John Birch Society Collection

1960s
Descriptive Summary
Title: John Birch Society Collection
Dates: 1960s
Collection Number: Consult repository
Creator/Collector: Sidney Gally.
Extent: 1 box
Repository: Pasadena Museum of History
Abstract: The John Birch Society Collection consists primarily of a scrapbook of newspaper clippings and books regarding the organization.
Language of Material: English
Access
Collection open for research.
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Acquisition Information
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Biography/Administrative History
The John Birch Society is an American political advocacy group that supports anti-communism, limited government, a Constitutional Republic and personal freedom. It was founded in 1958 by Robert W. Welch, Jr. The society was named for John Birch, a captain in the US Army who was supposedly murdered by Chinese Communists 10 days after VJ Day. It first came to the widespread attention of Pasadenans in reporter Bill Sumner's newspaper column of February 10, 1961 in the Pasadena Star-News. Southern Californian congressmen John H. Rousselot and Edgar W. Heisstand were members of the John Birch Society. the Society is still active with local chapters in all 50 states. The organization owns American Opinion Publishing, which publishes the journal The New American.
Scope and Content of Collection
Indexing Terms
limited government
anti-communist
Cold War
Constitutional Republic
Brown, Edmund G.(Edmund Gerald) -- 1905-1996
Rousselot, John H. -- 1927-2003
Kerr,Clark -- 1911-2003
Birch,John -- 1918-1945
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John Birch Society
California
U.S.
newspaper clippings
books (2)

Governor Edmund G. Brown Congressman John H. Rousselot Chancellor Clark Kerr Captain John Birch