

RICHARD M. BISSELL JR. PAPERS
TALKS AND PAPERS SERIES
Undated; 1927 – 1993; Boxes 1 – 7

SERIES DESCRIPTION

This series consists of the talks and papers written or presented by Richard M. Bissell over the course of his life beginning with his early school days and continuing to well beyond his retirement from public service. The talks and papers included in this series take the form of academic papers, articles for publication, draft book chapters, book reviews, speeches, and transcripts. Supporting documentation is also included; correspondence, travel receipts, notes, published materials, and “see” and “see also” references are sometimes included along with the products Bissell wrote. The folders in this series are arranged in chronological order. Undated materials are filed in the first nine folders but seem to be roughly chronological in arrangement. The contents of each folder are primarily arranged in reverse chronological order. Exceptions may exist in the cases of drafts, notes, supporting documentation and undated materials.

This series seems to have served as a “ready reference” file of nearly every extant intellectual product created by Bissell. While some works in this series are in their original format, others are merely copies of the originals that are filed elsewhere in the collection. In several instances, a work of Bissell’s in this series is housed with related correspondence apparently removed from either what is now the Correspondence Series of this collection or from elsewhere. In other cases, folders house “see” or “see also” references linking the folder to correspondence, other folders in this series, or other folders that are now housed in different series across this collection. Researchers may find that particular folders hold nothing but a “see” reference authored by Bissell’s office staff pointing to another physical or file folder location that was current when his office staff first created these files but now no longer exists. In the event that researchers are unable to easily locate an item pointed to in a “see” reference, they are encouraged to examine the finding aids for the other series in this collection as folder titles have not been changed.

In some cases, folders house information that significantly postdates the work Bissell created. For instance, the folder housing Bissell’s “The Anatomy of Public Spending” article published in 1942 in *Fortune* includes not only the article itself but also a dictated 1992 file letter from Bissell explaining his interpretation of its historical significance and a list of correspondence speaking to the article’s creation and reception.

CONTAINER LIST

Box No. Contents

- 1 Miscellaneous School Papers (No Date) [Two papers, England's control by the Stuarts and international factors at work preceding the war. Both include an instructor's notes on Bissell's writings]

“The Causes and the Significance of the Crisis in 133-120 B.C.” school paper (No Date) [includes an instructor's notes on Bissell's writings]

“The Events Leading up to and the Battle of Vicksburg” school paper (No Date)

“The Evolution of Ptolemaic Policies” school paper (No Date) [includes an instructor's notes on Bissell's writings]

“The History and the Historians of the Origins of the War” (World War I) school paper (No Date) [Part I. The Attitude of the Historians. Part II. The Characteristics of the History]

“Bismark's Foreign Policy – Especially as it Concerned Russia” Yale University (No Date)

“The Political History of the Period of Vespasian” Yale University (No Date) [includes an instructor's notes on Bissell's writings]

Review of book Economic Dynamics by Eric Lundberg (No Date)

Historical Sketch of Farmington (No Date) [“Press of Finlay Brothers, Hartford, Conn.”]

“Lord Byron's Connection with the Greek Revolution” Yale University (1928/1929) [Edward T. McLaughlin Prize - First Prize; May 27, 1927, letter to Bissell from Percy T. Walden, Dean of Freshmen of Yale University, congratulating him on his being awarded the McLaughlin Prize]

“The Yale House Plan” *Harkness Hoot* (10/7/31) [“A critical examination of the impending social revolution at New Haven. A far from critical survey of the academic improvements that will accompany it. An evaluation of the whole”; “Oct. 7, 1931. Vol. 2, No. 1, pp. 16-31”]

“Athletics and the University” *Harkness Hoot* (11/23/31) [“An inquiry into the relation between educational theory and athletic actuality. An attempt to establish a new perspective toward an old problem. Not in any sense a specific program for athletic reform”; “Nov. 23, 1931. Vol. 2, No. 2, pp. 26-34”]

“Universities and Parasites” *Harkness Hoot* (Jan. 25, 1932) [“A discussion of the social value of popular college education, what was expected of it, what it is, what it might be”; “Jan. 25, 1932. Vol. 2, No. 3, pp. 11-15”]

“Recovery: Part 1 – The Nature of the Problem” *Harkness Hoot* (October 1933) [“An analysis of the situation in economic terms; an indication of the major objectives that must be achieved if recovery is to proceed; a criterion by which specific policies may be judged”; “Oct. 1933. Vol. 4, No. 1, pp. 16-24”]

“Recovery: Part 1 – The N.R.A.” *Harkness Hoot* (Feb. 1934) [“Feb. 1934. Vol. 4, No. 3, pp. 35-45”]

“American Political Chronicle – After the Election” published in *The Franco-American Review* (Winter 1937) [“*The Franco-American Review*, Vol. 1., No. 3, Winter 1937”; 27 March 1973 letter from Bissell to Walter L. Pforzheimer of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) thanking Pforzheimer for the article; 27 March 1973 letter from Pforzheimer forwarding Bissell’s 1937 article]

“Review of Willford I. King Book “The Causes of Economic Fluctuations” (1938)

“The Rate of Interest” published in the *American Economic Review*, Vol. XXVIII, No. 1, Supplement, pp. 23-40 (March 1938) [joint program, meetings of the Allied Social Science Associations, Atlantic City, New Jersey, December 27-30, 1937; multiple article copies]

Review of “Diminishing Returns and Planned Economy” for publication in “The Annals.” Author: George M. Peterson (Spring 1938 approx.)

“Rigid Behavior Standards” published in the *Yale Daily News* (March 9, 1939) [“Bissell finds Behavior Standards at Yale ‘Too Powerfully Enforced’ – Economics Instructor Claims Scholarship is Disregarded While Extra-Curricular Activities are Exalted”]

“The Theory of Capital under Static and Dynamic Conditions” Dissertation for Ph.D. Degree, Yale University (unpublished) (May 1939) [cross reference sheet only]

“Probable Economic Effects of the Conflict Upon the United States” Address 1/27/40, Yale Alumni Forum (Published 2/16/40, Yale Alumni Magazine)

“Price & Wage Policies and the Theory of Employment” published in *Econometrica*, Vol. 8, No. 3, pp. 199 – 239 (July 1940)

“Memorandum on Problems of Price Policy, Competitive Practices & Public Policy” (aka Imperfect Competition) for use and guidance by Wendell Willkie (10/9/40) [October 17, 1940, letter to Bissell from Raymond L. Buell of the

Willkie campaign thanking Bissell for the memorandum; October 12, 1940, letter from Bissell to Buell transmitting the memorandum; notes]

- 2 “Problems of Economic Policy in Connection with Defense” Presentation to the National Defense Problems Group (December 16, 1940) [financing the defense effort; railroad transportation difficulties; warehousing supplies; rationing equipment and raw materials; labor; pricing]

Wages, Prices, and Investment (SSRC Project) 1940 -1941 [Social Science Research Council]

“Prices, Costs and Investment” February 1941, Published in the *American Economic Review*, Vol. XXX, No. 5, pp. 200-227

“Statement on LaFollette’s Speech” February 12, 1941, Published in *Yale Daily News* on 2/14/41 [February 14, 1941, letter from *Yale News* chairman William Ford and managing editor Joe Seacrest regarding a typographical article in Bissell’s statement; America First Committee; debate and dissent at Yale University regarding American interventionism]

Review of book The Economics of War (Mendershausen) and How to Pay for the War (Keynes) for publication in *Yale Review*, February 19, 1941

“The Post-War Economic Problem” Department of Commerce, December 7-8, 1941 [market for the output of the economy; national income and increase in demand; revival of normal demand; deferred demand; other sources of demand; implications of estimates; evaluation of estimates]

“Rationing” Memorandum for Dept. of Commerce, Div. of Research & Statistics – Bissell & Upgren, March 12, 1942

“Fiscal 1943 and Postwar Estimates” Department of Commerce, April 2, 1942

“The Anatomy of Public Spending” Part I – May 1942 and Part II – June 1942. Published in *Fortune Magazine*, Vol. XXV, No. 5. [March 2, 1942, memorandum for the record dictated by Bissell on the importance of the two articles, list of correspondence in 1942 and 1943 reading files (Correspondence Series) concerning the two articles; article drafts; supporting correspondence]

“Postwar Private Investing and Public Spending” Reprinted from Postwar Economic Problems Chapter V, McGraw-Hill, 1943

“European Recovery and American Aid” November 7, 1947 Report by President’s Committee on Foreign Aid (Harriman Committee) published by the U.S. Government Printing Office [cross reference sheet only]

“The Economic Means to Peace” July 1948 Address to Symposium on

Logistics of Peace Published in *Technology Review* – MIT

The Impact of Rearmament on the Free World Economy (April 1951)
published in *Foreign Affairs*, pp. 385-405

“The Nature, Rationale and Management of Mutual Security Assistance to Europe for Fiscal Year 1953. Proposal to be placed before Congress (Jan 25, 1952) [continuation of the Mutual Security Program]

“Creating the Conditions of Peace” presented to trustees of the Ford Foundation (March 3, 1952)

“The Economy of Western Europe” Speech to Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Wash., D.C. (March 24, 1952) [cross reference sheet; European Recovery Program; Western Europe production and industry; Western Europe natural resources; Korean conflict and its impact on Western Europe; impact of the Soviets and the Korean conflict on the Western European Economy; British sterling bloc]

“European Recovery and the Problems Ahead” Published in the *American Economic Review* Vol. XLII, No. 2, pp. 306-326 (May 1952)

“Activities Designed to Advance Economic Well-Being” RMB’s Views on Ford Foundation (May 5, 1952)

“The Future of Foreign Aid” Address to Council on Foreign Relations (May 12, 1952) [subsidies and loans to North Atlantic Treaty nations; subsidies and loans to underdeveloped nations; aid as a tool to “purchase security”; rearmament; price of defense]

“Foreign Aid: What Sort? How Much? How Long?” Published in *Foreign Affairs*, October 1952, Vol. 31, No. 1, p. 15-38

3 “Monetary Arrangements for the Non-Soviet World” for Woodrow Wilson-NPA Study Group (February 25, 1953)

“The Evolution of European Monetary and Trade Arrangements” (4/24/53)
Paper for European Payments Union-OEEC

“Notes on U.S. Strategy” (5/28/53) (For M.I.T. Project – Circulated but not published) [cross reference sheet; colonialism; neutralism; atomic weapons; “broad strategy”; “The Military Position and Strategy”; “The Strength and Weakness of a Military Strategy of Retaliation”; “The Alternative to a Military strategy of Retaliation”; “The Political and Economic Strategy”; “Weakness of the Political and Economic Strategy – The Relation of the U.S. to its Allies”; “Weakness of the Political and Economic Strategy – The Economic and Social Foundations of Strength”; “Modifications of the Political Strategy”; “The Economic Strategy and its Further Development”]

“Regional Trade Liberalization and Dollar Trade” (June 25, 1953) Written for European Payments Union

“An Economic Program for Peace” (August 24, 1953) Speech made at Canadian Institute on Public Affairs and CBC

“To Win the Peace” (Autumn 1953) published in *Queens Quarterly*, Vol. 60, No. 3 pp. 396-406 (Kingston, Ontario, Canada)

“Strategy of Retaliation” (Notes on Cold War Strategy) Pub. November 1953, written October 22, 1953 *Foreign Affairs* [atomic weapons]

Van Hyning – Notes for W. Y. Elliott Seminar (10/23/53) [Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA), the U.S. State Department, foreign policy, and program administration]

“Facilitating the Adjustment to Larger Imports” (October 29, 1953) for Woodrow Wilson-NPA Study Group

“Draft Memorandum on American Attitudes Toward Relations with Europe” (11/23/53) For Ferguson Meeting [“The European Attitude Toward Communism”; “The EDC and Germany”; “Colonialism”; “Economic Policies and Arrangements”]

“Economic Progress and Protectionism” (May 29, 1954 and July 23, 1954) For Columbia Univ. Bicentennial Conference

“Organization – Especially in the Federal Government” (March 15, 1958) Paper – Comments on George Kennan’s paper “America’s Administrative Response to World Problems”

“The Marshall Plan and the Alliance for Progress” (April 27, 1962) Written at Request of President Kennedy [McGeorge Bundy; Latin America; Agency for International Development (AID); Organization for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC)]

Mr. Bissell’s Speech at Stockholders’ Meeting (4/13/65) [United Aircraft Corporation; gasoline turbines; Pratt & Whitney Aircraft; “Gas Turbine Sales to Industry in the United States, 1950 – 1964, Gas Compressor Stations, Selected Industries and Utilities”]

Mr. Bissell’s paper on Acquisition Policy [“Notes on Merger and Acquisition Possibilities”] prepared for Mr. Martin (7/27/65) [United Aircraft Corporation]

“The Connecticut Economy” Sept. 30, 1965 (New England Council)

“The Intelligence Community as a Component of the U.S. Government”
October 6, 1965 (Overseas Writers) (plus articles sent by Bross on CIA
bungling)

“Notes on the Aerospace Industry” (January 12, 1966) Talk for Hartford
National Bank for Life Insurance Underwriters

4 “Planning & Possible Planning Studies” (January 26, 1966) Written for John
Bross -- CIA

RMB’s presentation to Board of Directors, United Aircraft Corporation
9/29/66 – “Forecasts of Commercial Aviation Market, 1966-76”

“The Methods and Morality of Foreign Interventions” May 12, 1966 (Harvard
University)

“Notes on Foreign Aid” (1/20/67) Written for group of meetings on Foreign
Aid for State Department – AID (Ty Wood)

“The Role of Intelligence Services in a Democracy” (January 17, 1967) Talk
given to University of Connecticut (Dave Ivry)

“Twenty Years after the Marshall Plan” (1967) (poor)

“Talk on the CIA” October 23, 1967 at Morse College – Yale University

Mr. Bissell’s paper on “Comparison of Forecasts of Actual Cash Flows”
prepared 1/3/68 [United Aircraft Corporation]

Channel 24 – Connecticut Issues (January 30, 1968) RMB sat on panel
representing United Aircraft Corporation [impact of defense spending on the
economy of Connecticut]

RMB Paper – “Covert Activities” Date: 9/17/68 (written for Lindsay Group)

Address given at Westover School, Middlebury, CT October 29, 1968 [1968
Presidential election; election issues]

“Covert Activities” Nov. 18, 1968 (Harvard Defense Policy Seminar)

“System Design and Management Capability” Paper for United Aircraft
Corporation (Erle Martin) (January 30, 1969)

“The Arms Race – Superiority? Parity? Sufficiency?” (5/23/69) (National
Association of Manufacturers) (1) – (2)

“Nature and Limitations of Corporate Planning” September 1969 [American
Marketing Association, Connecticut Chapter]

- 5 “Organizing & Administering Quick Response R&D Programs” (August 4, 1970) U.S. Naval Research Labs (1) – (2)
- Talk on Marshall Plan and Bay of Pigs (Prud’homme at University of Hartford) Nov. 24, 1970
- “Preliminary Economics of a New Turbine Development” – March 10, 1971 [Pratt and Whitney Aircraft; United Aircraft Corporation]
- “The Economic Environment” (sponsored by University of Hartford and the Connecticut Chapter of the American Marketing Association) 4/7/71
- “United Aircraft Corporation’s Role in the Industrial Turbine Business” (April 27, 1971)
- “Technical Risk and the Competitive Process” November 22, 1971 [file note reads, “RMB thinks he did this paper for Branson Smith when he was in Washington on the Military Procurement Committee”]
- “Planning Techniques & Implications of Planning Results” (Dec. 10, 1971) at United Aircraft Research Laboratories
- Re: Proposed Symposium on Electric Power Generation (for United Aircraft Research Laboratories) January 5, 1972
- “Comments on Educational Philosophy and Procedures” February 2, 1972 (University of Hartford)
- Re: University of Hartford Budget Procedures (September 19, 1972) For National Association of Accountants
- “Alternate Approaches for UAC” Presentation to Corporate Energy Symposium held at United Aircraft Research Laboratories on 11/28/73 [energy equipment and business opportunities]
- Re: United Aircraft Corporation Programs and Impact December 13, 1973 For WTIC – RMB was United Aircraft Corporation spokesman [notes]
- Book Review: Bureaucracy, the Marshall Plan, and the National Interest, by Hadley Arkes. (For American Historical Review) January 15, 1974
- “The Economic Environment for Investment Decisions” (April 4, 1974) for Covenant
- “Incentives for Safeguarding the Long Run” (August 1974) Paper done for Wes Kuhrt at United Aircraft Corporation

“Should a Business Plan be a Plan of Action or a Tool for Decision Making?”
University of Connecticut Paper delivered November 20, 1974

“The Bay of Pigs Operation” – Talk given at the Fletcher School (Tufts University) April 10, 1975 [Outline]

“Economic Prospects Revisited” (July 18, 1975) Paper for Covenant Finance Committee [Prospects for the U.S. economy]

“Economic Prospects – The Third Time Around” (March 31, 1976) for Covenant Finance Committee [prospects for the U.S. economy]

“Covert Operations” (May 10, 1976) Talk – Third of 3-part lecture series sponsored by World Affairs Center

“The Economic Consequences of the Democratic Platform” – 8/12/76 Written for the Covenant Group

“Notes for Talk at Air Cargo Seminar (March 22 and 23, 1977 in NYC) Sponsored by Frost & Sullivan, Organized by Hoagland & McLachlan [major questions regarding the future of the air cargo industry]

6 A Few Reasons for the Effectiveness of the Marshall Plan (April 15, 1977)
Talk for Eastern Economic Association (Wexler)

“Economic Prospects - 1977/78” (April 27, 1977) Written for Covenant Insurance Finance Committee [prospects for the U.S. economy]

“Recovery and Inflation – 1977/78” (October 6, 1977) Written for Covenant Finance Committee [prospects for the U.S. economy]

“Cold War Climate, CIA Job, Africa” (March 28, 1978) Seminar Address at Trumbull College arranged by Lloyd McKim Garrison

“The Economy in 1978 – Accelerating Inflation – (4/6/78) Paper for Covenant Finance Committee [prospects for the U.S. economy]

“Intelligence: Deception & Surprise” (November 6, 1978) Talk given at the Fletcher School (Tufts University) Arranged by W. Scott Thompson

“The Recession of 1979/80” (March 30, 1979) Paper written for Covenant Finance Committee

“Notes on the International Value of the Dollar” (March 24, 1980) Paper written for Covenant Insurance

“World Politics & American Transportation Patterns” – (October 22, 1980) for Dept. of Transportation (Conn.)

“Herman Kahn & the Hudson Institute” (October 24, 1980) Talk for Covenant Insurance [“energy;” “inflation;” “defense;” “social limits to growth;” “the great transition”]

Bay of Pigs – 20th Anniversary for NBC – SECOND SUNDAY program (April, 1981) [reasons for the failure of the invasion; air crews; quality of U.S. intelligence; Fidel Castro’s expectations of an invasion; U.S. embarrassment]

Talk – Intelligence Operations – U-2 (May 22, 1981) Taft School – Molly Hoagland

Talk – “Experiences in the CIA” (June 24, 1981) Covenant lunch – Sylvia Levy

“Covert Action” (July 29, 1981) Talk at Bowdoin College sponsored by Consortium for Study of Intelligence

“Covert Action” (July 19, 1982) Talk at Bowdoin College sponsored by Consortium for Study of Intelligence (1)

7 “Covert Action” (July 19, 1982) Talk at Bowdoin College sponsored by Consortium for Study of Intelligence (2)

“The Bay of Pigs” (11/4/83) Article for *Miami Herald*

“Book Review: Operation Zapata” (December 19, 1983) – Article for *Strategic Review*

“Comments on the Confessions of Allen Dulles” article by L. Vandenbroucke (7/27/84) Publ. *Diplomatic History*

“Reconnaissance Anniversary” (8/15/85) – CIA (Classified) [“Pioneers in Space” by Art Lundahl; itinerary]

“40th Anniversary of the Marshall Plan” (October 1, 1986) Televised interview for PBS and Channel 4 (England) Peter Taft and John Ranelagh

“Covert Activities,” especially covert action compat. with democracy (April 7, 1987) Trinity College

“The Agency and the Intelligence Community in the 1950’s” (April 29, 1987) Nichols College

“Bay of Pigs” (2/25/88) National War College [Outline]

“Covert Action” (July 26, 1988) Consortium for Study of Intelligence - Bowdoin College

Book Review of "The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers" (November 10, 1988) New Haven Free Public Library

"Origins of the U-2" (Winter 1989) Interview of RMB by B. Shaw for AIR POWER HISTORY [magazine article]

"The Agency" (September 24 & 25, 1990) Televised interview re Ranelagh's book, Peter Mallory and John Ranelagh (Transcripts of Televised Interview with BBC Sept/Oct Part 1 & Part 2)

The U-2 (January 21, 1993) Lecture co-sponsored by CIA and the Smithsonian

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