigns; Environmental Exhibit at the Fairfield Commons Mall; placing DCGS/DPAC videos on the local MVC channel; Ret. Admiral Carroll's Peace Day visit in August 1996 (NOTE: box 1 file 12 includes the brochure for [U.S. Navy] Ret. Rear Admiral Eugene Carroll's visit); peace workshops and symposiums; election of DPAC officers report (e.g., Nov. 11, 1996); DPAC Peace Vigil; DCGS/DPAC newsletter additions and notes; announcements of DPAC members' trips to Bosnia, Haiti, and Cuba; the Miami Valley Peace Network; Pledge of Resistance Meeting; and Tax Day Action.

Box 1 file 2 contains the Agenda for the meetings found in file 1.

Box 1 file 3 is a general information folder containing a DCGS membership list, minutes from the Harvest for Peace Day Planning Committee, minutes from the Miami Valley Peace Network, and DCGS/DPAC newsletter additions.

### **Series II: Correspondence**

This series contains correspondence written to and from Hal Barrett and other DCGS/DPAC members (box 1 file 5). Topics include: Annual Peace Award presentation; use of educational videos put out by America's Defense Monitor; U.S. military budget; a letter to Hal Barrett from Congressman Tony Hall; the School of the Americas; DCGS/DPAC newsletter additions; a typed campaign fund drive letter from President Bill Clinton to Hal Barrett; and radioactive waste dumping.

Also included in this series is correspondence from peace organizations located in the Dayton, Ohio, area (e.g., Dayton Council on World Affairs and the Miami Valley Peace Network) and from national (e.g., National Peace Action, the United States House of Representatives, Friends Committee on National Legislation, and the United States Senate) and international (e.g., Jacqueline Uwineza from Kenya) correspondents (box 1 files 6 & 7).

### **Series III: Publications**

This third series (box 1 files 8, 9, 10) consists of DCGS, DPAC ("Peace Pipeline"), Ohio-based (e.g., "Linkages"), Nationally-based (e.g., "Peace Action"), and Internationally-based (e.g., "Bolivia Bulletin") newsletters.

This series also includes publicity flyers (box 1 file 11) which cover a variety of topics: labor; anti-nuclear weapons; 'women strike for peace;' income tax; pentagon spending ("Want My Vote? Cut Pentagon Bloat!" -- NOTE: box 2 file 2 of this series has this bumper sticker); radioactive waste disposal in Ohio; International Peace for Cuba Appeal; peace voter 1996 guidelines; campaign finance reform; and a list of 'organizations that support comprehensive sexuality for all children and youth by the year 2000.'

DCGS and DPAC brochures can be found in box 1 file 12.

Brochures from Ohio-based organizations and conferences will be found in box 1 file 13. Topics include: Nuclear Madness: Is There A Cure?; Dollars and Democracy Project; Adopt a Rwandan Refugee Student Project; Eastern Europe: If No Walls, Then What?; The Friendship Force; and the Dayton Council on World Affairs.

Brochures from Nationally and Internationally-based organizations will be found in box 2 file 1. Topics include: war tax resistance; the Strategic Defense Initiative (aka, Star Wars); President George Bush (1988); U.S.-Soviet military balance; the Peace Tax Fund Bill; the Baha'i Faith; ghettos; and peace movements.

Box 2 file 2 contains Peace Literature. This includes: a program for Harvest of Peace Day - Peace Poll Dedication program; "Want My Vote? Cut Pentagon Bloat!" bumper sticker; an original (© words and music) Hal Barrett Christmas song titled "When Christmas Will Be Here to Stay;" an Oct. 6, 1996 bulletin for the First Unitarian Church; a handout from the Foreign Policy Association concerning the National Opinion Ballot Report 1996; and information concerning nuclear waste and the environment.

### **Series IV: Newspaper Clippings**

This series includes articles and book reviews (box 2 file 4) from such newspapers as the Journal Herald, Dayton Daily News Parade, In These Times - The Independent Socialist Newspaper, New York Times, Washington Post, and Voice. Topics include: Billy Graham; protest against U.S. policy in Central America; the Strategic Defense Initiative (aka, Star Wars); prime time television; the Enola Gay exhibit at the Smithsonian; nuclear arms race; the Gulf War; Riverside, Ohio, peace

poll; child protection; Bosnia; Rwanda; nuclear disarmament; raise in minimum wage for Dayton, Ohio, city employees; Anti-Gunrunning Bill; chemical weapons; and the School of the Americas.

Also included in this series are some comic strips (box 2 file 5). Topics include: Richard Nixon; union support; U.S.-Soviet relations; pro-life/pro-creation; U.S.-China relations.

### **Series V: Events**

Box 2 file 6 contains programs from the August 1990 - 1995 Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrance Vigils held at the First Baptist Church, 111 West Monument Avenue, Dayton Ohio.

Box 2 file 7 contains an Information Packet relating to Jehane Dyllan's one-woman production of "Silkwood." Included are directions on how to organize a production of "Silkwood;" letters of praise for Jehane Dyllan; and newspaper articles and reviews pertaining to Jehane Dyllan and her one-woman production of "Silkwood." According to Hal Barrett, the local Dayton peace group in which he was involved [originally named the Dayton Area Citizens for Arms Race Education (DACARE), then Dayton Citizens for Global Security (DCGS), and now known as the Dayton Peace Action Committee (DPAC)] was, at one time, interested in working with other Dayton organizations to bring Jehane Dyllan and her production of "Silkwood" to Dayton, Ohio.

### **Series VI: Media**

Box 2 file 8 contains two copies of The Hundredth Monkey by Ken Keyes, Jr. This book is about preventing nuclear war.

Box 2 file 9 contains two copies of the sequel to The Hundredth Monkey. The sequel is titled Planethood: The Key to Your Survival and Prosperity by Benjamin B. Ferencz and Ken Keyes, Jr. The authors provide eight steps "to create peace and prosperity in the world."

### **Series VII: Hal Barrett's Notes**

This series consists of handwritten notes by Hal Barrett concerning topics and events discussed by and which included the involvement of the Dayton Citizens for Global Security (DCGS) and the Dayton Peace Action Committee (DPAC) ca. 1996.

## **Series VIII: Reed Smith / W.S.U. Peace Studies**

Box 2 file 13 contains some typed class notes from the Political Science 380/680 class at W.S.U. ca. 1972 - 1974.

Box 2 file 14 contains magazine and book articles with topics titles including: "Eastern Europe – Not Our Enemy Unless We Make It So;" "When Does An Economic Plus Become A Human Minus?;" Expanding Our Vision: New Perspective on Peace Research;" "Protracted Nuclear War Fighting and Rural America;" Chapter One "Perpetual War" from the book From War to Peace; and a book review of Three Faces of Power by Kenneth E. Boulding.

Box 2 file 15 contains Conference Papers: "Peace, Justice, Freedom, and Competence in a Changing World" by Kenneth E. Boulding (University of Colorado at Boulder); "General War and Peace in Civilization Perspective" by Matthew Melko (Wright State University, Ohio); and "Hypothesis Concerning War and Peace" by Matthew Melko (Wright State University, Ohio).

Peace-related literature will be found in box 3 file 1. Topics include: the Sandinistas; anti-nuclear weapons protest against General Electric; a possessions calendar; USA/USSR arms control talks; "Stop the Lies About Central America;" military vs. civilian trade-offs; and the Dayton Peace Project.

Brochures for the W.S.U. Peace Studies Program and the W.S.U. Peace Studies Association Annual Peace Lectures (first annual lecture – fourth annual lecture) will be found in box 3 file 2.

Box 3 file 3 contains programs for peace Events such as the Vigil for Peace in Central America and the Interfaith Prayer Service for Peace.

The "Peace Chronicle" – the Newsletter for the Consortium on Peace Research, Education, and Development (C.O.P.R.E.D.) – and a 1989 Membership List for C.O.P.R.E.D. will be found in box 3 file 4 of this series. Newsletter issues available are Oct. 1986, Feb. 1987, Apr./June 1987, Aug. 1988, June 1989, Aug. 1989, June 1990, Aug. 1990, Feb. 1991, and June/Aug. 1991.

Box 3 file 5 contains various Newsletters such as: the "Bulletin of International Interchanges;" "The Washington Spectator and Between the Lines;" "Voter" [from the League of Women Voters]; "The Defense Monitor;" "Breaking the Siege – The Newsletter of the Middle East Justice Network;" "Peace Magazine;" and the "United States Institute of Peace Journal."



## Listing

### Series I: Administrative

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Minutes/Financial: (DCGS/DPAC)	Nov. 1994-Apr. 1997
	2	Agenda: (DCGS/DPAC)	Feb. 1996-May 1997
	3	General	Jan. 1983-Dec. 1996
	4	Grassroots Organizer	Jan. 1996-Jun. 1996

### Series II: Correspondence

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	5	To/from DCGS/DPAC	Jul. 1981-Feb. 1997
	6	From Dayton, Ohio Organizations	Sep. 1996-Apr. 1997
	7	To/from International Organizations	Jan. 1996-Mar. 1997

### Series III: Publications

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	8	DCGS Newsletter & DPAC Peace Pipeline Newsletter	Mar. 1994-Apr. 1997
	9	Ohio Newsletters	Jul. 1987-Feb. 1997
	10	National/International Newsletters	Spring/Summer 1982-Spring 1997
	11	Publicity Flyers	ca. 1988-1997
	12	Peace Brochures: DCGS/DPAC	1994-1996
	13	Peace Brochures: Ohio	1982-1997
2	1	Peace Brochures: National/International	ca. 1974-1996
	2	Peace Literature	ca. 1983-1996
	3	Congressional Research Service Report	Jan. 1993
		Congressional Research Service Issue Brief	Aug. 1994
		An Appeal to Walt Disney Company	May 1996

### Series IV: Newspaper Clippings

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	4	Articles	Jan. 1981-Apr. 1997
	5	Comics	May 1977-ca. 1982

## Series V: Events

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	6	Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrance Vigil	1985-1995
	7	Promotion: <u>Silkwood</u> Production by Jehne Dyllan	1982

## Series VI: Media

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	8	Book: <u>The Hundredth Monkey</u> by Ken Keyes, Jr.	1982
	9	Book: <u>Planethood: The Key to Your Survival and Prosperity</u> by Benjamin B. Ferencz and Ken Keyes, Jr.	1988
	10	Cassettes-	
		1. A speech, meeting, etc. (case is labeled: "Misc. Music from WGUC 1-3-88") (tape is labeled: "Joe Kunkel – Building Community – St. Agnes Story 9-22-91")	ca. 1991
		2. Trial run, Hal Barrett sermon – "Saving Earth, Dividing Earthlings"	Oct. 27, 1991
	11	Photos: 1. Peace Poll; 2. (Unidentified)	n.d.

## Series VII: Hal Barrett's Notes

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	12	Hal Barrett's Handwritten Notes	ca. 1996

## Series VIII: Reed Smith / W.S.U. Peace Studies

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	13	Peace Studies Class Notes	ca. 1972-1974
	14	Articles	1980-1991
	15	Conference Papers	1990-1991
3	1	Literature	ca. 1986-1996
	2	Peace Studies and Peace Brochures	1987-1993
	3	Events	1990-1991
	4	Newsletter – Consortium on Peace Research, Education, and Development (C.O.P.R.E.D.) "Peace Chronicles"	Oct. 1986-Feb. 1991
	5	Newsletters – (Various)	Nov. 1981-Jun. 1991
	6	Correspondence	1982, 1986, 1987

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
3	7	Administrative/Agenda	1986