The Register of United Anti-Nazi Conference Records, 1935-1939

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**Descriptive Summary**

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**Abstract:** This is a small collection of correspondence, clippings and fliers from Aaron Kertman, the Executive Secretary of the United Anti-Nazi Conference in Los Angeles. The committee sponsored Mme. Sonja Branting in 1935 and William Francis Hare, Earl of Listowel in 1936, to speak on the threat posed by the Nazi regime in Germany. The Conference also organized a mass anti-Nazi protest and parade in Boyle Heights on November 22, 1938.

**Language:** English.

**Provenance**

Donated by Clarissa Platt (daughter of Aaron Kertman), 02/20/85.

**Access**

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Organizational History
The Los Angeles office of the United Anti-Nazi Conference was formed in 1935 with Chaim Shapiro as President and Aaron Kertman as Executive Secretary. The Conference brought together Jewish and anti-fascist groups, including labor unions, for the common goal of raising awareness of Nazi anti-Jewish policies and actions that were occurring in the mid and late 1930s. To this end they sponsored speakers from Europe to give testimonies, across the United States, about Nazi activities. In particular: Mme. Sonja Branting from Sweden and William Francis Hare, Earl of Listowel of the United Kingdom. The Conference organized a major protest parade on November 22, 1938 in Boyle Heights. 10,000 turned out to hear denunciations of Hitler and Nazism.

Scope and Content
The collection is primarily correspondence relating to the speaking engagements that were sponsored by the Conference. There is a 1935 letter from Sonja Branting. Three of the letters regarding the 1936 visit of the Earl of Listowel are from Otto Katz, who was working as a Soviet agent at the time. In addition there are clippings about the November 1938 parade, a flier to picket the Nazi-Bund Convention on August 6, 1938, and minutes from a meeting held October 1938. There are two items from the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League for the Defense of American Democracy for the Living Newspaper that was performed on January 30, 1939 at the Shrine Auditorium.