

## THE THOMAS E. POSEY COLLECTION

Papers, 1926-1977 (Predominantly 1963-1975)

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The papers of Dr. Thomas E. Posey were placed by him in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in January of 1984, and were opened for research in August of 1984.

Thomas E. Posey was born in Washington, D.C. on June 9th, 1901. He received his Bachelor of Arts in economics from Syracuse University in 1923 and his Master of Arts from Syracuse in 1925. He taught at West Virginia State College from 1926 to 1951. In 1946 he took a leave of absence to lecture at the University of Wisconsin and to work for his Ph.D. in economics and labor relations, which he obtained in 1947. From 1940 to 1942 he was chairman of the AFL-CIO's Political Action Committee.

He served as an economist for the Wage Stabilization Board from 1951 to 1952, and then he joined the Mutual Security Agency (MSA) in 1952 and assumed the post of labor advisor in Burma. At the end of his first year the Agency was asked to leave Burma, but on the request of the Prime Minister, Dr. Posey served out his full term until 1954. From 1954 to 1959 he served as an advisor in the Philippines, and from 1959 to 1963 in Turkey. He returned to Washington and held the position of senior policy and planning officer for the Agency for International Development (AID) until his retirement in 1971. During this time, he also taught economics at Howard University. In 1971 he took a position as part-time research associate at the University of Windsor, and taught there until 1979.

The bulk of the collection falls within 1963 to 1975, and reflects his interests in manpower economics, the third world and developing countries, racial discrimination, the history of the black church, and minorities in Canada. There are some materials relating to his years in Burma, but only a few folders of materials from the Philippines or Turkey.

Important subjects covered in his collection are:

- Agency for International Development, 1963-1971
- Developing Countries--Economic Conditions
- International Labor Organizations

Among the important correspondents are:

- Dr. Carleton B. Good let
- Dr. Samuel Adams
- Dr. Ozay Mehmet

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Office files of Dr. Posey as senior AID administrator and research associate at the University of Windsor, including correspondence, minutes and financial records, as well as over fifty files of background reading material.

Non-manuscript Material:

Approximately 200 loose photographs relating to Dr. Posey's work overseas have been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual collection. One roll of microfilm labeled "First Baptist Church Windsor Minutes" and one reel-to-reel audio tape labeled "W. Va State, Dr. Posey, 3/7/67, recorded at 3 3/4" are also in the Audio-Visual Collection. Numerous pamphlets and journals received in this collection are available in the Archives Library.

Series I  
Foreign Service Years, 1926-1963  
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The correspondence, clippings and working files from Dr. Posey's years as a foreign advisor, 1952 to 1963, including copies of foreign legislation and publications from the 1940's and 1950's. Important subjects covered are foreign labor, foreign trade unions, and the International Labor Organization ( ILO). Other material in the series reflects the Posey's daily life in Rangoon. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject.

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