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Abstract: Correspondence reflecting his interests in various humanitarian and liberal causes and in Scandinavian (particularly Danish) organizations, his association with the Society of Friends, and his writing and translating; manuscripts and clippings of articles written by him; biographical sketches and personalia; miscellaneous printed material relating to the League Against Yellow Journalism, the Society of Friends, Scandinavian organizations, etc.
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Biography Note
Peter Gulbrandsen was born in Denmark in 1890, came to the United States in 1924, and settled permanently in California in 1929. A journalist by profession, he contributed to various Danish language newspapers, wrote feature articles for magazines and newspapers on Scandinavian affairs, and edited *The Pacific Coast Scandinavian*. Well known in Danish-American circles, he lectured frequently and did translating work at the University of California.

Scope and Content Note
His papers, which he gave to the Bancroft Library over a period of years, 1937 to 1954, consist of correspondence reflecting his interest in various humanitarian and liberal causes, and in Scandinavian (particularly Danish) organizations, his association with the Society of Friends, and his writing and translating; manuscripts of his writings; clippings of articles written by him; biographical sketches and personalia; clippings, pamphlets and miscellaneous printed material relating to the League Against Yellow Journalism, Society of Friends, Scandinavian organizations, etc.

Box 1

**Letters written by Gulbrandsen, 1943-1952**

*Arranged chronologically.*

**Letters written to him**

*Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization, with a miscellany of single letters at the beginning of the file. A partial list of correspondents is included with this report. At the end of the file are four special folders: correspondence relating to his proposal to aid starving children of Europe, 1946; correspondence with Danish and other Scandinavian consulates, organizations, newspapers, etc.; correspondence with Danish/Norwegian publishers concerning Max Eastman’s *Artists in Uniform*; and correspondence with Society of Friends—members organizations, etc.*

Box 2

**Personalia; biographical sketches; clippings re Gulbrandsen, etc.**

**Articles written by Gulbrandsen (MSS and clippings); letters to editors written by him, etc.**

**Material relating to Denmark, Danish and Scandinavian organizations, etc.**

**The Hidden Hoover Letter — an interview with Lucy Gulbrandsen by Charles Malamuth [concerning Herbert C. Hoover]**

**California Writers Club (notices, bulletins, etc.)**

**League Against Yellow Journalism (miscellaneous printed material)**
Upton Sinclair; EPIC (miscellaneous items, including Gulbrandsen article, *Who Is Behind Upton Sinclair*)

Friends, Society of (bulletins and other printed material)

Miscellany

Correspondance Miscellany

Berkeley Peace Council
Letter, n.d.

California University, Berkeley. International House

California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act
Letter, June 19, 1936

Chicago Newspaper Guild
Letter, Dec. 28, 1938. Relative to the strike against Hearst's *Chicago Evening American* and the *Herald* and the *Examiner*.

Committee on Militarism in Education
Letter, Sept. 23, 1938. Relative to the strike against Hearst's *Chicago Evening American* and the *Herald* and the *Examiner*.

Commonwealth Club
Letter, Mar. 11, 1937. From William A. Sturm,

Cree, George, 1876-1953

Einstein, Albert, 1879-1955

Forester, Cecil Scott, 1899-1966
Letter, Oct. 19, 1953

Harcourt, Brace and Company, Inc.
Letter, May 18, 1934. Concerning permission to translate a portion of *The Autobiography of Lincoln Steffens* into Danish.

Hemingway, Ernest, 1898-1961
Letter, Feb. 13, 1940. A form letter written on behalf of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

Hutchinson, Paul S.
Letter, Dec. 11, 1950

Joesten, Joachim
Letter, July 17, 1944

Johnson, Hiram Warren, 1866-1945
Letter, Mar. 30, 1929

Knowland, William Fife, 1908-
Letter, Feb. 9, 1951

Krutch, Joseph Wood
Letter, July 27, 1949

Lawrence, Ernest Orlando, 1901-1958

Marx, Guido H.
Letter, Feb. 6, 1933

National Foundation Press, Inc.

Pacific Weekly

Pearson, Drew, 1897-
Letter, May 15, 1944
Steffens, Lincoln, 1866-1936
Letter, July 2, 1934
Thompson, Dorothy, 1894-1961
Letter, Nov. 10, 1943
Tolan, John Harvey, 1877-1947
Letter, Feb. 23, 1940
Western Worker
   Letter, Mar. 30, 1933. From Samuel A. Darcy. Relative to the campaign to free
   Tom Mooney.
Winter, Ella
   Letter, Oct. 30, 1936

Individual Correspondents

Bennett, Arnold
   2 letters, 1917-1920. Letter, Apr. 8, 1917, is a photocopy of a letter addressed to
   Lucy [Gulbrandsen]?. Letter, July 24, 1920, is written by his secretary.
Caen, Herbert Eugene, 1916-
   2 letters, n.d.
Calverton, Victor Francis, 1900-
   2 letters, 1936-1937
Downey, Sheridan. 1884-1961
   3 letters, 1934-1939. Two were written by his secretary.
Eastman, Max, 1883-
   6 letters, 1934. Primarily concerning Gulbrandsen's translating of Eastman's
   *Artists in Uniform*.
Hersholt, Jean
Jackson, Joseph Henry, 1894-1955
   3 letters, 1946-1954
Knopf (Alfred A.) Inc.
   2 letters, 1934. Concerning Danish-Norwegian rights of Max Eastman's *Artists in
   Uniform*.
Mooney, Thomas Joseph, 1882-1942
   2 letters, 1933-1936. Photocopies. Also: photocopy of a letter, Nov. 18, 1932, from
   Tom Mooney Molders' Defense Committee.
Rolph, James, 1869-1934
   2 letters, 1928-1931
Roosevelt, Eleanor (Roosevelt), 1884-1962
   2 letters, 1946
Sinclair, Upton Beall, 1878-
   10 letters, 1932-1951. Two are photocopies; one, a typed transcript. Also: a
   volume containing record prints of 26 Sinclair letters, primarily to Gulbrandsen,
   1933-1941, relating for the most part to the EPIC campaign; and photocopies of
   three letters (including one written by Lucy Gulbrandsen) relative to the
   campaign.
Stone, Irving, 1903-
   3 letters, 1945.
Wilson, Jackson Stitt, 1868-1942
   2 letters, 1933