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HILLEBOE, HERMAN E. (HERMAN ERTRESVAAG), 1906-1974.

Herman E. Hilleboe papers, 1931-1968 (bulk 1958-1968)

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SUMMARY: Speeches, lectures, and correspondence of public health official Herman Hilleboe, as well as a transcript of an oral history interview with him.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Herman Ertresvaag Hilleboe received his M.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1931; his M.P.H. from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in 1933; and, an honorary degree from the University of Rochester in 1954. He married Alica Champeau in 1929. They had 3 children.

From 1929 to 1931 he practiced general medicine in rural Minnesota. He was Chief Medical Officer of the Minnesota Dept. of Social Welfare, 1934-1942; Commanding officer, U.S. Public Health Service, Washington, DC, 1942-1946; Asst. Surgeon General, 1946; New York State Commissioner of Health, 1946-1963; professor of public health and preventive medicine, Albany Medical School, 1948-1962; and professor of health practice, Columbia University School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine, 1963-1970. Hilleboe was a panel expert for the World Health Organization 1948-1974, a visiting professor, consultant, author and member of various societies.

ORGANIZATION: Organized in three series: I. Speeches and lectures; II. World Health Organization; III. Biographical.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Speeches, lectures, and press releases, mostly from Hilleboe's time as Commissioner of Health for New York State, make up the largest part of the papers. Topics covered include public health and public health administration, planning and education. Other subject matter includes tuberculosis, heart disease, environmental pollution, civil defense, radiation, rehabilitation, and problems of the aged and needy. Some were given at the dedication of various public health and medical facilities.

Also included are correspondence and various forms connected with a course on radiation health and safety taught by Hilleboe in Japan for the World Health Organization; a 1964 interview of Hilleboe, largely concerning his tenure as New York State Health Commissioner; and a memoir by him of his activities while leading the New York State Health Department.

SUBJECTS

Hilleboe, Herman E. (Herman Ertresvaag), 1906-1974.

New York State. Dept. of Health.

Health officers – Interviews.

Public health – Study and teaching.

Public health administration – New York (State)

Radiation – Health aspects.

Tuberculosis – Addresses.

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Series 1: Speeches and Lectures

- 1) 1931-46: Tuberculosis; local health service (including tuberculosis bibliography).
- 2) 1956-57: future of public health; tuberculosis hospital dedication; dentistry; schools, etc., including draft of public health law and press release.
- 3) 1958-59: future of public health; tuberculosis; radiation; air pollution.
- 4) 1960: the aged; x-ray training, including printed matter, correspondence and memo.
- 5) 1961: insurance; environment; the aged and needy; radiation; heart disease, including memos, printed matter, manuscript draft.
- 6) 1962: polio; environment; pharmacology; civil defense; rehabilitation, including news clipping
- 7) 1965-68: heart disease; health planning; health education; health administration including correspondence.

Series II: World Health Organization

- 8) Radiation health and safety course, 1961: correspondence, applications, forms, relating to Hilleboe trip to Japan.

Series III: Biographical

- 9) Transcript of interview conducted by Joe Persico, 1964 (69 pages); "Informal report to Joe Persico on my 16 years in the state health department," 1964 (58 p.); memoir of the New York State Health Dept., 1968 (16 p.).