



Near East Foundation records, Audiovisual Materials, RG 4

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Summary Information

Repository:	Rockefeller Archive Center
Creator:	Near East Foundation
Title:	Near East Foundation records, Audiovisual Materials, RG 4
ID:	FA1307
Date [inclusive]:	1954-1971
Physical Description:	42 film reels
Language of the Material:	English

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Collection Inventory

Near East Foundation films

Physical Description: 42 film reels 42 Film Reels, NEF Foundation film collection encompasses approximately 18,000 feet of film on 42 reels. The collection includes 1 negative and 41 prints in 16mm and 35mm formats.

Conditions Governing Access:

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All inquiries to view films require advanced notice of at least 2 business days, and may necessitate notice of up to one week. Individual items, including those that are not available in modern formats, may be restricted from access at the discretion of RAC.

Arrangement

Numerical by AV Identification Number

Processing Information:

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Minimally processed films, only available in their original film format.

Scope and Contents

Amateur films in the Middle East from early to mid 20th century from work done by the Near East Foundation (NEF).

Controlled Access Headings:

- Sustainable agriculture
- Middle East
- Iran
- Rural development
- Amateur films
- Documentary films

Title/Description

Instances

People of Promise: Holy Land, 1958

reel AV 958

Scope and Contents

REV. JAMES T. ALBERTSON, PEOPLE OF PROMISE
ORG. A home movie of visitors from the NEF Foundation touring the Holy Land admiring the sights of a modern city with art and architectural history. Film has footage of temples, ancient Egyptian architecture, and street level views of the city. Some rural footage is also present with women and children going about daily activities such as gathering water and cultivating the land with camels. The film ends with examples of popular dance for the locals.

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People of Promise

reel AV 959

Scope and Contents

Amateur film with footage of landscape and points of interest for international visitors including the beach front and interiors of temples. Maps and diagrams help to visualize history. Footage is also captured of locals performing everyday tasks such as adults polishing wood and sewing and children playing with hula hoops.

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Iran, 1968

reel AV 960

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Scope and Contents

Amateur film with footage of local farmers working the land. Adults also attend school. Some footage is of ancient artwork including Babalonian artifacts and hieroglyphs. Footage also includes making bread, children playing on swing, and young men honoring the Quran. Nice footage of Mt. Demavand, Persepolis, Tehran, and some young NEF volunteers in the Tehran bazaar.

A Helping Hand in the Near East, 1968

reel AV 963

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Scope and Contents

Film serves as a service announcement for agricultural reform and the bright young minds who are using education to help the community. Footage of daily life before and after changes with the end result being clean water for the locals. Shows NEF programs: campaign to eradicate Bilharzia in Dezful; the Ahwaz Agricultural College in Khuzistan province.

A Helping Hand in the Near East #3, 1957

reel AV 964

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Scope and Contents

Film with narration speaking of a hope for Iran and their 'unproductive earth'. A team of specialists in mechanics, agriculture, sanitation and engineering meet to discuss plans for Iranian villages. The process of sanitation begins by spraying the houses and checking the animals. So that the progress continues men, women, and children are offered education.

Near East Adventure, 1957

reel AV 966

Scope and Contents

Documentary about NEF's activities in village of Mamazon in Northern Iran, near the Alborz Mountains. Introducing the challenges of traditional agriculture in Iran ("No one on earth works harder than an Iranian farmer"), shows the transformation of the village through a regimen of NEF programs, including a campaign against malaria, the increase in economic productivity through the introduction of tractors, wells, and pumps for drinking water. Social changes include the first local elections, with footage of the voting process and the use of cutout shapes as ballots b/c of the villagers' illiteracy. Also shows efforts to eradicate this illiteracy through programs for women and the elderly.

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Syria, 1958

reel AV 968

Scope and Contents

Footage inside and outside of the city. Inside the city, the architecture and artifacts are a quiet reminder of the past while bustling street scenes are a reminder of the modernization in place. Mountains are visible in the distance.

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Middle East Religious Sites, 1958

reel AV 969

Scope and Contents

Visitors sightsee by visiting temples and lakes while also stopping to take a group photo. Different modes of transportation are observed.

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Arab Village- The Story of Merj, 1956

reel AV 970

Scope and Contents

Footage of current agricultural technologies and tasks such as water collecting and tending the livestock. Men can be seen having discussions at a meeting while women and children visit the doctor. Same as AV 998.

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Lebanon, 1959

reel AV 971

Scope and Contents

A more industrial look at the Middle east. This amateur film captures industrial sites -buildings with pipes and valves- for daily operation. Views of a ship at sea from the shore. Children are also seen at school.

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Athens - Iran #3, 1969

reel AV 972

Scope and Contents

Mostly still life footage of natural landscapes and vegetation. There is also footage of city buildings in contrast to domed roof huts. In this film, children make numerous appearances acknowledging the camera. By Rev. James T. Albertson of Central Methodist Church and an NEF board member.

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Jordan, 1964

reel AV 973

Scope and Contents

This film contains aerial shots of both city and countryside from a distance. During visits to historical/religious sites, some visitors meet a religious elder, examine tapestry designs, view ancient scrolls, and visit what appears to be tombs. Some recreational activity such as floating on the beach and swimming take place. A J.T. Albertson Film

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The Bible Lands, 1961

reel AV 974

Scope and Contents

Tourists visit Israel and partake in activities such as water sports, entertainment, and sightseeing. The city has a market with goods to admire including art, tapestries, metal works, and sculpting. Camels rides offers transportation to the Egyptian pyramids. Produced by Pan American Airlines.

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The Dyke

reel AV 975

Scope and Contents

This short film captures the hardships and victories met by a village when the building of a dam is underway. From flooding to rocky soil, the whole village works together so that they can celebrate the future of a plentiful harvest.

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Korea - The Enlightened Village

reel AV 976

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Candle in the Dark, 1970

reel AV 979

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Boys Haven and Amman Boys Club, 1970

reel AV 981

Scope and Contents

Majority of footage is a montage of still photography. Footage shows the bunkhouse and classroom of the Boys Haven. Boys learn trades like sewing and wood work while enjoying games such as Dominoes and Chess.

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Morocco , 1954

reel AV 983

Scope and Contents

Footage of cityscape and the markets and wares one can find on the streets. Crafts include plates and dishes, wood carving, musicians with dancers, exterior decorations, and animal performers. An appearance of the peace sign from a man waving to the camera. Rural footage is included such as a man made river, mountains, and farmland.

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Tour of the Holy Land , 1960

reel AV 987

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Scope and Contents

Amateur film capturing city monuments such as the colliseum, ancient gardens, and temples with statuary.

The Middle East

reel AV 988

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Gaza and the Refugees , 1959

reel AV 989

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Scope and Contents

A film with footage of Gaza locals watching military personal demonstrate techniques used in combat. The women also show flag motions they sign with. Children receive food and eat outside after locals obtain bleached flour.

NEF Reel 1

reel AV 990

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Scope and Contents

NARRATED IN PERSIAN WITH PERSIAN TITLES;
series of short films documenting what appears to be the immediate aftermath of the 1978 earthquake in Tabas.Reel One: Images of the devastation and of bodies being pulled from rubble.

NEF Reel 2

reel AV 991

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Scope and Contents

series of short films documenting what appears to be the immediate aftermath of the 1978 earthquake in Tabas. Reel Two: Scenes of death, grief and mourning.

NEF Reel 3

reel AV 992

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Scope and Contents

Series of short films documenting what appears to be the immediate aftermath of the 1978 earthquake in Tabas. Reel Three: A visit by government officials, maybe including Prime Minister Amir Abbas Hoveyda.

NEF Reel 4

reel AV 993

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Scope and Contents

series of short films documenting what appears to be the immediate aftermath of the 1978 earthquake in Tabas. Reel Four: The Shah and Queen Farah arrive to survey the destruction and to visit survivors.

NEF Reel 5

reel AV 994

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Scope and Contents

series of short films documenting what appears to be the immediate aftermath of the 1978 earthquake in Tabas. Reel Five: The Royal visit continued; footage of the relief effort and of ordinary Iranians donating money and goods.

Here They Are in Their True Colors, 1955

reel AV 995

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Footage From A Conference Showcasing The Table For "The American Friends Of The Middle East", 1953

reel AV 996

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Scope and Contents

Footage from a conference showcasing the table for "The American Friends of the Middle East"

Athens - Iran , 1968

reel AV 997

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Scope and Contents

Footage of ancient architecture in Athens including the Acropolis and ampitheaters. Some trades are demonstrated such as iron refurbishing, manikin making, and broom making. Children wave to camer then show some athletic activities.

The Story of Merj, 1951

reel AV 998

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Scope and Contents

Footage of current agricultural technologies and tasks such as water collecting and tending the livestock. Men can be seen having discussions at a meeting while women and children visit the doctor. Same as AV 998. Same as AV 970.

Israel, 1958

reel AV 999

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Scope and Contents

Amateur film of the city and the surrounding rural areas. A look at the life of a local village.

Egypt 1959, 1964

reel AV 1000

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Scope and Contents

Footage of sights one can see in Egypt. Architectural buildings such as temples are admired. Sailboats can be seen on the river. Even some views of the streets are present.

Holy Land - Jerusalem - Emmans, 1958

reel AV 1001

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Scope and Contents

Footage of city. Some rocky hills on the outskirts are explored and and a stone table is a point of interest.

Athens, 1968

reel AV 1002

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Scope and Contents

Film documenting patients in a Grecian hospital/clinic. A nurse and some patients are introduced. A handicapped man demonstrates how to exercise and a boy is taught how to lace a boot. School children demonstrate exercise regimen.

Athens - City, Acropolis, etc., 1969

reel AV 1004

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Scope and Contents

Footage of ancient architecture in Athens including the Acropolis and amphi theaters. Some natural sites are visited such as some rocky hills and floral gardens.

Tour the Holy Land, 1961

reel AV 1673

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Scope and Contents

A Summary of the trip taken to the Middle East. Footage incorporates tourist attractions such as the Egyptian Pyramids and religious sites while also including rural landscapes and the locals who inhabit the area. Lastly, visitors also enjoyed the nearby sea/river.

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Instances

Sadik Al-Assad, Nuhad J. Daghir -I / Nuhad J. Daghir -2, Rajah Tannous

1/4 inch
audio cassette
AV 6896

Conditions Governing Access:

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Dr. Winnie Huoho - 2, Blind woman, anatomy class, Wayne Jones

1/4 inch
audio cassette
AV 6897

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Untitled

1/4 inch
audio cassette
AV 6898

Conditions Governing Access:

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HAMLIN HOSPITAL: Linda Londers (tours), children's song -
Nasla Vuch / Dr. Charles K. Nucho -I

1/4 inch
audio cassette
AV 6899

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Abdul Latif El-Zerin - 2, Nasri S. Kawar - I / Paris Andreou XI,
Abdul Latif El-Zein - I

1/4 inch
audio cassette
AV 6900

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

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Untitled

1/4 inch
audio cassette
AV 6901

Conditions Governing Access:

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