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Susan Warren (1919-1989) Papers

1943-1988

5 cubic feet + oversize

Personal correspondence, research materials, lecture notes, photographs, audiotapes, travel materials, ephemera and journals containing Warren's observations of China during her work as an editor and writer and her travels to China.

BIOGRAPHY:

Susan Warren was born Mildred Heiligman in New York City in 1919. She grew up in Kearny, New Jersey, and later graduated from the New Jersey College for Women (part of the Rutgers system and now Douglass College) in 1934 with an A.B. in English.

Warren had a penchant for acting, and in the mid-1930s she performed in plays with the New Labor Theatre and the New York Collective Theatre. During World War II, her interests turned to political activism, and in 1947, she became secretary to writer and activist Fred Field. Warren also worked with Maud Russell and the Committee for Democratic Far Eastern Policy as editor of the *Spotlight* newsletter. When the Committee disbanded in 1952, she edited brochures for the *Far East Reporter*. In 1957 and 1959, Warren was called before the House Un-American Activities Committee to testify about her involvement with the Communist Party. Later in 1959, she left for China, where she lived and worked as the English editor for the *Peking Review* until July 1961. During her tenure there and in subsequent visits (1971 and 1977), Warren had the opportunity to travel extensively, keeping journals of her observations and interviews.

Upon her return to the United States, Warren continued to edit and write for the *Far East Reporter* until 1970. In 1971, she became founder and co-chair of the United States-China People's Friendship Association (USCPFA) and visited China again in the Autumn. In 1975, she became the United Nations observer and

correspondent for *New China*, and later the *US-China Review*, writing a number of articles for the magazines.

Throughout the 1970s and early 1980s, Susan Warren taught at New York area colleges. From 1970 to 1975 she taught and tutored students in remedial English, English as a second language, and speech at Manhattan Community College. From 1977 to 1983 she was a mentor in individual instruction programs at Empire State College and Columbia University. During all of her years of teaching, Warren also researched China issues, wrote freelance articles and a book, edited other writers' projects, and lectured about China to a variety of groups and classes. On October 20, 1989, Susan Warren died of cancer after a long illness. Friends and colleagues held a memorial service in her honor on January 13, 1990.

PROVENANCE:

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPERS:

The papers contain personal correspondence and materials, including the complete text of a Chinese language course. The collection also consists of ephemera and journals containing her observations of China during her

employment in the early 1960s and later travels there. Most of the collection consists of research and lecture notes for Warren's writings and speaking engagements. Also included is small number of photographs and audiotapes and four scrapbooks entitled "China's Liberated Regions in Picture" during World War II.

INVENTORY:

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- Folder 1.1. Curriculum vita, 1976 – Susan Warren.
- Folder 1.2. House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities – proceedings of hearings at which Warren testified, 1957, 1959.
- Folder 1.3. William Epton (American Labor Party) imprisonment, January-February 1966 – correspondence, petitions, map of China, Mao pin.
- Folder 1.4. Personal correspondence, 1971-1988.
- Folder 1.5. Museum of Modern Art Department of Film: Post Cultural Revolution Films, June 1972 – schedules of series, summaries, including English translation of dialogue/narration of *Red Flag Canal*.
- Folder 1.6. Reception by Huang Ha for Chinese Table Tennis Delegation, 21 April 1972 – invitation with English translation.
- Folder 1.7. US-China People's Friendship Association, 1971-1972 – notes, first meeting, drafts of draft statement.
- Folder 1.8. Tutoring for individual instruction program, Empire State College, 1980-1982 – notes on individual students.
- Folder 1.9. Chinese Language Course, 1957-1958 – mimeographed lessons 1-20 and exercises.
- Folder 1.10. Chinese Language Course, 1957-1958 – mimeographed lessons 21-41, exercises, and map.
- Folder 1.11. Chinese Language Course, 1957-1958 – class notes in "Chinese I" spiral notebook.
- Folder 1.12. Chinese Language Course, 1957-1958 – class notes in "Chines II" spiral notebook.
- Folder 1.13. Chinese Language Course, 1957-1958 – graded exam in Columbia University blue book.
- Folder 1.14. Chinese I course, NYU, May 1968 – handout on "Chinese Calligraphy: A Brief Outline."

- Folder 1.15. Chinese Language Course, 1983 – notes and exercises.
- Folder 1.16. Chinese Language Course, 1983 – notes and flashcards.
- Folder 1.17. Nuclear Civilizations, The New School, Fall 1972 – bibliography and class notes, Dr. Stigler.
- Folder 1.18. Dynamics of Human Evolution, Columbia University, Dr. Ralph Holloway, undated.
- Folder 1.19. Chinese newspapers.
- Folder 1.20. Photo booklets by Rewi Alley – annual gifts from Ma Haide, 1970-1972, 1980, 1983-1985, 1987-1988.
- Folder 1.21. Picture postcards of China.
- Folder 1.22. Picture postcards of China.
- Folder 1.23. Calendar cards with decorative mask illustrations, 1981.
- Folder 1.24. Commemorative stamp sets, 1976-1977 – Chou En-Lai, Mao, Chu Teh; wildlife, 1984.
- Folder 1.25. City of Shanghai map.
- Folder 1.26. Ticket to Kremlin event – printed in Russian, March 1, 1961.
- Folder 1.27. Personal notebooks, ca. 1962-1984 – include addresses, writings.
- Folder 1.28. Personal notebooks, ca. 1962-1984.
- Folder 1.29. Personal notebooks, ca. 1962-1984.
- Folder 1.30. Personal notebooks, ca. 1962-1984.

TRAVEL NOTEBOOKS CONTAIN INTERVIEWS

Tours of institutions such as factories, schools, communes, and hospitals, and observations about Chinese politics and society.

- Folder 1.31. China travel notes, 1959-1962.
- Folder 1.32. China travel notes, 1959-1962.
- Folder 1.33. China travel notes, 1959-1962.
- Folder 1.34. China travel notes, 1959-1962.
- Folder 1.35. China travel notes, 1959-1962.
- Folder 1.36. China travel notes, 1977 – Taching.
- Folder 1.37. China travel notes, 1977 – numbered notebooks 1-3.
- Folder 1.38. China travel notes, 1977 – numbered notebooks 4-6.
- Folder 1.39. China travel notes, 1977 – numbered notebooks 7(?), 8-9.

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- Folder 2.1 China travel notes, 1977
- Folder 2.2 China travel notes, 1977 – Foochow, Chia Ting, Shanghai.
- Folder 2.3 China travel notes, 1971.

RESEARCH FILES

Research folders may contain handwritten and typed notes, clippings, and publications on particular subjects. Some research folders may correspond to lecture notes in the following section.

- Folder 2.4 General research notes.
- Folder 2.5 General research notes.
- Folder 2.6 General research notes.
- Folder 2.7 *Letter from China*, 1963-1970 – newsletter by Anna Louise Strong.
- Folder 2.8 Clippings, 1964-1971 – by Lisa Armand, chiefly about Vietnam.
- Folder 2.9 Hurley-Stilwell-Chungking Negotiations, 1943-1945 – photocopies of correspondence, memos, reports.
- Folder 2.10 “Anna Louise Strong: Three Interviews with Chairman Mao Zedong,” by Tracy B. Strong and Helene Keyssar. In *The China Quarterly*, ca. 1982.
- Folder 2.11 “Anna Louise Strong: Propagandist of Communism” dissertation by Robert William Pringle, Jr. University of Virginia, June 1970, pages 1-99.
- Folder 2.12 “Anna Louise Strong: Propagandist of Communism” dissertation by Robert William Pringle, Jr. University of Virginia, June 1970, pages 100-213.
- Folder 2.13 United Nations press credentials, November 19, 1964 – letter from *Challenge Desafio* newspaper.
- Folder 2.14 African Issues, ca. 1977.
- Folder 2.15 Hunger figures, India, typed manuscript, 1962-1965.
- Folder 2.16 History and evolution of Communist Party in China, ca. 1983.
- Folder 2.17 Schramm on Mao Tse Tung, 1968.
- Folder 2.18 Praise of Maud Russell, undated.
- Folder 2.19 Poetry, literature, the English language, undated.
- Folder 2.20 Tanzam Uhuru and the Freedom Railroad (includes three slides), ca. 1975
- Folder 2.21 Vietnam, Kampuchea, China, 1979.

- Folder 2.22 Tibet, 1973-1974.
- Folder 2.23 Ting Hsueh-sung interview transcripts, 1976.
- Folder 2.24 Soviet exploitation, ca. 1978.
- Folder 2.25 Albert Einstein, 1979; Land Policy, undated, Economics course syllabus, 1975.
- Folder 2.26 Mass movements, undated.
- Folder 2.27 Cuba, 1963.
- Folder 2.28 China-India border dispute, 1959-1965.
- Folder 2.29 China-India border dispute, 1959-1965.
- Folder 2.30 Working class and living standards, 1963-1971.
- Folder 2.31 SEATO, ca. 1954.
- Folder 2.32 China and oil production with foreign investors, ca. 1981 – interview questions, notes.
- Folder 2.33 Communist Party of Iraq, ca. 1962 – “Statement on the Occasion of the Fourth Anniversary of the Great July National Revolution.”
- Folder 2.34 Hsinhua News Agency newsletters, April 1967; clipping regarding Tito, 1966.

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- Folder 3.1 Kampuchea, 1987-1989 – miscellaneous publications.
- Folder 3.2 Kampuchea, 1987-1989 – miscellaneous publications.
- Folder 3.3 Kampuchea, 1987-1989 – magazines.
- Folder 3.4 Kampuchea, 1987-1989 – magazines.
- Folder 3.5 Kampuchea, 1987-1989 – notes and clippings.
- Folder 3.6 “Mental Health in China” by Dr. Gregorio Bermann. Chapter 10 in *Psychiatry in the Communist World*, undated.
- Folder 3.7 Economic conference – USSR and Third World.
- Folder 3.8 *Far East Spotlight*, *Far East Reporter*, *Tomorrow’s China*, and “Two, Communes – East Flower and Stone Well,” manuscript, ca. 1940s-1950s.
- Folder 3.9 Kampuchea, 1978 – Pol Pot interviews, delegation talks.
- Folder 3.10 Hsinhua Daily Bulletin, June 17, 1963 – “A Proposal Concerning the General Line of the International Communist Movement” (March 30, 1963).

- Folder 3.11 "China's Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution" – syllabus of course taught by Warren, ca. 1966 or 1967.

LECTURE NOTES

Some lecture notes are identified by complete titles, while others are about general topics concerning China. Some of the lecture notes are identified only by the event at which Warren spoke. The lecture notes chiefly consist of typed 5x8 cards, but may also contain handwritten notes, clippings, and other research materials.

- Folder 3.12 Imperialism, 1963-1965.
- Folder 3.13 Chinese foreign policy, Nixon, changing the world relationship – US-China Study Group, February 2, 1972 and Chicago, March 4, 1972.
- Folder 3.14 Cultural Revolution, new state in the socialist revolution – GPCR August 8, 1966.
- Folder 3.15 "The Working Class Leading Role – Who's in It?" – ca. 1971.
- Folder 3.16 Cultural Revolution – Second Public Educational sponsored by the Communist Organizing Committee, Baltimore, November 11, 1966.
- Folder 3.17 Cultural Revolution/Communism, ca. 1962.
- Folder 3.18 Princeton Adult Education Series, November 28, 1972.
- Folder 3.19 US-China Relations – Hunter College, October 28, 1981.
- Folder 3.20 Chinese foreign policy – University of Washington, October 26, 1972 and Princeton, February 21, 1975.
- Folder 3.21 Anniversary of the USCPFA – meeting, August 17, 1977.
- Folder 3.22 Imperialism and the USSR – Manhattan Committee, ca. 1979.
- Folder 3.23 Imperialism and the USSR – GRP(?), March 7, 1978.
- Folder 3.24 Peaceful coexistence.
- Folder 3.25 Women in China, ca. 1975 or 1976.
- Folder 3.26 History of the Chinese Revolution course, 1954.
- Folder 3.27 History of the Chinese Revolution course, 1954.
- Folder 3.28 History of the Chinese Revolution course, 1954.
- Folder 3.29 History of the Chinese Revolution course, 1954.

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- Folder 4.1 Sino-Soviet relations and revisionism, ca. 1966

- Folder 4.2 China trade/economics – Long Island University, Flatbush Avenue Extension, October 1, 1968.
- Folder 4.3 China and the 6th Special Session of the UN on Raw Materials and Development (1971), ca. 1974.
- Folder 4.4 China foreign policy, ca. 1975.
- Folder 4.5 “United the Many to Defeat the Few: Third World Response to Imperialism and Super Power Domination” – Buffalo, April 17, 1977
- Folder 4.6 “On Recent Events in China” – USCPFA-NY, November 9, 1977.
- Folder 4.7 Taiwan, November 20, 1976.
- Folder 4.8 China, student/youth movements, 1967.
- Folder 4.9 Communes, ca. 1965.
- Folder 4.10 “The Three-World Concept” – Westchester Seminar, March 19, 1978.
- Folder 4.11 “China’s Role in the World” – seminar November 25, 1980.
- Folder 4.12 Angola, January 7, 1976.
- Folder 4.13 “Letting 100 Flowers Blossom” – Brooklyn Museum, Hu Hsien Peasant Paintings exhibit, December 18, 1977.
- Folder 4.14 “China’s Education Revolution”, December 11, 1970.
- Folder 4.15 China – Manhattan City University, December 4, 1968 and the Methodist Office for the UN, February 24, 1970.
- Folder 4.16 “The Thought of Mao Tse Tung” – Free University, Spring 1967.
- Folder 4.17 “State and Revolution – Question of ‘Democracy.’”
- Folder 4.18 US-China Relations.
- Folder 4.19 “On the Correct Handling of Contradictions Among the People,” ca. 1960.
- Folder 4.20 Cultural Revolution, ca. 1966 or 1967.
- Folder 4.21 Treaty Against Intervention, disarmament, ca. 1983.
- Folder 4.22 China, Kampuchea, Vietnam, 1979.
- Folder 4.23 The Red Guard, 1966.
- Folder 4.24 China – Columbia University Teach-In, City College Teach-In.
- Folder 4.25 Disarmament, ca. 1983.
- Folder 4.26 Free University of New York catalogs, Fall 1965-Fall 1967.
- Folder 4.27 Speaking engagement announcements, posters, flyers, ca. 1965-1983.

- Folder 4.28 Speaking engagement announcements, posters, flyers, ca. 1965-1983.
- Folder 4.29 Speaking engagement announcements, posters, flyers, ca. 1965-1983.

PUBLICATIONS

- Folder 4.30 “A Trip to Fengyang County: Investigating China’s New Family Contract System,” manuscript by William Hinton, editing comments by Warren. Article for *The Monthly Review* under the title of “The Great Reversal” 1983.
- Folder 4.31 Book review – *Dragon Pink on Old White* by Philip Bonosky (Marzani and Munsell, 1983). In *The National Guardian*, January 2, 1964.
- Folder 4.32 “‘White Paper’ Tiger” manuscript by Lisa Armand, edited by Warren. Additional manuscript draft, probably by Warren.
- Folder 4.33 “Congo: A Lesson on UN ‘Peace Forces,’” manuscript, June 1964.
- Folder 4.34 Typed manuscript about revolution, ca. 1970(?).
- Folder 4.35 “China’s Aid to the Third World” interview with Salim Ahmed Salim, Tanzania’s ambassador to the UN. Reprint in *Canada-China Friendship* of the Canada-China Society, Spring-Summer 1977.
- Folder 4.36 “US China Policy Goes for Broke.” *New World Review*, November 1961.
- Folder 4.37 “Report from UN: The China Debate. A Reporter’s Eyewitness Account” (1961). Reprint by the *Far East Reporter*.
- Folder 4.38 “The Glassboro Perspective.” *China Report*, November 1967.
- Folder 4.39 “US Grand Strategy and the National Liberation Movements.” Typed manuscript draft, undated.
- Folder 4.40 WOR-TV discussion on China, August 18, 1963 – summary.

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- Folder 5.1 *China’s Voice in the UN* – typed manuscript with editor’s comments.
- Folder 5.2 *China’s Voice in the UN* – typed manuscript with editor’s comments.
- Folder 5.3 *China’s Voice in the UN* – typed manuscript with editor’s comments.
- Folder 5.4 *China’s Voice in the UN* – typed manuscript with editor’s comments.

- Folder 5.5 *China's Voice in the UN* – photo, mock-up of cover, book from World Winds Press, 1975.
- Folder 5.6 Untitled manuscript, undated (folder 1 of 2).
- Folder 5.7 Untitled manuscript, undated (folder 2 of 2).
- Folder 5.8 *New China* magazines containing articles by Warren, 1978-1979.
- Folder 5.9 *US-China Review* magazines containing articles by Warren as UN correspondent, 1981-1983.
- Folder 5.10 *US-China Review* magazines containing articles by Warren as UN correspondent, 1984-1986.
- Folder 5.11 Portion of proofs by “Kathy,” editing comments by Warren, undated.
- Folder 5.12 “Interview: Liang Yufan. On Disarmament.” *US-China Review*, vol. 6, no. 2, March-April 1982 – questions, notes, drafts (publication in folder Folder 5.9).
- Folder 5.13 “Turning Organic Waste into Energy.” Interview with Derek Lovejoy on China’s biogas program. *US-China Review*, ca. 1981(?).

PHOTOGRAPHS

- Folder 5.14 United Nations Security Council – tribute to Chou En-lai, January 12, 1976.
- Folder 5.15 United Nations, 1975-1977.
- Folder 5.16 Surgery in China using acupuncture anesthesia – Warren present during procedure, undated.

AUDIOVISUAL TAPES

Cassette tape

- Tape 1. Lecture: “China in the Contemporary World.”

Reel-to-Reel tapes

- Tape 2. Interview of Warren by Howard Goodman, 1968.
- Tape 3. WOR discussion with Barry Farber, August 18, 1967; partial summary of Senate Hearings on China, WBAI, March 10, 1966; BBC review of a part of Toronto Teach-in on China, WBAI, February 16, 1967; portion of Fanshen by William Hinton, WBAI, June 23, 1967.
- Tape 4. WOR discussion on China, edited from 2 3/4 hours to 48 minutes, August 18, 1967; Bill Hinton on China at the Free School, edited, August 12, 1967.

- Tape 5. WNYQ panel discussion on China, hosted by Lee Graham.
Tape 6. Panel discussion on the Cultural Revolution.

Videotape

- Tape 7. Memorial ceremony for Susan Warren, January 13, 1990.

OVERSIZE BOX

Series of 4 scrapbooks entitled "China's Liberated Regions in Picture" apparently compiled as a gift for an American military advisor by the 18th Group Army (8th Route Army) around 1945. The cover sheet for the first book was written by Dong Bi-Wu, the temporary acting chairman of the Peoples Republic of China, 1969-1975. The books contain photographs of leaders of the Chinese Communist Party during World War II (the anti-Japanese War in China) and other photos in the area around Yen-an. Inscriptions and identifications are written in both Chinese and English.