

Adrian Meewis Collection, 1962-1989

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Descriptive Summary

Title

Adrian Meewis Collection, 1962-1989

Creator

This collection was donated to the Model Colony Room by Adrian Meewis on April 25, 1989.

Extent

Number of containers: 10

Linear feet: 15

Abstract

Adrian Meewis came of age hiding from the Nazis in his native Holland. He immigrated to Ontario in 1947. He held the distinction of having the 12,000th telephone installed in his home at 742 S. Vine Ave. in 1950. He attained his US citizenship in the early 1950's. Taking to heart the judge's admonition to "get involved," he began attending city council meetings and soon became aware of Ontario International Airport's growing pangs. By 1954, he maintained that the noise from aircraft taking off from the Ontario Airport was disrupting his life. He began to accumulate noise studies and reports, and attend numerous city, county and regional meetings held on the subject of airport noise.

For the next 35 years he fought against the airport's noise, wanting its operations removed to Norton AFB in downtown San Bernardino. He helped form a citizen's committee of homeowners that initiated a seven year lawsuit against the Los Angeles Dept. of Airports. Early on in the lawsuit, Mr. Meewis and his committee rejected an initial settlement offer from LAX. After a long fight the committee finally settled, unfortunately garnering less than half of that initial offer from LAX.

In 1989 he gave up the fight and moved to quieter Calimesa, Ca. He donated 69 binders documenting his fight against the airport noise and other city affairs to the Model Colony Room on April 25, 1989. He died three years later in 1992.

Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research during the operating hours of the Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room, or by appointment.

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Acquisitions Information

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Container List

Box 1

Folders 1-3	Jet Noise correspondence – 1962-1971
Folders 4-13	Noise Complaint Reports – 1072 reports covering 1983-1984
Folders 14-19	Noise Abatement Advisory Committee correspondence from 1982-1987

Box 2

Folders 1-3	Noise Abatement Advisory Committee correspondence from 1987-1989
Folder 4	Noise Readings
Folders 5-6	Study Duplicates
Folder 7	OIA Noise Impact Study Preliminary copy
Folders 8-10	Airport Correspondence
Folders 9-16	Part 150 Study 1977-1989- and contract for study, 1986
Folders 17-20	Dept. of Transportation correspondence 1974-1985

Box 3

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- 1-3 General correspondence – city, county, state, federal from 1962-1971
- 4 Copies of letters to the Daily Report 1962-1972
- 5 Correspondence – FAA, CAB, Federal Government, Air National Guard, 1962-1968
- 6 Correspondence – State of California, 1962-1972
- 7 Correspondence – Los Angeles County Airport Commission, Los Angeles City Council, 1962-1972
- 8 Correspondence – Ontario City Council, 1962-1973
- 9 Correspondence – Ontario Improvement Assn., 1960-1963
- 10 Correspondence – Autry, Mason, Meewis, Swain 1960's
- 11 General correspondence – 1962; may be copies of letters in other files
- 12 General correspondence – 1963; ditto above
- 13 General correspondence – 1964; ditto above
- 14 General correspondence – 1965-1970; ditto above
- 15 General correspondence – 1971; ditto above
- 16 General correspondence – 1972; ditto above
- 17 General correspondence - 1973-74; ditto above
- 18 General correspondence – 1975-1979; ditto above
- 19 General correspondence – 1980-83 and undated
- 20-22 Copy of dissertation, J. Frederic Blitstein, Claremont Graduate School, 1971, 451 pages, "America's Turmoil: A View from the Suburbs"

Box 4

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- 1 Three Ontario Community Development Block Grant Applications for 1975, 1976, 1977-78
- 2 "Noise Element of the General Plan", Ontario, CA – 2 Copies – a draft dated June 23, 1975 and (final?) copy dated Sept. 1975
- 3 "Community Noise Survey, Ontario California Sound Level Data Report Appendix Sections. June 1977. Written by Paul

Clark, Noise Control Engineer, Ontario Planning Department. This document consists of 6 separate comb-bound sections.

- 4 3 copies of the draft EIR for the Ontario International Airport, June 1973 . Prepared by Northrop Corp.
- 5 EIR for the Ontario International Airport, Vols 1,2,4,5, dated April and June 1973. Prepared by Northrop Corp.
- 6 Final EIR Ontario International Airport. Aug. 1975. Prepared by Olson Laboratories Inc. 1 vol.
- 7 Petitions of Ontario citizens opposing the General Plan, undated.
- 8 "Economic Feasibility of Financing Further Development of Ontario International Airport with Airport Revenue Bonds. Jan. 3, 1958. Submitted by James C. Buckley, Inc. for the Ontario City Council.
- 9 "Ontario Airport Impact Study" undated. Alternative solutions draft report. Incomplete.
- 10 "Analysis of Demand for Commercial Scheduled Air Transportation out of Ontario International Airport". United Research Inc. June, 1964
- 11 "Ontario". Report submitted to Ontario City Council by the General Plan class at Cal Poly dated Nov. 8, 1973
- 12 Five promotional brochures on Ontario and the airport, 1964, 1969, 1971,1980-81, 1983-84 from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.
- 13 Misc. Ontario city reports, 1970-1977:
 - Annual Report Ontario Fire Dept. 1970
 - Annual Financial Statements, FY June 30, 1971
 - Revenue Statement Dec. 31, 1971
 - City Annual Budget 1971-72
 - Mission of City Clerk's office circa 1972
 - Goals, Objectives and Programs-Community Relations Commission, 1976-77
- 14 Misc. Ontario Police Dept. reports, publications, circa 1970:
 - History of the Ontario Police Dept 1891-1969
 - OPD Annual Report 1970
 - General Information, rules to discourage burglars
- 15 TAG (Toward Active Government) information, meeting Agendas, minutes, flyers, 1972-1974
- 16 Ontario city council agendas, letters etc. 1962, 1966-69

- 17 Euclid underpass project – articles, agendas, 1975
- 18 Ontario low cost housing, articles, letters, 1969-1971
- 19 S. Ontario's attempt to annex itself to Chino – 1965
- 20 Downtown Advisory Committee articles; 1969-1985

Box 5

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- 1 Copy of original Ontario Airport Contract with the city of Los Angeles, Oct. 18, 1967
- 2 Misc. Ontario city reports, General Plan, 701 plan – 1970-71
- 3 Misc. Ontario city reports – 1972
- 4 Misc. Ontario city reports – 1973
- 5 Misc. Ontario city reports – 1974, 1975
- 6 Misc. Ontario city reports – 1976, 1977
- 7 Misc. Ontario city reports – 1978-80, 1982-83
- 8 Misc. Ontario city reports – 1984-1987
- 9 Misc. Ontario city reports, agendas, etc. 1988-89
- 10 Maps – tract and geographical of Ontario airport noise
- 11 Copies of various laws, ordinances, statutes, cases, codes Against airport noise collected by Mr. Meewis

Box 6

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- 1 Los Angeles Airport Commission, agendas and minutes of Meetings, misc. newsletters, 1969, 1971-74
- 2 Los Angeles Airport Commission, agendas and minutes, 1975-76
- 3 Public Hearings on Draft EIR for OIA, Jan. 1974, vol. 1 & 2
- 4 FAA Draft Environmental Impact Statement – OIA, Oct. 1976, vol. 2; Final EIR, vol. 1, May 1978
- 5 Draft EIR for OIA Ground Access and Terminal Expansion, May 1982 and Notice of Preparation for same, Jan. 1981
- 6 Burbank airport – meeting minutes, newsletter, correspondence, Noise Abatement Rules – 1983-84, 1987-88
- 7 Palmdale airport – EIS, Jan. 1973, letter and clipping, 1963
- 8 John Wayne airport – draft Master Plan – July 1984
- 9 Inglewood/Torrance correspondence – 1970-1979

- 10 LAX – annual reports, 1970-72, 1975; Advisory Committee minutes and agendas, 1987; EIR Widening World Way-1975
- 11 OIA correspondence, reports – 1960's, 1973-74
- 12 OIA correspondence, noise resolutions – 1975-77
- 13 OIA correspondence, reports – 1980-1988
- 14 Noise readings taken at Mr. Meewis' residence, 1981-82

Box 7

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- 1 Misc. notes, correspondence, minutes attended/taken by Mr. Meewis – 1969-1971
- 2 Misc. notes, correspondence, minutes attended/taken by Mr. Meewis – 1972-74
- 3 Misc. notes, correspondence by Mr. Meewis – 1975-76, 1987
- 4 Misc. undated notes
- 5 Correspondence, agendas, minutes, resolution – cities of Chino, Claremont, Fontana, Montclair-1973 and 1980's
- 6 Ontario-Montclair School District correspondence re: airport noise – 1969, 1976, 1984
- 7 San Bernardino County – reports, minutes, newsletters, correspondence – 1971-1977
- 8 RPA – Regional Plan Association: newsletters, brochures – 1970-1985
- 9 SCAG (So. Calif. Assn of Govts.) agendas, reports, correspondence – 1972-82
- 10 West Valley Planning Agency reports, correspondence – 1969-1982
- 11 West Valley Airport Land Use Commission reports, correspondence – 1973-1988
- 12 California State – reports, testimony, lawsuit, correspondence on noise – 1972-1979
- 13 League of Calif. Cities misc. info – 1971-74
- 14 Misc. pamphlets, reports from the US Congress, Treasury, Dept. of Commerce and Federal Reserve System – 1971-81
- 15 Misc. reports from US Dept. of Housing/Urban Development (HUD) – 1970-1975

Box 8

Lawsuits, legal information

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- 1 Jewett conflict of interest case – 1972-73 (he was on the Ontario Planning commission)
- 2 Tax records, property lists, grant deeds to properties Surrounding OIA – 1971-72
- 3 Ontario City Attorney Kloepper conflict of interest case (Yvonne Madsen brought suit) – 1974
- 4 Yvonne Madsen lawsuit against Ontario, Los Angeles, San Bernardino County and LAX for failing to regulate noise from OIA – 1975
- 5 Yvonne Madsen vs. Ontario, San Bernardino County and LAX (“the Concerned Citizen’s lawsuit”) – 1976-1984
- 6 Petitions and signatures regarding OIA and against AB 1801 1972-73
- 7 Concerned Citizens Group – minutes, agendas, flyers – 1972-1989
- 8 Environmental Protection Agency reports, pamphlets, testimony on noise – 1971-1980

Box 9

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- 1 FAA and Civil Aeronautics Board reports, 1960-1989
- 2 Items removed from this collection

Misc. reports, brochures, reprints, magazine articles, company reports on the general subject of aircraft noise – 1970-1980

Newspaper clippings on noise, aircraft, lawsuits, and other items of interest to Mr. Meewis:

- 3 1929-1969
- 4 1970-1971
- 5 1972-1974
- 6 1975-1979
- 7 1980-1985

Box 10

Newspaper clippings on noise, aircraft, lawsuits, and other items of interest to Mr. Meewis – 1929 to 1989, arranged by year:

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1	1986
2	1986
3	1987
4	1988
5	1989
6	Undated articles