# Adrian Meewis Collection, 1962-1989

# Ontario City Library Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room



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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 12,000<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Acquisitions Information**

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### **Processing 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

Folder	
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
Folder	
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

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
Folder	
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
Folder	
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

Euclid underpass project – articles, agendas, 1975

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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

Folder	
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

# Lawsuits, legal information

#### Folder

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
- Ontario City Attorney Kloepfer 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
- 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

### Folder

- 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: Folder

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

6 Undated articles