Preliminary Inventory of the B. E. (B. Edwin) Hutchinson papers

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Abstract: Correspondence, speeches and writings, reports, financial records, and printed matter, relating to industrial and labor policy in the United States, the promotion of free enterprise and conservative thought, and activities of the Chrysler Corporation, the Foundation for Economic Education, and the National Council of Churches.

Language: English.

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Biographical Note

American business executive; vice president, Chrysler Corporation, 1925-1955; chairman of the board, Foundation for Economic Education; vice president, National Council of Churches.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Access Points

Automobile industry and trade--United States.
Industries--United States.
Labor policy--United States.
Conservatism.
Laissez-faire.
United States--Religion.
United States--Economic conditions.
United States--Politics and government.
Chrysler Corporation.
Foundation for Economic Education, inc.

Box 1

General Correspondence, March - June 1956, arranged alphabetically, Economic Club of Detroit to J. Howard Pew (the Bishop Emerich European Trip Fund).
Box 2
General Correspondence, March - June 1956, J. Howard Pew to Mrs. Mark J. Woodhull. Separate folders of correspondence with the American Enterprise Association, the Parishfield Conference, the Spiritual Mobilization (Los Angeles), the Tax Foundation, and St. Paul's Cathedral (Detroit) Endowment Fund.

Box 3

Box 4
Miscellaneous correspondence and reports, 1959; Extensive files on the Tax Foundation and St. Paul's Cathedral (Detroit), including recordings of telephone conversations; daily appointment book, 1954.

Box 5

Record cabinet
Three flexi discs
Scope and Contents note
Originally housed in Box 5

Box 6
Personal correspondence, 1953, much of it related to Hutchinson’s illness and hospitalization for ulcers. Includes about six conservative tracts and speeches, including a September 1944 speech by George Romney (Automobile Council for War Production) regarding postwar reconversion. Includes a small book by Theodore Iserman and Leo Wolman, Industrial Peace and the Wagner Act, How the Act Works and What to Do About It (1947). This is one of over one hundred anti-labor union tracts and books which are found in this collection.

Box 7
Conservative tracts or lectures (see separate listing)

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Conservative tracts or lectures (see separate listing)

Box 9
Conservative tracts or lectures (see separate listing)

Box 10
Conservative tracts or lectures (see separate listing)

Box 11
Personal and organizational correspondence, 1958.

Box 12

Box 13
General Correspondence, 1951, but primarily 1958. The materials from 1951 all relate to the Foundation For Economic Education and include the Foundation’s history, budgets, etc.

Box 14
Foundation For Economic Education materials for 1948-1953, including reports from annual meetings, lists of donors, and financial information.

Box 15
Foundation For Economic Education materials, June 1946 through 1949, including correspondence and various publications.

Box 16
Daily appointment books, 1957, 1958, 1960. Correspondence, 1957, relating to the MIT Corporation (Hutchinson was one of 61 active members), the Foundation For Economic Education, and other miscellaneous correspondence.

Box 17
Miscellaneous personal and political correspondence, 1957, including correspondence with Alfred P. Sloan, Jr. Detailed listing of Hutchinson’s Christmas gifts (cash) and various contributions, 1955-1957.

Box 18
Foundation For Economic Education files, 1953, 1954 [includes budgets, meetings of the Board of Directors, etc.]; St Paul’s Cathedral, Detroit, for 1957; charitable contributions, 1957; miscellaneous correspondence, 1961.
| Box 19 | Contributions for 1961; spreadsheet of Hutchinson's charitable contributions, 1944-1961; correspondence for 1959-1961 (mainly 1961) arranged in folders alphabetically (A to S); Economic Club of Detroit materials (Hutchinson was a director); St. Paul’s Cathedral, Detroit, including financial reports for 1960, 1961; and “Rotating Vestry Matter” (at St. Paul’s), 1957-1959 (Hutchinson was a member of the Cathedral Vestry). |
| Box 20 | Correspondence for 1961, alphabetically in folders T - W; correspondence, in folders (Bishop Emrich - MIT); and large folder on the Foundation For Economic Education, including lists of donors for 1959-1961. |
| Box 21 | Miscellaneous correspondence. 1956, 1957, including numerous letters to various Protestant churches regarding evangelical Christianity; loose correspondence for 1957, Diocese of Michigan to Frances, James; materials relating the to Spiritual Mobilization; and miscellaneous political tracts. |
| Box 22 | National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., 1956-1957. Hutchinson resigned as a vice president on 20 September 1957 because of the lack of lay involvement in the NCC. |
| Box 23 | National Council of Churches materials, including financial reports for 1955-1957. Much discussion of the NCC taking a political position on state "right to work" laws. |
| Box 25 | Hutchinson Speeches, March 1943 - October 1952 (see separate listing) |
| Box 26 | Hutchinson Speeches, February 1937 - April 1953 (see separate listing) |
| Box 27 | Hutchinson Speeches, August 1943 - October 1952 (see separate listing) |
| Box 28 | General Correspondence, 1959-1961, arranged alphabetically by correspondent, M to Z, for 1960. |
| Box 29 | General Correspondence for 1960, American Enterprise Institute to Murray, including extensive files for the Foundation For Economic Education. The beginning of documents related to the Chrysler Corporation, including letters from 30 March 1923 on. Folder of correspondence with K.T. Keller covers March 1941 through February 1954 and includes an audio recording of a phone conversation between Hutchinson and K.T. Keller, 26 July 1950, 3:00 PM. Physical Description: (31 letters) |
| Box 30 | Hutchinson's appointment calendars, 1952-1956, 1958-1960; correspondence with Louis H.T. Dehmlow, 1959-1960 (ca.); Hutchinson's Christmas letters, December 1960 (ca. 175 in all); and miscellaneous conservative tracts (see separate listing). Physical Description: 50 letters |
| Box 31 | Maxwell Motor Company Annual Reports for Year Ending 31 July 1914 though 31 July 1918; Maxwell Motor Corporation, Consolidated Balance Sheets, 31 December 1921 through 31 December 1924; Chrysler Corporation Consolidated Balance Sheets, 31 December 1925 through 31 December 1927; Chrysler Corporation Annual Reports, Year Ended 31 December 1928 through Year Ended 31 December 1950; and "Printed Speeches, Material About Chrysler Corporation and Automobile Industry Suitable for Mail" (see separate listing). |
| Box 32 | Chrysler Corporation Annual Reports for Year Ended 31 December 1951 though 31 December 1953; Financial Statement (quarterly) for 1951, 1952, and 1953; and various Chrysler Corporation printed materials (see separate listing). |
Box 33  Maxwell Motor Company Annual Report for Year Ended 31 July 1918; Chrysler Corporation, Consolidated Balance Sheets, 1925-1927; Annual Reports, 1928-1950; Financial Quarterly Reports, 1949, 1950; Folder, "Notices to Employees," includes notices regarding stock, savings, and investment plans (1 July 1929), Employee Representation in the Plants of Chrysler Motors (October 1929), and bonus pay announcements, March 1934; Chrysler Corporation Certificate of Incorporation (6 June 1925) and Amendments (23 December 1925 - 25 April 1949); Chrysler Corporation By-Laws, adopted 6 June 1925, with twelve amendments through 24 September 1953; and Dodge Brothers, Inc., Indenture, 15 April 1925.

Box 34  Printed conservative tracts (see separate listing).

Box 35  Printed materials authored by Chrysler officials and others (see separate listing).

Box 36  Printed conservative tracts (see separate listing).

Box 37  Printed conservative tracts (see separate listing).

Box 38  General Correspondence, arranged alphabetically, Albany, NY Congress to St. Pauls' Cathedral, 1955. Includes extensive correspondence with the American Enterprise Association (Hutchinson was a trustee); Automotive Safety Foundation; Campaign For the 48 States (states' rights); Economic Club of Detroit (Hutchinson was a director); Heritage Foundation; Herbert Hoover Foundation (Hutchinson was a trustee); and St. Paul's Cathedral.

Box 39  General Correspondence, arranged alphabetically, Institute For Economic Education to William H. Zinsser (all 1955). Includes large files from M.I.T.; Opinion Research; Spiritual Mobilization; Robert Taft Memorial Foundation; and the Tax Foundation, including financial reports.

Box 40  Daily appointment books for 1953, 1955, 1956, and 1959; correspondence with Herbert Hoover, June 1953, June 1954, and August 1954; folder marked "1940s"; Hutchinson's testimony in January 1947 before the U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and the Public Welfare; correspondence regarding Hutchinson's split with the National Association of Manufacturers over the NAM's position on labor unions and collective bargaining; and Claude Robinson's 120-page typescript journal of his travels with his family, 19 July - 25 August 1954.

Detailed listings of speeches, tracts, and other materials:

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Box 25

Hutchinson Speeches -- The Church and Industry, at the Second Baptist Church of Detroit, 19 April 1951; The (MIT) Class of `43, Ahoy!, reprinted in *The Technology Review* 45 (March 1943): 1-4; Statement Made Before the Special Committee on Postwar Economic Policy and Planning, 28 March 1944, U.S. House of Representatives; Statement on Industry-Wide Bargaining and Labor Monopoly made to the U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and the Public Welfare, 4 February 1947; Freedom, Politics, and Businessmen, before the Automotive and Aviation Parts Manufacturers, inc., Detroit, MI, 12 April 1946; Green Light or Red For the Automotive Industry, before the National Association of Taxicab Owners, 22 October 1952 (no place); How Business and Industrial Management and Education Can Cooperate For A Better Metropolitan Detroit, given at a conference between Industry and Education, Hotel Statler, Detroit, 9 May 1944; Inflation and Its Implication, before the National Association of Manufacturers, 3 December 1948;
Hutchinson Speeches - - Let Us Get On With the Revolution, before the National Industrial Council, New York City, 4 December 1946; Graduation Day Address, Milton Academy, Milton, Mass., May 1943; Left and Right: Right and Wrong, before the Women’s Town Meeting of Detroit, 21 November 1950; Tribute to John L. Lovett at the meeting of the Michigan Manufacturers’ Association, 7 April 1953; Remarks at the Men’s Corporate Communion Breakfast at St. Paul’s Cathedral (Detroit), 22 February 1953: More Talk, before Wittenagemote, 19 February 1937; Our Postwar Outlook, before an Episcopal men’s group (no place, no date); Religion, Economics, and Politics, before the Grosse Pointe (Michigan) Memorial Church Men’s Association, 5 October 1948; Road Building in the Public Interest, before the Annual Dinner of the Institute of Traffic Engineers, Detroit, MI, 3 October 1947; Social Capitalism: Today’s Frontier, before the Columbus Industrial Association, Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, 12 May 1949; and American Business: Capitalist and Competitive!, before the Illinois Manufacturers’ Costs Association, at the Palmer House, Chicago, 15 November 1949.

Note

Note on reformatted sound recordings: Let Us Get On With the Revolution, an incomplete, dictated version of Hutchinson’s speech before the National Industrial Council, New York City, has been digitized. In this speech, he calls himself a revolutionary and calls for a revolution as an extension of the past 2000 years, especially built upon the actions of the Founding Fathers. He opposes both the New Deal and communism. Among his criticism of New Dealers, both Democratic and Republican, is his opposition to price controls, and he singles out rent control. Use copy reference number: 97027_a_0007454


Box 31


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Box 32

Materials Relating to Chrysler Corporation: Special issue of Automobile Topics (30 December 1933) devoted to Chrysler's ten-year anniversary; John W. Scoville, Behavior of the Automobile Industry in Depression, address delivered by Scoville, Chief Statistician, Chrysler Corporation, to the Econometric Society, Roosevelt Hotel, New York City, 20 December 1935; Chronology of the Automobile Industry, from the Automobile Manufacturers' Association (1939); The Chrysler Building (New York: Chrysler Tower Corporation, 1930), black velvet cover, Dodge and Diesel (1939?); The Growth of Plymouth (1933); The Growth of Chrysler (Detroit: The Chrysler Corporation, 1928); and Men, Methods, and Machines in Automobile Manufacturing (New York: Automobile Manufacturers Association, 1939).

Physical Description: 32 pages, 3 copies;

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Box 35


Physical Description: (156 pages); (81 pages)

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