Register of the Clipping Collection: Blacklisted Teachers in Los Angeles, 1967-1982

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Clipping Collection: Blacklisted Teachers in Los Angeles,
Date (inclusive): 1967-1982
Collection number: MSS 046
Creator: unknown
Extent: 1 folder
Repository: Southern California Library for Social Studies and Research
Los Angeles, CA 90044
Abstract: Miscellaneous clippings concerning the Blacklisting of Teachers.
Language: English.
Provenance
This folder was found at the Library.

Access
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Historical Context: Blacklisting and the McCarthy Era
The individual collections within the Blacklisted Teachers in Los Angeles Collection share a common historical framework, the Anti-Communist fervor of the Cold War Period and what is commonly referred to as the McCarthy Era. After the end of World War II, the United States and the Soviet Union engaged in the ideological battle known as the Cold War. The identification of communists and other radicals through the use of federal and state legislative investigative committees and the punishment of those identified through firing and blacklisting comprised a successful U.S. tactic. The investigations spread from federal and other government employees to the entertainment industry, the professions, labor unions, and the private sector. The major players in these campaigns included, on the Federal level, Senator Joseph McCarthy and the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC). In California major players included California State Assemblyman (later State Senator) Nelson S. Dilworth, and State Senators Jack B. Tenney and Hugh M. Burns. All three served on the Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in California (1945) and first Tenney and later Burns chaired the [California] Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities. Of special note are the Levering (1952) and Dilworth (1953) Acts. The Levering Act made refusal to fully cooperate with any state committee grounds for firing a teacher and the Dilworth Act gave local school boards investigating authority and also required that all teachers sign an oath denying any Communist affiliation.

Scope and Content
This collection consists of one folder of clippings concerning the blacklisting of teachers in Los Angeles and elsewhere.

Title: Frances Robman Eisenberg: Blacklisted Teachers in Los Angeles,
Date: 1928-1995
Physical Description: 4 boxes and 1 oversize box

Title: Abraham Minkus Papers: Blacklisted Teachers in Los Angeles,
Date: 1945-1983
Physical Description: 4 boxes

Title: Florence Sloat Papers: Blacklisted Teachers in Los Angeles,
Date: 1959-1991
Physical Description: 1 box

Title: Greg Goldin Collection (Interviews): Blacklisted Teachers in Los Angeles,
Date: 1977
Physical Description: 1 box, 15 audio cassettes

Title: Ellen Chase Verdries Collection (Interviews/Paper): Blacklisted Teachers in Los Angeles,
Date: 1992-1996
Physical Description: 1 (half) box

Title: Thomas Fagan Collection (Interviews): Blacklisted Teachers in Los Angeles,
Date: 1989-1990
Physical Description: 3 folders, 5 audio cassettes

Title: Los Angeles Teachers Union Collection,
Date: 1933-1982
Physical Description: 2 boxes

Title: Jean Benson Wilkinson Papers: Blacklisted Teachers in Los Angeles,
Date: 1953-1955
Physical Description: 1 folder

Title: Dorothy Doyle Collection (Interviews): Blacklisted Teachers In Los Angeles,
Date: 1986
Physical Description: 1 audio tape

Folder 1  Clippings, 1967-1982