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: The Reverend Walton E. Cole Papers consist of correspondence, clippings, and publications on the radio battle fought in the late 1930s between Cole and Father Charles E. Coughlin, a Catholic priest who was among the first to exploit the possibilities of preaching on the air. Coughlin, became highly controversial when his broadcasts took a political turn toward Nazism and anti-Semitism. Walton Cole, a Unitarian minister in Toledo, Ohio, tried to prevail upon the Catholic hierarchy to have his inflammatory broadcasts stopped. Walton Cole's widow, who donated the papers, has provided personal notes and reminiscences about this tense episode.

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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.  
aeronautics  
United States--Politics and Government--1933-1945
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- box 2, folder 18: La Vielle France, 1940
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- box 2, folder 20: Lincoln and Rothschilds, Social Justice Magazine, 1940-1942
- box 2, folder 21-22: Ford Hall Forum, 1940-1942
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- box 2, folder 24: Ford Hall Responses and Letters, 1939
- box 2, folder 25: End of Coughlin Broadcasts, 1940-1943
- box 2, folder 26-28: Newspaper Clippings, 1939-1940
- box 2, folder 29: Kernan Address, 1940
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### 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 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 8: Radio Broadcasts, 1939
  - July 20, 1939, 1939
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