

Testimonies
Before
Congressional Committees
and
Related Documents
1944-1971

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Preface to the Volume of Congressional Testimonies

Between the launching of the Friends Committee on National Legislation in 1943 and the end of 1971, more than one hundred and forty persons have testified in behalf of the Friends Committee. It has been the conscious policy to seek the best qualified person available to speak on a given subject, usually a Friend, and not to concentrate just on staff as witnesses.

I have appeared many times because of continuous service with the FCNL and because oftentimes the hearings were announced with such a brief time for preparation that it fell to the staff to appear.

All the prepared testimonies are bound in four volumes covering the period from 1943 through 1964. These volumes are on file in the Washington office of the FCNL and will eventually be deposited in the Swarthmore College Peace Collection. From 1965 on the testimonies for a given year were included in the yearly bound volumes which are in a dozen libraries.

A large share of the printed hearings, in which FCNL witnesses have appeared, are on file in the Washington Office. These give the questions asked by Committee members, the arguments pro and con, and usually the background of the issue involved.

Hearings are a very important part of the Legislative process. Sometimes they are meaningless with one or two committee members present, witnesses restricted to a very few minutes, and the minds of the committee made up in advance. But many times they are a real search for answers and for consensus. Oftentimes they are primarily educational, trying to build up information and support for propositions before there is enough understanding of the issue for legislation to be enacted.

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Statements and Testimonies

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Date	Committee	Subject
1944		
March 21		Memorandum for Using Class IV-E Men Abroad
June 17	Senate Military Appropriations Subcommittee	Need for CO's in Relief Work Abroad
June 21		Current Requests for Class IV-E Men Abroad
July 19	Platform Committee, Democratic National Convention	Support World Organization, Relief, Opposition to Conscription.
Dec. 13		Current Requests for Class IV-E Men Abroad
1945		
Nov. 23	House Foreign Affairs	Support UNRRA
1946		
Jan. 19 Telegram	President Harry S. Truman	Urge Support for FEPC
Feb. 8 Telegram	President Harry S. Truman	Commend Increased Shipments of Food; Urge More
Feb. 21 Letter	Andrew J. May, Chairman House Military Affairs	Protest Lack of Opportunity for Witnesses Opposing UMT
April 4	Senate Military Affairs	Oppose Selective Service Extension
June 4	House Appropriations, Subcommittee on War Dept. Appropriations	Support Use of CO's in Foreign Relief
June 27 Letter	Sen. Elmer Thomas, Chm., Senate Subcommittee on Military Appropriations	Support \$500,000,000 for Civilian Relief in Occupied Areas.
Date missing - Letter, 20 Organizations	Senator Brien McMahon	Request Hearings on Atomic Weapons

Date	Committee	Subject
Aug. 15 Telegram of State Clayton, and 7 Organ- izations	President Truman, Sec'y of State Clayton, and UNRRA Director General LaGuardia	Extend UNRRA's Work
Oct. 8 Delegation (6 indi- vidual signers)	President Truman (letter) - saw Presidential Asst. David Niles	Administrative Changes in Handling CO's
Nov. 15 Letter	President Truman	Commend Giving Refuge to Displaced Persons
Dec. 4 Letter	President Truman	Urging Amnesty for CO's
1947		
Jan. 13 Letter	President Harry S. Truman	Support Adequate Foreign Relief
Jan. 24 Clarence E. Pickett, Harold Evans	President's Commission on Universal Military Train- ing	Opposition to UMT
Feb. 17 Officers of 21 Organi- zations	Release to the Press	Concern about Attacks in Joint Atomic Energy Hear- ings
March 10 FCNL Staff <i>March 17</i> <i>May 17</i> Letter	<i>President Truman</i> All Senators	Appropriations Needed for Relief <i>Opposition to Greece-Turkey Policy</i> Support \$50 Million for UNICEF
Dec. 27 Telegram	Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson and President Harry S. Truman	Holiday on Whiskey; Send Grain to Starving Abroad
1948		
Jan. 10 Day Letter	Five Members of Congress	Grain for Relief not Alcoholic Beverages
Jan. 27	House Banking and Currency	Allocation of Grain for Essential Uses
January	Newspaper Advertisement	Appeal for Diversion of Grain from Distillers to Relief

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Feb. 2	Newspaper Advertisement	"Whiskey or Bread?"
April 8 17 Signers Churchmen's Conference	All Members of Congress	Instead of Rearmament and War
May 13 6 Organi- zations, 6 Individuals	House Speaker, Majority Telegram and Minority Leaders	Oppose Mundt Bill as Violation Constitutional Guarantee
June 4 Telegram	Speaker Joseph W. Martin; Rep. Charles A. Halleck; Rep. Charles A. Eaton	Support Restoration of Non- military Funds for European Recovery Program
1949		
March 25 Letter	Senator Walter F. George	Five Proposals for U.S. Policy Toward China
May 17 Supplement to Cadbury Statement Letter	Sen. Tom Connally, Chm., Senate Foreign Relations	FCNL Policy on North Atlantic Pact
June 10 9 Organi- zational Representa- tives Night Letter	Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson	Commend his Support to Eliminate Military Control in Atomic Energy Matter
July 7 Letter	Sen. Frank P. Graham	Proposed Program to Offset Cold War in Europe
July 16 Letter	Senators Who Sponsored Federal Aid Bill (S. 246)	Oppose Resolution to Require FBI Investigation of
July 18	<i>Letter to Sen. Joseph C. Mahoney</i>	Students Seeking Fellowships <i>Opposing Loyalty Amendment</i>
July 19 Letter	Sen. Robert A. Taft	Support his Opposition to Atlantic Pact - Alternative Program
Aug. 6 Letter	Selected Members of Congress	Digest of North Atlantic Treaty
Aug. 25 Letter	71 Senators	Oppose Military Aid Program Support World Organizations
Aug. 29	Sen. Brien McMahon as Press Release	Encourage Hearings on UN Genocide Convention

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1950		
Jan. 30	House Armed Services	Oppose Draft Extension
March 25	Senate Armed Services Subcommittee	CARE Book Program from Frozen Fund
March 31 18 Organizational Representatives	Release	Oppose Mundt-Ferguson-Johnson-Nixon Bills (S. 2311 and HR. 7595)
April 3		Oppose Loyalty Provisions of National Science Foundation Bill (S. 247)
May 3	House Agriculture	Surplus Commodity Disposal
May 11 27 Organizational Representatives	House and Senate Foreign Relations Committees	Genocide Convention
May 29 July 5 10 Organizations	Letter to Dean Acheson Senators	Technical Assistance Program
* Jan. 26	President Harry S. Truman	Commend Establishment of Commission to Study Internal Security and Civil Liberties
March 2	House Armed Services	Oppose UMT
April 5 Letter as Nat'l Civil Liberties Clearing House Chm.	President Harry S. Truman	Encourage Executive Order Establishing FEPC
NCLCH Statement 35 Organizational Representatives	President Truman	Same as Above
May 24 ERW & Harold Row	House and Senate Conferees	CO Provisions on UMT Bills
May 25 Letter	Congressmen	Presenting Statement of FCNL Policy
Dec. 6 Letter	President Harry S. Truman	Commend for Raising Disarmament Issue before UN General Assembly
* Sept. 12, 1950 21 Agencies	Sen. Scott W. Lucas	Support for UN Agencies

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1952		
Feb. 7 Letter & Enclo- sures	30 Senators Including Sen. Herbert H. Lehman	Concern about Japanese Peace Treaty.
Feb. 14	Senate Armed Services	Oppose Recommendations of National Security Training Commission
Sept. 30 8 Organi- zational Representatives	Presidential Candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower	Plea for Disarmament
Oct. 20 10 Organi- zational Representatives	Presidential Candidate Adlai E. Stevenson	Plea for Disarmament
1953		
Sept. 26 20 Organi- zations	Board of Commissioners D. C. Government	Oppose Discrimination - Thompson Restaurant Case
1954		
Jan. 7 Telegram	President Harry S. Truman	Oppose Bricker Resolution
March 17	House Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Inter- national Organizations and Movements	Expanded Support for UN and Specialized Agencies
May 20	House Foreign Affairs	Support Authorization for Foreign Aid and UN Agencies
June 8	Joint Committee on Atomic Energy	Support Proposed Amendments to Atomic Energy Act re Disarmament and Atomic Weapons Elimination
June 22	Senate Foreign Relations	UNICEF
1955		
Feb. 2	House Armed Services	Oppose Draft Extension
March 4	Senate Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on Technical Assistance	Support Technical Assistance; Recommendations from January Workshop on World Social and Economic Development

Policy

Date	Committee	Subject
May 13 Filed	Senate Foreign Relations	Support UN Technical Assistance, UNICEF, UNREF
July 8	Senate Armed Services	Opposition to Compulsory Reserve
July 8 Letter	All Congressmen and Senators	Calling Attention to Appropriations Newsletter
& October Newsletter		Opposition to Reserve Bill
Sept. 22 July	Senators + Representatives Letter	Appropriation Newsletter
October 19	House Members	
May 7	House Committee on Foreign Affairs	Support H.R. 10082 for Technical and Economic Aid; Refugee and Children's Relief Program
Feb. 15		
May 11	Senate Foreign Relations	Same Testimony as May 7
Feb. 15 Co-signed 100 Individuals	Members of Congress	Urge Bold New Initiative in Foreign Policy
1957		
July 6 Co-signed 83 people Telegram	President Dwight D. Eisenhower	Urge First Step Disarmament Agreement; End Nuclear Weapons Tests
August 7 16 Organizations	Members of Congress Press Release	Improve and Complete Civil Rights Legislation
August 23 16 Organizations	Members of Congress Press Release	Follow-up on August 17 Release
Sept. 1 22 Organizations	Press Release President Dwight D. Eisenhower	Appointment of Officials Genuinely Devoted to Advancing Civil Rights
1958		
Jan. 21 7 Organizations	Thomas S. Gordon Rep. Edwin Willis	Permanent UN Force Basic Protection Against Arbitrary Police Power
April 10	Chm. Thomas E. Morgan	Separate Economic and Military Aid
May 29 12 Organizations Telegram	All Senators	Support UN Technical Assistance Program
1959		
March 3	Senate Armed Services	Oppose Draft Extension

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June 24	Subcommittee on Foreign Operations	Oppose Military Aid; Support Economic Aid esp. through the UN; Impressions from a Year in the Orient
July 8	Senate Foreign Relations	Support S. 1711, the International Food for Peace Act of 1959
Jan 30 22 co-signers	President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Rt. Hon. Harold Macmillan, Premier Nikita Khrushchev <i>Signers of Letter</i>	Ending Nuclear Weapons Tests <i>Khrushchev Reply</i>
March 27 April 6 69 co-signers March 18	Press Release to Senators <i>Letter to Nehru</i>	Support S. Res. 96 on Ending Nuclear Weapons Tests
Sept. 21 17 Co-signers Peace & Religious Organizations	President Dwight D. Eisenhower	Urging Total Disarmament
Sept. 4	All Senators	<i>Reject token Civil Rights Bill</i>
April 29	President Eisenhower 1960	Halt Caryl Chessman Execution
May 14	House Appropriations Foreign Operations Subcommittee	Support Economic and Technical Aid; Oppose Military Aid
June 7	Senate Foreign Relations	Oppose Japan-US Security Treaty
June 24	Senate Appropriations	Support Economic and Technical Aid and UN Programs
April 29	President Dwight D. Eisenhower	Appeal to Intervene Against Death Penalty for Caryl Chessman
	1961	
May 19	Senate Agriculture and Forestry	Extension and Revision of P.L. 480, the Food for Peace Program
May 24	House Committee on Agriculture 1962	<i>- Same as Above</i>
Feb. 19	Senate Foreign Relations	Support \$100 Million Purchase of UN Bonds
March 30	House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Justice, and the Judiciary	More Adequate Appropriations for US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

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May 24	House Insular Affairs Subcommittee	Increased Authorization for Trust Territories
March 30	Press Release on ERW Testimony	Appropriations for US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
Aug. 10 14 Co-signers	Letter to the Editor	UN Bonds
1963		
May 2	House Appropriations Subcommittee	Appropriations for US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
Nov. 12	<i>Senate Approp. Subcommittee</i>	<i>Similar to Above</i>
Nov. 22	Senate Banking and Currency	Support Export-Import Bank Credits for Sale of Wheat to Russia
March 12 5 Co-signers	Memorandum to Organizations	Urge Support Test Ban Agreement
1964-1965 (none)		
1966		
March 8	Senate Agriculture	Food for Freedom Act of 1966
March 9	House Agriculture	Food for Freedom Act of 1966
1967 (none)		
1968		
July 15 & Frances Neely	Senate Appropriations	Opposition to Defense Budget Requests
July 12	Members of Congress	Letter enclosing statement on Poverty, Jobs and Income
June 18 Letter	Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey	Urging End of Vietnam War
June 26	Hubert H. Humphrey's Answer	
1969		
March 5	AFSC Board of Directors	Letter enclosing FCNL Policy Statement on Poverty, Jobs and Income

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March 12	Staff Associates National Council of Churches Department of International Affairs	Letter enclosing FCNL Policy Statement on Poverty, Jobs and Income
March 17	President Nixon	ABM, Paris Vietnam Negotiations, Shifting National Priorities
Stephen R.	Angell, Jr.,	
Samuel R. Levering,	E. Raymond Wilson	
Letter		
	1970 (none)	
	1971	
Oct. 29	Senate Foreign Relations	Support Political Reversion of Okinawa; Oppose Retention of U.S. Military Bases