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**E. BRUCE COPLAND FONDS. – 1947-1956. – 7 cm of textual records.**

Edward Bruce Copland, (1901-1989) was an ordained United Church missionary and administrator. He studied at McGill University, United Theological College (Montreal), and in Edinburgh and in Paris, earning the degrees of M.A. and D.D. He served at the Honan Mission in China during 1922-1926 and 1931-1942. He was the Executive Secretary of the Church of Christ in China from 1942 to 1951, and secretary for missionary personnel for the National Council of Churches of Christ (U.S.A.) during the early 1950s. He taught school in Taiwan from 1929 to 1931, and was appointed Associate General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Formosa in 1957.

Fonds consists of correspondence and other documents relating to missionary work in China and Formosa. Partially unsorted.

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BOX 1

- File 1. "The Church and Communist China", 1947 (1 document)
- 1947, (Spring) - "A Declaration by Chinese Christians Present Situation" - 12 signatures-
- Note by Bruce Copland - "This was published and probably sent to some proper agency of the government in Nanking. It was followed up by a delegation of Christians who met President Chiang Kai-shek in July, 1947". (1 document)
2. 1948 - "Christian Interests and the Communist State in China" - Professor Searle Bates, Nanking University (later Professor of Christian Missions, Union Theological Seminary, New York) - "an article written by request for an American church paper by a missionary in China" (1 document)
3. 1948 - "Mr. Wang lives in Communist China" - Dr. Charles C. West, American Presbyterian missionary teaching at Cheeloo University, Shantung (later at Princeton University) (1 document)
4. 1949, 1950 - Three articles by Dr. T.C. Chao, Professor in the School of Religion, Yenching University and leading Chinese Christian intellectual.
1. Revolution in China
  2. Christian Churches in Communist China
  3. Six Months after the Liberation of Peiping
5. 1950 - "Annual Letter" of Professor Miner Searle Bates and Lilliath R. Bates", August 1. "Nearing San Francisco" - 20 typewritten pages 8½ x 11, single spaced. "Please do not quote in print, in any form, unless specifically authorized". (1 document) - 20 pages.
6. 1950 - "Four documents written in 1950 about the prospects for the church in China. All were written by Protestants" -E. Bruce Copland.
1. "written either by a Chinese Christian who met with government leaders in Peking, or by a missionary who made this summary"
  2. E. Bruce Copland, "Prospects for Christian Work in China", written in Hong Kong, drafted early in November, 1950
  3. Written by a well-informed Chinese Christian about 1950". 2 pages.
  4. "Account of the Trial of the Roman Catholic Hospital", Dr. Tuan and Dr. Pan. 2 pages.

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- File 7.            1949, June 2 to 1951, March 20, between Rev. Dr. Hiram H. Tsui, General Secretary, Church of Christ in China and Rev. Edward Bruce Copland, Executive Secretary, Church of Christ in China.
1. June 2, 1949 - 1 page
  2. October 31, 1949 - 1 page
  3. November [20], 1949 - 1 page (page 2 of a multi-page letter; other pages not available)
  4. January 10, 1950 - 3 pages
  5. April 5, 1950 - 2 pages
  6. June 16, 1950 - 3 pages
  7. October 14, 1950 - page 1, page 5 (pages 3,4 missing) plus 4 page appendix
  8. November 16, 1950 - 2 pages
  9. November 24, 1950 - 2 pages plus 3 page appendix
  10. December 20, 1950 - 1 page
  11. December 30, 1950 - 1 page
  12. January 26, 1951 - 1 page
  13. February 5, 1951 - 1 page
  14. February 21, 1951 - 1 page
  15. February 21, 1951 - 2 pages plus printed resolution in Chinese
  16. March 9, 1951 - 1 page
  17. March 20, 1951 - 1 page
- File 8.            1950, March 8 - 2 letters between Samuel K. Ing, Chairman, Standing Committee of General Council Church of Christ in China and Edward Bruce Copland. Each letter 2 pages in length.
9.                1950, 1951 - 8 letters and documents relating to the withdrawal of London Missionary Society Missionaries from China.
1. 1950, Excerpt from September Board Meeting minutes, 3 pages, typescript, legal size, single spaced
  2. 1950, November. Future policy re China. 4 pages
  3. 1950, December 13, Officers of the London Missionary Society to Dr. Hiram H. Tsui, General Secretary, General Assembly, Church of Christ in China. 2 pages.
  4. 1950, December 20 - Ronald K. Orchard, Secretary, London Missionary Society to Edward Bruce Copland, Hong Kong
  5. 1951, January 27 - Samuel K. Ing and Hiram H. Tsui to Rev. Maxwell James, General Secretary, London Missionary Society, 2 pages.

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6. 1951, February 22 - Edward Bruce Copland, Hong Kong to Ronald K. Orchard, London Missionary Society. 2 pages.
  7. 1951, February 28 - Ronald K. Orchard, London Missionary Society to Edward Bruce Copland, Hong Kong. 2 pages.
  8. 1951, March 19 - Ronald K. Orchard, London Missionary Society, to Hiram H. Tsui, General Assembly, Church of Christ in China, Shanghai.
- File 10. 1951 - Correspondence with other missionary societies relating to China.
1. 1951, March 6 - Edward Bruce Copland, Hong Kong to "the Secretaries of Missionary Societies cooperating with the Church of Christ in China" - 1 page.
  2. 1951, March 19 - Laura K \_\_\_\_\_ Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary, Women's Missionary Society W.D., Presbyterian Church of Canada to Dr. Hiram H. Tsui, General Secretary, General Assembly, Church of Christ in China, Shanghai. 1 page.
  3. 1951, April 9 - Ruth H \_\_\_\_\_ Taylor, Overseas Missions Executive Secretary, United Church of Canada to Dr. Hiram H. Tsui, General Assembly, Church of Christ in China, Shanghai. 1 page.
- File 11. 1951 - "The End of a Missionary Era in China: Reflections on Lessons to be Learned", by Victor E.W. Hayward. 13 pages.
12. 1952 - United Church Observer, 3 articles on the China Mission experience by Edward Bruce Copland.  
April 15 - 2 pages  
May 1 - 3 pages
  13. 1956 - "Notes on the history of the Canadian Mission and the Chinese Church in North Honan, 1888-1947 by Edward Bruce Copland. 5 pages.
  14. A. Documents:  
National Council of Churches, Division of Foreign Missions.
    - a. Missionary Training Conference, Meadville, Penn. 1953-1956
    - b. Missionary Training Conference, Allegheny College
    - c. Report on "b" above, 1956

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B. Pamphlets:

- a. Meadville Missionary Training Conference, n.d.
- b. National Council of Churches, Division of Foreign Missions - Committee on Missionary Personnel:
  - i. New Trends in Missionary-----Training in the United States.
  - ii. Recruiting, Selection and Training of Missionaries in North America.

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