

Contents of the Papers of Harry Dexter White
Relating to National and International
Monetary and Financial Matters, 1930-1948.

MEMORANDA, STUDIES, LETTERS

I. Pre-war Period, 1930-1939

1. Selection of a Monetary Standard for the United States,
by White, dated September 22, 1934 (400 pages)
2. United States Economy-- Short memoranda on the domestic economic situation in 1935 and proposals for deficit spending and taxation of idle deposits, dated during 1938 and 1939.
3. China-- Memo on the economic situation in, during the mid-1930's and proposal of assistance to, (undated). Proposal for letter to the President urging the extension of aid to, dated October 10, 1938.
4. Foreign Currencies-- Report on a trip by White to London, April-May 1935 to discuss European currency matters, dated June 13, 1935; notes on the condition of the British pound during 1938, and memos on the international competitive positions of various countries in 1938.
5. "Hot Money"-- Memo to Secretary Morgenthau by Mr. Haas, and a ninety page fragment of a study on the subject, undated.
6. Monetary Standards and International Financial Policy-- Memo on international equilibrium; discussion questions on gold, silver, currency, foreign capital in the United States, and the Federal Reserve system for a Conference on Gold and Silver to be held on February 26, 1940; also various publications by others on gold and monetary standards.
7. Silver-- Memo on an increase in the domestic price of silver, dated April 16, 1935; "Transcript of Imaginary Hearings Held in February 1939 before the special Senatorial Committee on Silver".
8. Gold--Suggested speech on "Gold Imports into the United States," dated December 16, 1935; "Transcript of Imaginary Hearings on Gold before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee in May 1937;" various memoranda on the question and problems of earmarking gold; discussion of gold as a monetary standard, and fragmentary notes and studies on the same.

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9. Gold-- Notebook containing studies and memos on gold, 1939.
10. Gold--The Future of Gold (approx. 300 pages); several drafts of an unpublished study by White on gold in national and international finance, 1939 and 1940.
11. Monetary, Fiscal and Currency Studies--by various members of the Division of Monetary Research, dated August 1938.
12. Business Prospects for 1939 and 1940--Notes and memoranda on discussions by the Fiscal and Monetary Commission, 1939.
13. Europe-- Studies and notes on economic and financial conditions in certain countries, 1938-1939.

II. War and the Immediate Prewar Period, 1939-1945.

14. Foreign Assistance--Memorandum suggesting financial and other assistance to Latin America, China, Russia, to stop aggression by Germany and Japan, dated March 31, 1939; additional proposals of aid to Latin America, dated June 6, 1939; September 19, 1939; and March 27, 1940.
15. War Policy-- Memos on foreign policy and what to do in the event of war, dated during 1939 and 1940; report on the possibilities of depriving the aggressor countries of needed strategic war materials.
16. Japan-- Proposals of aid to, dated May and November 1941, to stop any intentions of aggression.
17. National Monetary and Banking Policy--Replies to Questions submitted by the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, probably in late 1940 or early 1941.
18. Department of Supply--Proposal for creation of a, to facilitate the mobilization of men and materials for the war effort, June 13, 1941.
19. "The Central Bank and Stabilization Fund", Report to the Cuban Government on April 22, 1942 by the American Technical Mission to Cuba.
20. Wartime Fiscal Policy and Mobilization--Notes and memos on, during 1940-1942.
21. Postwar Fiscal and Economic Policies--Letters and memos on, during 1942-1945.

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22. Germany--Morgenthau Plan for; notes on discussions with British officials in 1944 on policy towards Germany, and an extensive presentation of proposed policy towards Germany, undated.
23. Russia--Drafts of proposal for a loan to, dated March 7, 1944.
24. UN Stabilization Fund and Bank for Reconstruction and Development-- Drafts dated March 1942 and April 1942. Six large notebooks containing drafts of the Stabilization Fund, notes on the International Clearing Union, country comments and messages, and notes on discussions with the technical experts (Numbered 1 through 6, with No. 5 missing, and No. 4 in two parts). Three large notebooks on the Bank, containing drafts and discussions with technical experts. Mimeographed "Questions and Answers on the Bank for Reconstruction and Development," Treasury Dept., February 1944.

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25. France--Information submitted by the French in the loan negotiations during April 1946.
26. Britian-- Speeches by White supporting the Anglo-American Financial Agreement, during 1946.
27. Monetary Fund--Speeches in support of, during 1945; report of conversation with Keynes concerning the holding of the First Governors Meeting; memos on "determination of initial par values" and on "fundamental disequilibrium" presented to Govenors Meetings; notes on the Articles of Agreement, made during 1946; and a "Proposed Amendment" to the Articles of Agreement, 1948.
28. Mexico--Proposed economic, financial and commercial agreements with Mexico, dated anuary 12, 1948.

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29. File of old personal mss. during Treasury and pre-Treasury days; including notes on various readings in international trade and financial theory.

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30. On--Foreign trade of various countries, United States trade with them, gold holdings in foreign countries and in the United States, gold production and movements, silver production and movements, United States investments abroad, capital movements, national income, discount rates, bond prices, and exchange rates, - all for various years from 1928 to 1945.
31. On--International price movements and comparisons of wholesale price levels during the prewar period.
32. On--Currency and deposits, public debt, receipts and expenditures, taxes, production and prices in the United States, for the years 1940-1944, with notes on Reconversion Policies.
33. On--Basic country data for Brazil, Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay during 1946 and 1947.

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34. Treasury Department--Notes on work of the Secretary and Under-Secretary and of the Division of Monetary Research.
35. Miscellaneous-- Untitled and/or undated memoranda not related to the above classified subjects.

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