Interim Catalogue of the Archives of the Medical Association for the Prevention of War, collected by Dr Alex Poteliakhoff

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# Introduction

This archive tells the story of a group of doctors and other medical professionals who aimed to use their authority and expertise to work for disarmament and a better society: the Medical Association for the Prevention of War (MAPW). You can find out more about the creation of MAPW in no. 95 of the 100 Objects exhibition: *A Letter to the Lancet*. <http://100objectsbradford.wordpress.com>

The catalogue is taken from a collection description written for the Archives Hub and a list made by the donor of the collection, Alex Poteliakhoff. It is being made available online with minor edits as part of our Quick Wins programme, which will put much more information about our archives online quickly by digitising old lists. This is an “Interim” catalogue because there is much more scope for detailed listing of the contents of the archive in future.

If you’d like to use this archive, do get in touch: our contact details are on the front cover of this catalogue.

Alison Cullingford, Special Collections Librarian.

# Collection description

## Reference code

GB 0532 MAP.

## Title

Archives of The Medical Association for the Prevention of War, collected by Dr Alex Poteliakhoff.

## Dates

1951-1996.

## Level of description

Collection.

## Extent

1.5 linear metres.

## Name of creator

The Medical Association for the Prevention of War and Dr. Alex Poteliakhoff, medical practitioner.

## Administrative history

The Medical Association for the Prevention of War (MAPW) was founded in 1951. It originated in a letter to the Lancet signed by seven distinguished doctors (Richard Doll, Alfred Esterman, Ian Gilliland, Horace Joules, Duncan Leys, Lionel Penrose, and Martin Pollock) expressing concern at the growing arms race and calling for doctors to use their unique expertise and authority to work for disarmament. This led to extensive correspondence in the Lancet and privately, as a result of which a forum to discuss these issues was held in London on 16 March. Chaired by Dr Joules, it was attended by 130 doctors and led to the founding of the MAPW.

Three working parties were set up: on the misuse of science, psychological aspects of war, and the international role of medicine. From its inception MAPW made its presence felt with protests, such as that in 1952 against a British government embargo on the export of medical supplies to China. Activities diminished during the 1960s and early 1970s, but the investigation into issues of peace and conflict was maintained with MAPW conferences and publications, which reached an international audience.

When the group International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) was formed in 1980, MAPW became an affiliated organisation. The formation, at the same time, of the Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons (MCANW) posed some problems of identity, but MAPW continued with its aims while co-operating with MCANW on nuclear issues. In 1992 MAPW merged with MCANW to form Medact (Medical Action for Global Security).

Dr. Alex Poteliakhoff, who has worked in general practice and in hospitals, joined MAPW in 1951. He has been active in the organisation, serving as Treasurer, Secretary and Vice-Chairman.

## Archival history

Presented by Dr Poteliakhoff to Nick Lewer of the University of Bradford’s Peace Studies department in January 2002.

## Immediate source of acquisition

Donated to Special Collections by Nick Lewer in 2002.

## Scope and content

MAPW records in this Archive include rules, papers of AGMs, Executive Committee and sub-committees, correspondence, accounts, newsletters and other publications, and files on conferences, lectures and fundraising. There are files on initiatives including the Lionel Penrose Trust, Medical Educational Trust and the John Humphrey Memorial Trust, and on the eventual merger with MCANW. Four artificial subject files (H2, H3, H6, H7) bring together early correspondence and significant material for the history of MAPW. Some papers appear to have been acquired by Dr Poteliakhoff independently of his work in MAPW.

## Appraisal

Archival appraisal will be carried out as the Archive is catalogued in more detail.

## Accruals

Several files in the sequence were retained by Dr Poteliakhoff which may be donated to Special Collections at a later date (files J1, M1, M8, P1, P2, W1).

## System of arrangement

Files arranged in an alphabetical sequence by Dr. Poteliakhoff.

## Access conditions

Available to researchers, by appointment. Access to archive material is subject to preservation requirements and must also conform to the restrictions of the Data Protection Act and any other appropriate legislation. The correspondence sections of this archive contain personal data on individuals and access is therefore restricted under the Act. More detailed cataloguing may make it possible to refine this restriction. Researchers should contact the Special Collections Librarian for information about the status of the material they wish to view.

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## Language of material

English.

## Related archives

The Wellcome Library Archives and Manuscripts holds records of Medact and MCANW.

## Publications

Physicians and the Peace Movement*,* by Nick Lewer (Cass, 1992). The Archive contains many published and unpublished articles concerning the history of MAPW.

## Archivist’s note

Original descriptions by John Brooker, revisions by Alison Cullingford.

## Rules or conventions

ISAD(G) 2nd ed.

## Date(s) of description

May 2002 (Collection description) and March 2004 (Handlist), revised December 2013.

## Indexing

### Persons

Poteliakhoff, Alex

### Corporate bodies

Medical Association for the Prevention of War

### Subjects

Physicians

Peace movements – History

War, Medical aspects – History

# Details of archive contents

## Introduction

As noted in the collection description, the donor has put the Archive into an alphabetical sequence based on file title.

## Files in alphabetical sequence

### A1 AGMs, MAPW

1957, 1971-1992. Lacking 1951-56, 1958-70, 1978, 1980, 1987. Agendas, reports, minutes. Restricted under DPA.

### A2 Appeals, MAPW

1980, 1984, 1988. Correspondence, circulars, lists of donors. Restricted under DPA.

### A3 Accounts, MAPW

1967-1992, incomplete. Annual accounts, notes, correspondence, premises agreement 1988. Restricted under DPA.

### A4 Articles, miscellaneous

1960-1988 and undated. Typescripts and published articles.

### A5 MAPW Australia

1981-1992. Correspondence, issues of *Pulse*, articles.

### A6 Anthems

1980, 1982. MAPW proposal to Unesco World Congress on Disarmament Education to eliminate "military power and war" from national anthems. Typescript proposal and press cuttings.

### A7 Addresses of associations and organisations

1988-1991 and undated. Contact details of related organisations, associations, individuals. Restricted under DPA.

### B1 Brandt report

1980-1982. Brandt report, North-South : a programme for survival. Correspondence, briefings, notes, meetings.

### B2 Booklets

1951-1990 and undated. Pamphlets, leaflets from MAPW and other organisations.

### C1 Correspondence

1951-1969. Restricted under DPA.

### C2 Correspondence

1970-1979. Restricted under DPA.

### C3 Correspondence

1980-1982. Restricted under DPA.

### C4 Correspondence

1982-1991. Restricted under DPA.

### C5 Conferences. Rome, Toronto, Berlin 1952

Congres Mondial des Medecins, Rome. 18th International Red Cross Conference, Toronto. Papers on use of biological weapons in Korea, 1952. Restricted.

### C6 Conferences

1964-1978 Martin Birnstingl on medicine in North Vietnam, 6 May 1967. Education for War and Peace, 30 June to 2 July 1967. Instead of War, 21 July 1978.

### C7 Chiswick Women's Aid Conference, Royal Society of Medicine November 1977

Erin Pizzey spoke to MAPW about her work. Report and correspondence.

### C8 Conference: The human cost of wars since 1945. 16 October 1982

Programme, correspondence. Restricted under DPA.

### C9 Conference: Nuclear winter and Chemical war. 19 May 1984

Flyers, correspondence, list of participants. Restricted under DPA.

### C10 Chemical and Biological Warfare

1988-1989. Working Party. Correspondence, newsletters, press cuttings. Iraq, Kurdistan, Halabja. Restricted under DPA.

### C11 Culture of Peace.

Copy of Seville Statement 1986, correspondence and documents 1993-1994. Restricted under DPA.

### C12 Conference: Chemical and Biological Weapons, RSM, 26 April 1986.

Report on conference and extracts from the papers.

### C13 Conference: Can We Prevent War? Guy's Hospital, 8 June 1991.

Programme, flyer, correspondence, list of speakers and attendees. Restricted under DPA.

### C14 Conference: The Issue of Human Rights. Friends' House, 21 July 1990

Programme, flyer.

### C15 Conference: The Right to Wage War. RSM, 11 May 1985

Press cuttings, background paper.

### C16 Conference: Education and Health, with Teachers for Peace, 11 June 1988

Summaries of talks.

### E1 Executive Committee Minutes

8 Oct 1951-12 Feb 1992, incomplete. Minutes, agendas, papers. Restricted.

### E2 Ethics, including Apartheid and Medical Ethics

1968-1973. Ethical Committee/Sub-Committee. Minutes, circulars, correspondence, papers, press cuttings. Restricted.

### E3 East-West Reach, East-West Peace People

1984-1986. Notes, ephemera, position papers, circulars, newsletters.

### G1 Gulf War: Papers

1985-1988. Circulars, papers from other organisations and individuals

### H1 John Humphrey Memorial Trust

1988-1996. Set up to institute annual lecture. Correspondence, copy of deed of trust text. Restricted under DPA.

### H2 History of MAPW

1951-1954. Correspondence, articles, press cuttings, documents concerning founding of MAPW.

### H3 History of MAPW

1951-1990. Press cuttings, circulars, notes, articles.

### H4 UK/USSR MEP (Medical Exchange Programme), later HealthProm

1983-1994. Circulars, correspondence.

### H5 Human Rights

1981-1982. Circulars, correspondence between Stan Windass and AP.

### H6 History of MAPW

1981-1991. Correspondence, list of activities to 1988, questionnaire, 50th anniversary conference. Restricted.

### H7 History of MAPW: Labour Party proscription

1952-1963, 1986. Correspondence concerning political stance of MAPW and its proscription by the Labour Party as "communist front". Including 1986 correspondence between AP and Labour Party archivist on surviving records on this issue. Restricted under DPA.

### H8 HEART. Health and Refugee Trust (South Africa)

1988 Circulars and correspondence. Doll and Hoffenberg were trustees.

### I1. IPPNW, First Congress, Airlie. 20-25 March 1981

I2. IPPNW, Second Congress, Cambridge, 1982, and preliminary papers for Third Congress, Amsterdam, June 1983.

Restricted under DPA.

### I3. IPPNW, Second Congress, Accounts, Indemnity

Correspondence 1981-1982. Restricted under DPA.

### I4. IPPNW, Second Congress, Fund raising

Correspondence, papers 1981-1982. Restricted under DPA.

### I5. IPPNW, Third Congress, Amsterdam, June 1983

### I6. IPPNW, Fourth Congress, Finland, 1984

### I7a & b. IPPNW, Fifth Congress, Budapest, 1985

Restricted under DPA

### I8. IPPNW, Sixth Congress, Cologne, 1986

Restricted under DPA.

### I9. IPPNW, Seventh Congress, Moscow, 1987

 Restricted under DPA.

### I10. IPPNW, Seventh Congress, Moscow, 1987. Speeches etc.

### I11. IPPNW, Eighth Congress, Montreal, 1988

Restricted under DPA.

### I12. IPPNW, First European Symposium, Brussels, 1985

Second European Symposium, Madrid, 1986; Fifth European Symposium, Coventry, 1990.

### I13. IPPNW, Third European Symposium, Prague, 1987

Restricted under DPA.

### I14. Centre for International Peacebuilding

1982-1984. Minutes, circulars, correspondence. Restricted under DPA.

### I15. IPPNW Correspondence

1980-1987. Correspondence, minutes, circulars. Restricted under DPA.

### I16. Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues MAPW Submission, 22 August 1981.

Restricted under DPA.

### I17. Industry and the Bomb

1970, 1983. Symposium RSM 26 November 1983. Papers, correspondence on organising and publishing symposium, press cuttings. Correspondence re links with business 1970. Restricted under DPA.

### **I18 IPPNW, Fifth European Symposium, Coventry, 1990. Chemical and biological** warfare workshop.

1985-1990. Correspondence 1989-1990, press cuttings and background documents 1985-1988. Includes 1969 paper: *Health effects of possible use of chemical and biological weapons* by W.H.O. group of consultants, 21 November 1969 Professor J.H. Humphrey. Restricted under DPA.

### L1 Leicester Branch, MAPW

1981-1985. Restricted under DPA.

### L2 London Group, MAPW

1983-1985. Circulars, correspondence, ephemera. Restricted under DPA.

### L3 London Group, MAPW. AGM and lectures, 8 September 1984

Flyers, correspondence. Restricted under DPA .

### L4 Lionel Penrose Trust. Setting Up/Initiation to Establishment

1971-1979. Correspondence and papers. Restricted under DPA.

### L5 Lionel Penrose Trust. Covenants, Accounts. 1977-1985. Correspondence with Grant-making Charities

1977-1985. Correspondence, forms, lists of covenants. Restricted under DPA.

### L6 Lionel Penrose Trust. Covenants, Accounts. Correspondence

1980-1987. Restricted under DPA.

### L7 Lionel Penrose Trust. Correspondence and Accounts

1984-1994. Restricted under DPA.

### L8 Lionel Penrose Trust. Covenants

1989-1993. Restricted under DPA.

### L9 Lionel Penrose Trust. Covenants

1979-1984. Restricted under DPA.

### L10 Lionel Penrose Trust. Correspondence with E.P. Cadbury re endowment

1985. Restricted under DPA.

### M2 MCANW Documents

1988-1991. Annual report 1990-1991, circulars, press cuttings, reports.

### M3 MCANW Minutes, correspondence

1981-1987.

### M4. Medical Needs of Developing Countries.

1986, 1990. Includes paper by Dr Poteliakhoff. Restricted under DPA.

### M5a and b. Mediation Project

1987-1992. Work with University of Bradford. Restricted under DPA.

### M6 Membership lists and mailing lists

1969-1984. Lists of members and contacts. Restricted under DPA.

### M7 Miscellaneous: Including Tokyo Declaration, Brandt Report, Just Defence etc

1980s-1991

### M9 MCANW, Correspondence

1982-1984. Restricted under DPA.

### M10 Merger of MAPW with MCANW

Correspondence 1981-1992. Restricted under DPA.

### M11 MET (Medical Educational Trust)

1981-1983. Restricted under DPA.

### M12 MAPW A.G.M. 1983

Included showing of film *One million Hiroshimas*, speech by guest speaker Jonathan Dimbleby, *The media and the bomb*, and briefing for the general election 1983. Restricted under DPA.

### M13 Direct mailing campaign in conjunction with IPPNW

1985. Correspondence and content of direct mailing to doctors. Restricted under DPA.

### N1 MAPW Newsletters

1969-1991 incomplete.

### N2 Newspaper and journal cuttings

1957-1993.

### N3 National Peace Council. Some papers

1962-1963. Circulars, minutes, reports.

### N4 Nuclear Warfare Tribunal, London, 1985.

Tokyo Declaration, 1984. International Peace Bureau seminar on the illegality of weapons of societal destruction, 1984. 1984-1985. Flyers, reports, testimony.

### P3 Conference, posters etc.

1961-1994. Circulars, conference publicity.

### P4 Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR)

1965, 1980. Circulars, newsletters

### R1 Refugee Studies programme, Oxford University

1987-1989. Annual report, flyers and circulars.

### R2 Rules, MAPW

1951-1981 and undated.

### S1 SANA (Scientists Against Nuclear Arms) Conference, Budapest, July 1986.

Programme, correspondence. Restricted under DPA.

### S2 SSD3 Third Special Session on Disarmament of the U.N. General Assembly, 1988

Includes MAPW written statement to the SSD.

### T1 Terrorism: causes and prevention

Conference, RSM London, 3 Oct 1987. Conference programme and flyer. Questionnaire on MAPW members' attitudes and report by AP on findings (no completed questionnaires in file).

### U1 United Nations

1983-1988. Correspondence, circulars, press etc. (MAPW approved for association with U.N. Department of Public Information in 1983). Restricted under DPA.

### W2 World Court Project

1992-1996. Correspondence, periodicals, documents re judgment by the International Court of Justice on use of nuclear weapons. Restricted under DPA.

### W3 Centre for World Development Education

World Development Movement, chapter from the Brandt Report. Documents. 1980-1989. Circulars, bulletins, press.

### Y1 Yugoslavia

1991-1992. Correspondence and press cuttings etc. Report of visit September 1991 by Nick Lewer. Restricted under DPA.

### Z Publications

**MAPW journals**

*Bulletin*, Medical Association for Prevention of War, nos. 1-27, May 1951-June 1964

*Journal of the Medical Association for Prevention of War*, Vol. 3, nos. 8-12, Autumn 1982-October 1984.

*Proceedings of the Medical Association for Prevention of War*, Vol. 1, nos. 1-10, April 1965-December 1969.

*Proceedings of the Medical Association for Prevention of War*, Vol. 2, nos. 1-10, June 1970-November 1975.

*Proceedings of the Medical Association for Prevention of War*, Vol. 3, nos. 1-7, February 1977-Spring 1982.

*Proceedings of the Medical Association for Prevention of War*, Vol. 1, 1965-1969.

**MAPW pamphlets**

Comfort, Alex. *How to Read the Newspapers (and listen to the News Bulletins)*. London : MAPW, [n.d.].

Kerr, David. *MAPW Annual General Meeting 1955, Secretary's Report*. London : Executive Committee of MAPW, [1955].

Leys, Duncan. *The Hippocratic Oath and the Declaration of Geneva*. London : Executive Committee of MAPW, 1952.

*The medical ethic*. London : Executive Committee of MAPW, [n.d.].

**MAPW conferences**

“Education for War and Peace”. Reprinted from *The Lancet*, 1967, July 15, pp. 149-150.

“Factors in the Aetiology of War”. Reprinted from *The Lancet*, 1964, July 25, pp. 200-202.

“The Doctor and Situations of Tension”. Reprinted from *The Lancet*, 1966, July 23, pp. 221-222.

“The Pathogenesis of War”. Reprinted from *The Lancet*, 1961, July 29, pp. 259-261.

*Industry and the bomb : proceedings of a symposium held at the Royal Society of Medicine on Saturday 26th November 1983*. Organised by MAPW, MCANW and BIFIS, the Business and Industry Forum for International Stability.

*MAPW Bulletin Supplement*, July 1955, “Proceedings of the Annual Conference : Medical Effects of Radioactivity”. London : Executive Committee of MAPW, 1955.

Penrose, Margaret (ed.) *Pathogenesis of war : proceedings of a conference held at Oxford by the Medical Association for the Prevention of War* July 1962. London : H.K.Lewis, 1963.

Penrose, Margaret (ed.) *Third Conference on the Pathogenesis of War*. MAPW, 1963.

**Non-MAPW publications**

*International Peace Research Newsletter*. Vol. 5, no. 2, June 1966.

Lentz, Theo F. *Towards a science of peace*. New York : Bookman Associates, 1961. Inscribed by author to Lionel Penrose, 21 Aug 62.

Luard, Evan. *Human rights and foreign policy*. Oxford : Pergamon Press on behalf of United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 1981. (Formerly MP for Oxford and Junior Minister with responsibility for Human Rights, 1976-1978).

Merrington, M. et al. (eds.) *A list of papers and correspondence of Lionel Sharples Penrose (1898-1972) held in Manuscripts Room, University College London Library*, 1979. London : Publications Office, University College London, 1979.