

## NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG1: Nebraska Committee on the Resettlement of Displaced Persons  
SG33 (Note: Papers of Gov. Val Peterson, Government Records)  
S16

Records: 1947-1955

Size: 1.5 cu. ft.; 3 boxes

### BACKGROUND NOTE

On February 4, 1948 the Honorable Val Peterson, Governor of the State of Nebraska, formed a volunteer committee whose purpose was to study the needs and desires of the citizens of the state on the receiving of displaced persons. After various surveys were sent out and information was gathered from church groups, businesses and private individuals from around the state, the committee was disbanded. Federal legislation was passed on June 25, 1948 allowing 205,000 displaced persons and orphans admittance to the U.S. The President appointed a commission to oversee this legislation. In June of 1949, Governor Val Peterson announced the appointment of a Nebraska Committee on Resettlement of Displaced Persons. The committee consisted of seven religious leaders from various faiths, headed up by Dr. A.W. Taylor, Director of the Nebraska Council of Churches. The goal of the Committee was to absorb the set number of displaced persons (in 1948 that number was 2,050) over a period of two years, hoping that these people would become self-supporting, loyal citizens, without displacing any present citizen from the standpoint of either employment or housing or both.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of three boxes of manuscript material relating to the efforts of the Nebraska Committee on Resettlement of Displaced Persons to relocate refugees from Europe after the end of World War II. The collection includes correspondence and application forms from displaced persons and their sponsors in Nebraska, correspondence with other agencies and organizations dealing with displaced persons, and miscellaneous pamphlets, brochures, and newspaper clippings relating to displaced persons. Also included in the general correspondence are minutes of meetings for the Committee

### DESCRIPTION

Box 125  
Folder

1. General correspondence, 1947-1950
2. General correspondence, 1951-1955
3. General correspondence, 1956-1957

4. Correspondence, personal effects of Jakob Drozdow
5. Correspondence regarding Michael Czereda
6. Correspondence regarding Islam Ahmic
7. Pamphlets, brochures and newsletters
8. Lists of displaced persons

Box 126

Folder

1. Correspondence regarding specific displaced persons, A-D
2. Correspondence regarding specific displaced persons, E-I
3. Correspondence regarding specific displaced persons, J-L
4. Correspondence regarding specific displaced persons, M-P

Box 127

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1. Correspondence regarding specific displaced persons, R-S
2. Correspondence regarding specific displaced persons, T-Z
3. Displaced persons who left Nebraska, A-H
4. Displaced persons who left Nebraska, K-Z
5. Newspaper clippings

Added entries:

DISPLACED PERSONS. NEBRASKA  
IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION REFUGEES