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Abstract: The papers describe China during the period surrounding World War II and the Chinese Revolution. The documents, including correspondence, reports, writings, printed matter, personal documents, and photographs, contain descriptions, observations, and insights about political events in East Asia especially during the Sino-Japanese War and World War II. A majority of the material is documentation about the China National Aviation Corporation.

Physical location: Hoover Institution Archives

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1893 Born William Langhorne in Petersburg, Virginia, son of Thomas Baker Bond, a tobacco buyer, and Mary Potter Langhorne
November 12
1917 Enlisted in World War I, serving in the army in France for the duration of the war
1929 Started working for Curtiss-Wright Corporation
1931 Accepted the position of Operations Manager for the China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC), in Shanghai
1933 When Pan American Airways purchased Curtiss-Wright interests in CNAC, Bond became a Pan American employee
1935 May 15 Married Katherine (Kitsi) Dunlop in Shanghai

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| 1937 | When fighting broke out between Japan and China, Pan American withdrew from active operations in China during the United States policy of political neutrality. Bond became a CNAC employee to ensure the continued operations of CNAC as a Chinese civilian air transport company. After the war, he returned to work for Pan American |
| 1937-1942 | CNAC continued to be active through the war despite evacuations from the main operating bases of Shanghai, Hankow and Hong Kong |
| 1941 | Pioneered the "Hump" route between China and India, an essential air link to China during World War II |
| 1947 | Promoted to vice president, Orient by Pan American Airlines |
| 1949 | After the fall of the Nationalist Chinese government, CNAC assets were sold to China for the Civil Air Transport |
| 1950 | Retired to his farm in Warrenton, Virginia |
| 1985 July 16 | Died, Ponte Vedra, Florida |
| 2001 | Author, <i>Wings for an Embattled China</i> , ed. James E. Ellis, Lehigh University Press, 2001. Posthumously published autobiography and history of the CNAC |

Scope and Content of Collection

Acquired by the Hoover Institution in 2005, the W. Langhorne Bond papers describe China during the period surrounding World War II and the Chinese Revolution. The documents contain descriptions, observations, and insights about political events in East Asia during the time. A majority of the material is documentation of the China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC).

CNAC was first established as a cooperative company by the Curtiss-Wright Corporation and the Chinese Government. The American interest in the company, known as China Federal Airways, was purchased by Pan American Airways in 1933. Bond, known to most as "Bondy," began as operations manager for the company in 1931 and continued to work for the company until his retirement from the post of Pan American's vice president, Orient in 1950.

CNAC provided passenger, freight, and mail services to the Chinese Nationalist government. The small but effective airline was active during World War II, even as the Japanese took over large segments of China. The materials in the collection document events such as the evacuation of Hong Kong and a CNAC plane shot down by the Japanese. Bond also pioneered the "Hump" route over the Himalayas from China to India in 1941, which brought necessary supplies to the Chinese during the war. Prints in the Photographs document the first flight over the "Hump."

Materials documenting the operations of CNAC may be found in the Correspondence series. Of note is correspondence between Bond and other Pan American employees including H. M. Bixby, a Pan American vice president in China and the Philippines, and S. E. Morgan, a corporation general purchasing agent in New York. However, most CNAC correspondence before 1937 was lost when moved from Shanghai to Hankow after the outbreak of war with the Japanese. Additional information on the overall history of CNAC may be found in materials the Writings series, as well as the CNAC Files.

Images of the CNAC Staff, airplanes, airports, the Bond family, and travel in China during the 1930s and 1940s are found in the Photographs.

Wings for an Embattled China, By W. Langhorne Bond, ed. James E. Ellis, published by Lehigh University Press in 2001 is an autobiography of Bond and overall history of CNAC.

Throughout the collection description, the Romanization of Chinese place names have been kept as they were spelled by Bond in the 1930s and 1940s.

Arrangement

Arranged in five series: Biographical File, Correspondence, Writings, China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC) Files, Photographs, and Printed Materials

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

- China National Aviation Corporation.
- Pan American Airways Corporation.
- Aeronautics--China.
- Sino-Japanese Conflict, 1937-1945.
- World War, 1939-1945--China.
- World War, 1939-1945--Aerial operations.
- World War, 1939-1945--Transportation.

Biographical File, 1936-1982, undated.

Scope and Content Note

Includes identification cards, clippings, and articles. Arranged by document type, then chronologically.

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Biography and identification cards, undated, 1936-1940
Clippings, 1947, 1982, undated
"New Horizons", article on evacuation of Hong Kong, 1942

Correspondence, 1929-1984.

Scope and Content Note

Includes both personal and CNAC business correspondence, containing descriptions of life, business and politics in China, particularly during World War II. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

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General, 1938-1982
American Consular Service, 1937-1945
Bixby, H. M., 1937-1950
Bond, Kisti, 1937-1948
Bond, Mary (mother), 1937
Brock, Horace, 1977
China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC), 1929-1949
Soong Ching Ling, 1942, 1950
Leary, William (Bill) 1969-1979
Morgan, S. W., 1937-1940

Mulrone, J. D., 1970
Neumann, Gerhard, 1971, 1983
Pan American Airways, 1937-1950
United States Armed Forces, 1937, 1942
United States Embassy, Chungking and Hankow, 1938-1939

Writings, 1965 1972, undated.

Scope and Content Note

Consists of histories of the CNAC. Arranged chronologically by date of publication.

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CNAC Chronology, undated.
Scope and Content Note
 Typescript

History of the CNAC, undated.
Scope and Content Note
 Typescript

Operating History of the CNAC, undated.
Scope and Content Note
 Typescript

Wings for an Embattled China, Chapter 6, undated.
Scope and Content Note
 Typescript

Handwritten chapter drafts, undated
Deposition, John Costello v. Pan American World Airways, 1965.
Scope and Content Note
 Concerning the 1949 evacuations of refugees

Box/Folder: 2 : 14 **Wings over Asia; A brief history of CNAC, by CNAC Foundation, 1972.**
 Scope and Content Note
 Printed copy

China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC) Files, 1930-1947.

Scope and Content Note

Brochures, contracts and reports describing CNAC operations. Arranged by document type. Additional information on the company may be found in the Correspondence and Writings series.

Box/Folder: 2 : 15 **Brochures, circa 1930**

Contracts

Box/Folder: 2 : 16 **Ministry of Communications and Directorate of Posts, National Government, Republic of China, 1930**

Box/Folder: 2 : 17 **Pan American Airways, circa 1933**

Box/Folder: 2 : 18 **National Government, Republic of China, 1933**

Box/Folder: 2 : 19 **National Government, Republic of China, American Armed Forces, 1947**

Box/Folder: 2 : 20 **Report on air freight service to China, 1941**

Photographs, 1935-1949, undated.

Scope and Content Note

Photographic prints of Bond, his family, homes, travels, and CNAC operations. Photographs identify CNAC planes, airports, routes, and events. Arranged by subject.

Box/Folder: 3 : 1 **W. L. Bond and Kitsi Bond, undated, 1938, 1945**

Box/Folder: 3 : 2 **Groups with W. L. and Kitsi Bond, undated, 1938, 1942**

Homes

Box/Folder: 3 : 3 **Shanghai apartment, 2030 Joffre, 1935**

Box/Folder: 3 : 4 **Shanghai house, 279 Route Charles Culty, 1937.**

Scope and Content Note

Includes baby Langhorne

Box/Folder: 3 : 5 **Repulse Bay cottage, Hong Kong, 1938**

Travel

Box/Folder: 3 : 6 **Chinese scenes, undated.**

Scope and Content Note

Unidentified

Box/Folder: 3 : 7 **Photographic post cards, undated**

Box/Folder: 3 : 8 **Calcutta, undated**

Box/Folder: 3 : 9 **Japan, undated**

Box/Folder: 3 : 10 **Nanking, undated**

Box/Folder: 3 : 11 **Shanghai, undated**

Box/Folder: 3 : 12 **Houkew flood, 1931**

Box/Folder: 3 : 13 **Great Wall of China trip from Peking, 1935**

Box/Folder: 3 : 14 **Chungking, 1936**

Box/Folder: 3 : 15 **Hangchow Bore, undated, 1936**

Box/Folder: 3 : 16-17 **Yangtze River trip, 1936**

Box/Folder: 3 : 18 **En Route to Hong Kong, Repulse Bay Hotel, 1940**

CNAC

Box/Folder: 3 : 19 **Airplanes, undated.**

Scope and Content Note

Includes CNAC staff and a Sikorsky helicopter

Box/Folder: 3 : 20 **Airports: Lughwa, Shanghai, and Kai Tak, Hong Kong, undated**
Box/Folder: 3 : 21 **Staff, undated**
Box/Folder: 3 : 22 **New office, Peking, undated**
Box/Folder: 3 : 23 **War scenes, undated**
Box/Folder: 3 : 24 **Airplanes, street scenes, and damage photographed by Captain Higgins, undated.**

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Printed 35mm film proofs

Box/Folder: 3 : 25 **Airplane piloted by Captain H. L. Woods shot down by Japanese, 1938**
Box/Folder: 3 : 26 **First survey flight over the "Hump" from Linking, China to Dinjin, India, 1941**
Box/Folder: 3 : 27 **Twentieth anniversary staff photo, 1949**

Printed Materials, 1935-1998, undated.

Scope and Content Note

Clippings and published materials. Arranged chronologically.

Box/Folder: 4 : 1 **General brochures and pamphlets, undated**
Box/Folder: 4 : 2 ***Curtiss-Wright Corporation* brochure featuring CNAC, undated.**

Scope and Content Note

In Chinese

Box/Folder: 4 : 3 ***Pan American Airways Flying Clipper Ships* map, undated**
Box/Folder: 4 : 4 ***A Pictorial Map of Peiping*, undated**
Box/Folder: 4 : 5-9 **Clippings, 1935-1953, undated**
Box/Folder: 4 : 10 ***Peking Utility Book*, Peking International Women's Club, 1934-1935**
Box/Folder: 4 : 11 ***Handbook of the American University Club, Shanghai*, 1935**
Box/Folder: 4 : 12 ***Who's Who in China*, 5th edition, The China Weekly Review, 1936**
Box/Folder: 4 : 13 ***War Messages and Other Selections*, Madame Chiang Kaishek, 1938.**

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Inscribed by author

Box/Folder: 4 : 14 **"Inside Story of a Japanese Peace Overture to China during the Second World War," Chin-chao Liang, published in *Cheung Chi Journal*, 1974.**

Scope and Content Note

Typescript

Box/Folder: 4 : 15 ***Clipper* newsletter, Pan Am Historical Foundation 1997-1998**