Creator: Hans and Lydia Post

Historical Note: Hans and Lydia Post emigrated to Australia from Germany in 1959 and settled at Berkeley near Wollongong. The Posts joined the N.S.W. Humanists Society in 1965 and for a time, Hans was president of its Illawarra branch and Lydia its treasurer. The family was involved in a number of organisations dealing with social welfare including the Worker’s Education Association and the Family Planning Association.

Both Hans and Lydia questioned the established political system and were members of various alternate groups such as the Australian Party and the Referendum Movement of Australia. They were active in the anti-Vietnam War campaign and the women’s movement. Lydia Post died on 29 May 1975

Record Summary: Personal records – correspondence and information files

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Note: See also: Post H (2002) One man in his time: Hans Post; as told to his friend Michael Morley. N.S.W. : Otford Press.

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Series

1. Abortion reform 1975
2. Child care 1975
3. Congress 1970
7. Miscellanea 1968-1975
11. Women’s Community Health 1975
1. Abortion Reform 1975

Printed material collected by Lydia Post as a result of her attendance at the National Conference on Abortion and Contraception held at Sydney University on 14-15 June 1975. The series reflects Mrs. Post’s interest in women’s rights and the Family Planning Association.

1. 1975

2. Child Care 1975

Copy of the agenda and discussion papers of a seminar “Our Children and Their Needs” held at the University of Wollongong.

1. 24 May 1975

3. Congress 1970

Newsletter of a group of former members of the Australian Party and the Referendum Movement of Australia. The group’s aims were dependent on the reaction of the majority of its members to day-to-day issues and basically related to the increased democratisation of the Australian political system.

1. 1970


Lydia Post was active in the establishment and administration of a family planning clinic at Port Kembla Hospital from 1973-77. The series contains correspondence and printed matter relating to this clinic and to the general activities of Family Planning Association of Australia.

2. Family Planning Clinic – Port Kembla Hospital. 1973-1974
3. Family Planning Association – publications
4. International Planned Parenthood Federation – publications
5. Related publications


Hans and Lydia Post joined the society in 1965. The series contains copies of Viewpoints the society’s journal and copies of various reports issued by the society.

5. Report of Venereal Diseases 1965
6. Marriage and Divorce 1970
7. Euthanasia 1973
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9. Marriage Ceremony
10. Humag No. 2 1973


Copies of the quarterly journal The Australian Humanist issued by the Council of Australian Humanist Societies.

1. No. 1 Dec 1966 – No. 8 Summer 1968-1969

7. Miscellanea 1968-1975

Sundry publications collected by H. and L. Post reflecting their interest in alternative political systems and human rights.


Copies of agenda and papers presented at a conference on Alternatives to Prison held at the University of N.S.W., 10-11th May 1975.

2. Prisoners’ Action Group – explanatory leaflet
3. Agenda – Alternatives to Prisons. 1975
4. “Prison Reform in N.S.W. at the Turn of the Century – Official Attitudes.” Alliston, P.A.
5. “Women and Prison.” Bacon, W.
7. “Criminology in Australia.” Brown, D.
8. “Correctional Reform – Checkmate in Three Moves.” Evers, L.H.

Initially called the Australian Party until December 1968, the Referendum Movement sought to establish a political party whose policies would be decided by referenda of members. Although somewhat ad hoc, policy tended toward the development of a more social-democratic Australia. A branch of the Movement Functioned in Wollongong.

The series contains copies of the Movement’s Newsletter, **Print-Out** and of **Fulcrum**, the journal of the Australian Party in addition to material on the establishment of the Australian Party.

1. Correspondence and other material relating to the establishment of the Australian party. 1966-1967
2. **Fulcrum**. Dec 1966 - Mar 1967
3. **Print-Out**. 1968
4. **Print-Out**. 1969
5. **Print-Out**. 1970

10. **Vietnam 1968-1972**

Sundry journals, newsletters and leaflets relating to the movement to stop the war in Vietnam. The series also contains copies of speeches made at various anti-Vietnam rallies.

1. **Student Underground** 1968-71 - published by High School Students against the War in Vietnam
2. **Involvement** 1969-1971-journal of the Peace and Freedom Movement
3. **Our Women** 1970-71- national magazine of the Union of Australian Women
4. **Conscience** 1971-72- issued by the Ex Services Human Rights Association of Australia
6. Sundry leaflets, speeches and publications

11. **Women's Community Health 1975**

In 1975, the Illawarra Women's Action Group sought to establish "Sally House" as a catalyst for the provision of services specifically designed for women.
1. Application for funding under the N.S.W. Community Health Program


Publications related to International Women's Year and women's liberation

1. 1970-1975


1. Post H (2002) One man in his time: Hans Post; as told to his friend Michael Morley. N.S.W. : Otford Press. [Signed copy, includes small bookmark]