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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Anslinger, H. J. (Harry Jacob), 1892-  
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## **Administrative Information**

### **Access**

Unrestricted access.

### **Preferred Citation**

H J. Anslinger papers, 1835-1970 (bulk 1918-1963), Accession 1959-0006H, Historical Collections and Labor Archives, Special Collections Library, University Libraries, Pennsylvania State University.

### **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in ten series: Articles and Speeches; Audio-Visual; Correspondence; Manuscripts; Monographs; Negatives; Photographs; Reports, Articles and Booklets; Scrapbooks; and United Nations.

### **Biographical Note**

Harry Jacob Anslinger was born 20 May 1892 in Altoona, Pennsylvania. He attended Pennsylvania State College, 1913-1915, and received his LL.B. from American University in 1930. Anslinger served in the U.S. Government, 1918-1963, under nine presidents; he held consular posts in The Netherlands, Germany, Venezuela, and the Bahamas, 1918-1926; Treasury Department, chief of Division of Foreign Control,

1926-1929, assistant commissioner of prohibition, 1929-1930, and commissioner, Bureau of Narcotics, 1930-1963. He was the U.S. representative at League of Nations conferences on narcotics, and served on the United Nations Narcotic Drugs Commission.

Anslinger served for many years as the American government's chief law enforcement officer in the fight against illegal drugs. Anslinger was the commissioner of the Treasury Department's Bureau of Narcotics from its inception in 1930 until his retirement in 1963. He also authored several books in which he presented the story of police efforts to curb the import and use of dangerous drugs.

In *The Traffic in Narcotics* (Funk, 1953), Anslinger and co-author William F. Tompkins outline the basics of the drug problem in America and detail possible methods of slowing the drug traffic and reducing the number of addicts. The reviewer for *Kirkus* called the book "a sober survey of addiction and the many areas which it affects," while the critic for the *U. S. Quarterly Book Review* found that "the general reader, desirous of informing himself on the basics of drug addiction, may well resort to this book." Meyer Berger in the *New York Times* noted that "it will be useful to the student of sociology, to law enforcement officers and to legislators, but it's not the kind of thing to curl up with for an afternoon of good cheer." *The Murderers: The Story of the Narcotic Gangs* (Farrar, Straus, 1961), written by Anslinger and Will Oursler, presents a number of case histories in which narcotics officers fight the smuggling efforts of drug gangs. V. W. Peterson in the *Chicago Sunday Tribune* found that "case histories are presented in an interesting manner along with valuable data regarding the entire narcotics problem and methods of control." E. T. Smith in *Library Journal* called *The Murderers* a book "every thoughtful American should read," while A. R. Lindesmith in the *Nation* judged "the cops-and-robbers stories which abound in the book . . . interesting and sometimes exciting, viewed purely as entertainment. As realistic and accurate representations of the narcotics problem and of law enforcement they leave much to be desired."

Anslinger looked back at his long career in *The Protectors: The Heroic Story of the Narcotics Agents, Citizens, and Officials in Their Unending, Unsung Battles Against Organized Crime in America and Abroad* (Farrar, Straus, 1964), written with J. Dennis Gregory. R. G. Mundy in *America* called the book "worth-while reading for anyone interested in the law-enforcement aspects of a grave social problem," while R. L. Hayne in *Library Journal* noted that "the book is especially interesting now because of current criticism and re-evaluation of the program Mr. Anslinger administered." Writing in *Book Week*, Nelson Algren summed up *The Protectors* as "a series of recollections of the cloak-and-dagger heroics by the men [Anslinger] worked with these 30 years, men he feels have protected American civilization, though the question still stands who that civilization needed protection from more--addicts or Anslinger's heroes."

Anslinger contributed articles to *Reader's Digest*, *Saturday Evening Post*, *FBI Bulletin*, *United Nations Bulletin*, and police and detective magazines.

Over the years, Anslinger received several awards: Proctor Gold Medal, 1952; selected as one of ten outstanding career men in federal government service by National Civil

Service League, 1958; Alumni Recognition Award, American University, 1959; distinguished alumnus award, Pennsylvania State University, 1959; LL.D., University of Maryland; Remington Medal; and Alexander Hamilton Medal. Anslinger died in 1975.

Source: Contemporary Authors Online, Gale, 2003.

## **Scope and Content**

The collection contains personal and professional correspondence, addresses, reports, typescripts, articles, clippings, pamphlets, journals, and photos, written or collected by Anslinger on narcotic drug use. The papers include material on Anslinger's work with the League of Nations and United Nations, and the U.S. Consular Service. There are also typescript and galley proofs of his book *The Murderers* (1961) and photocopies of writings on narcotics by other authors.

Correspondents include his niece Barbara Kober, U.S. District Judge for Massachusetts William T. McCarthy (author of *A Prosecutor's Viewpoint on Narcotic Addiction*, a 1944 Bureau of Narcotics 8-p. publication), and newspaper editor Reginald Wright Kauffman.

## **Index Terms**

These materials are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Pennsylvania State University. Researchers wishing to find related materials should search the catalog under these index terms.

### **Personal Subjects**

Anslinger, H. J. (Harry Jacob), 1892-

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### **Corporate Subjects**

League of Nations

United Nations

United States. Bureau of Consular Affairs

Single Convention of Narcotic Drugs (1961)

### **Topical Subjects**

Drug abuse

Drug control

Narcotics

## **Form/Genre Terms**

Articles

Books

Correspondence

Manuscripts for publication

Photographs

Scrapbooks

Speeches

## **Personal Correspondents**

Kober, Barbara

Kauffman, Reginald Wright, 1877-1959

McCarthy, William T., 1885-1964

## **Container List**

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The Truth About Narcotics" by Ruth Kaufman  
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All the monographs are cataloged individually in the Penn State Libraries's online catalog as part of the Historical Collections and Labor Archives but housed in this box.

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*Confessions of an English Opium Eater* by Thomas De Quincey

HV8079.N3M39 1939

*Fighting Dangerous Drugs* by Herbert May

JX1954.J42 1955

*International Regulation of Economic and Social Questions International Organization* by Philip C. Jessup, Adolf Lande [and] Oliver J. Lissitzyn, bound with *International Organization* by Joseph Chamberlain

HV5825.A73 1962

*Los Asesinos* by Harry J. Anslinger and Will Oursler

HV5822.M3W614 1949

*Marihuana in Latin America; the Threat it Constitutes* by Pablo Osvaldo Wolff

KF3890.E4 1962

*Narcotics and the Law* by William Butler Eldridge

RC371.O6H3 1937

*Opium: Addicts and Addictions* by John A. Hawkins

HV5816.D48 1955

*Red China's Dirty Drug War* by Richard Lawrence-Grace Deverall

HX81.U55 1956 v.2

*Soviet Total War, "Historic Mission" of Violence and Deceit* by the Committee on Un-American Activities

HV5816.D48 1954

*Mao Tze-tung: Stop This Dirty Opium Business! How Red China is Selling Opium and Heroin to Produce Revenue for China's War Machine* by Richard Lawrence-Grace Deverall

HV8073.H27 1960

*The Informer in Law Enforcement* by Malachi L. Harney and John C. Cross

HV5801.I6 1931

*The Menace of Narcotic Drugs: A Discussion of Narcotics and Education* by International Narcotic Education Association

HV5825.A73 1962

*The Murderers* by Harry J. Anslinger and Will Oursler

## **Negatives Series**

Negatives, 1931 and undated.

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20 Negatives (4x5, except sleeve 15 which is 8x10)

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Harry J. Anslinger, wearing glasses, with watch fob [original]

Sleeve 02

Harry J. Anslinger, wearing glasses, with watch fob [retouched copy]

Sleeve 03

Harry J. Anslinger shoveling drugs into furnace

Sleeve 04

Political cartoon: "Minnow Fishing," depicting an Anti-Narcotic Enforcement Agent fishing for International Dope Ring, *Washington Herald*, 1931 February 7

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Political cartoon: "Reaping His Harvest--Death," depicting an International Drug Ring man cutting down young, old, rich, and poor with an Illicit Drug Traffic scythe

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Political cartoon: "The Hydra-Headed Monster," by Enright, 1931 depicts dope being one among many snakes infesting American cities

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Three men in suits walking up stairs

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Young man sitting on bales of drugs marked "Eat More Salmon" (2 copies)

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Harry J. Anslinger portrait

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Political cartoon: Death sowing seeds over the Earth

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Twelve narcotic peddlers arrested in San Antonio, Texas

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Augusto Perez, Puerto Rican seaman, "Marihuana addict" Maryland Penitentiary mug shot (2 copies)

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Four women standing with drug paraphernalia

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Harry J. Anslinger and two policemen with wrapped bundles of drugs

Sleeve 11

Man standing in front of a car next to a field

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Harry J. Anslinger standing next to stacks of bundles labeled "Produce of Turkey"

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Victor Licata, Tampa, Florida, mug shot, 1933

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Thomas Crook's disfigured face

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Fig. 48. New York prostitute showing abscesses from hypodermic use of opium

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Marijuana Plants and Flowers (Bureau of Narcotics, D.C.), 1932 (32 photographs)

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Consultante General De France a Changhai, undated (22 photographs)

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The Most Heinous Crime, circa 1933-1935 (39 photographs)

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Human Remains Taken From the Stomach of a Shark, 1926 (19 photographs)

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Specimen of Marijuana Plant in Illinois, 1936-1938 (40 photographs)

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