
Guide to the Rev. Walton E. Cole Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Reverend Walton E. Cole Collection

creator: Cole, Walton E.

Dates: 1934-1950

Abstract:

Extent: 5 feet (5 boxes)

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Marina Cole, March 20, 1985.

Processing Information

Arranged and Processed by Special Collections Staff

Accruals

No additions to the collection is anticipated.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

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Series Arrangement

Series 1 Miscellaneous Papers

Series 2 Books and Radio Broadcasts

Subject Headings

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection

Cole, Rev. Walton E.

Coughlin, Charles E. (Charles Edward), 1891-1979. .

aeronautics

United States--Politics and Government--1933-1945

Series 1 **Miscellaneous Papers, 1934 - 1950**

box 1, folder 1	Photographs, 1940
box 1, folder 2	Labor Papers: Social Justice Magazine, 1940
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box 1, folder 4	"The Fine Art of Rabble Rousing," 1939
box 1, folder 5	"Temper of the Times", 1939
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box 1, folder 7	Plans for Broadcasts, 1938-1939
box 1, folder 8	Coughlin Speech: National Union for Social Justice, 1934
box 1, folder 9	Correspondence: Walton E. Cole and Edward Meeks, 1939
box 1, folder 10	Accounts of the two visits of Walton E. Cole and Father Coughlin, 1939
box 1, folder 11	Interview with Archbishop Mooney,
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box 2, folder 18	La Vielle France, 1940
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box 2, folder 20	Lincoln and Rothchilds, Social Justice Magazine, 1940-1942
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box 3, folder 1	Social Justice Magazine, 1936-1942
box 4, folder 1	Scrapbook of Newspaper Clippings, 1939

Series 2 **Books and Radio Broadcasts, 1939-1940**

box 5, folder 1	"An Answer to Father Coughlin's Critics", 1940
box 5, folder 2	Binderup, Hon. Chas G., "Government Monetary Control", 1938
box 5, folder 3	Cole, Walton, E. "The American Way of Life", Toledo, OH: Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice, 1939
box 5, folder 4	Cole, Walton, E. "The Choice Before Us.", Toledo, OH: Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice, 1940
box 5, folder 5	Coughlin, Charles E. "Eight Lectures on Labor Capital and Justice", Royal Oak, MI: The Radio League of the Little Flower, 1934
box 5, folder 6	Father Coughlin, His "Facts" and Arguments, New York, General Jewish Council, 1939
box 5, folder 7	"The Fine Art of Propaganda", New York: Harcourt, Brace and Company, 1939
box 5, folder 8	Radio Broadcasts, 1939
	July 20, 1939, 1939
	Hitler Over America, 1939
	The American Way, 1939
	Social Justice: The American Plan, 1939

Peril of Propaganda, 1939
Should the Neutrality Pact be Revised?, 1939
Defend America, Now, 1939
America's Greatest Need, 1939
Facts versus Fancies, 1939
Is Father Coughlin a Menace to Americanism, 1939
There Must be a Way Out, 1939
There Must be No Backbone Here, 1939
Hope of America, 1939
Building Real Americanism, 1939
The Use and Buse of Freedom Speech, 1939
America's Struggle for Social Justice, 1939
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Hope for 1940, 1939
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The Facts about Father Coughlin and the Christian Front, 1940
The Facts about Father Coughlin and the Christian Front II, 1940
Further Facts about Father Coughlin and the Christian Front, 1940
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Propagandists Discover Lincoln, 1940
Wanted: Brotherhood!, 1940
Consider the Source!, 1940
Mr. Markham Poet of the People, 1940
Contemporary Calvary, 1940
The Choice Before Us, 1940
The Facts about Father Coughlin and the Christian Front,
An Appeal to Friends of Freedom,
Membership Card of "the Friends of Freedom",
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