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Biographical Note
Born July 27, 1889 in Emmetsburg, Iowa, Bruce Ormsby Bliven was the son of Charles and Lilla Ormsby Bliven. Having won prizes for his writing ability as early as age fourteen, Bruce went on to work his way through Stanford University as a cub reporter for the S.F. Bulletin. He received a B.A. in English in 1911.

Freelance magazine writing and advertising copywriting occupied the years immediately following graduation until he accepted a position as head of the University of Southern California School of Journalism from 1914 to 1916. After two years on the staff of Printer's Ink and four as an editorial writer and managing editor for the New York Globe, Bliven joined the New Republic in 1923.

Bliven, a determined critic of the Harding, Coolidge and Hoover Administrations, helped expose the Teapot Dome ore scandals of the twenties. Upon Herbert Croly's demise, Bliven succeeded as editor of New Republic. His principal colleagues
on the magazine included George Soule, economist; Robert Morss Lovett, professor and reformer; Malcolm Cowley, literary critic; and Stark Young, drama critic.

Bliven moved the magazine's editorial policy noticeably to the left in the thirties, but by 1933 it supported Franklin Roosevelt's policies, both foreign and domestic. Bliven's insights into the 1930's and 1940's are reflected in his work, The World Changers. During these years (1927-1947), Bliven also served as New York correspondent for The Manchester Guardian.

In 1953, after suffering a heart attack, Bliven returned to Stanford University where he served as a lecturer in communications and journalism.

Continuing his freelance literary career, Bliven completed several works, including Five Million Words Later, his autobiography, and A Mirror for Greatness a biography of six famous Americans.

Bliven died May 6, 1977, and was survived by his wife of 64 years, Rose Frances Emery and a son, Bruce Bliven, Jr.

**Scope and Content**

This collection represents those files which were kept at Mr. Bliven's last place of residence, Kingscote Gardens (on the Stanford campus). The majority of the files date from the 1950s to the present, and are divided into alphabetically-arranged correspondence files and a number of subject-oriented files which include drafts of various literary manuscripts. The most notable exception to the collection is, of course, the files relating to Bliven's New Republic years, which remain with the publisher.

**Note**

See list of correspondents at end of guide

**Additional Note**

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Armstrong, Hamilton Fish
Asimov, Isaac
Bailey, Thomas
Baillie, Hugh
Bakeless, John
Baker, Carlos
Barnes, Harry Elmer
Basso, Hamilton
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Behrman, S. N.
Bennion, Sherilyn C.
Berlin, Ira R. (Mrs.)
Bernays, Edward
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Bissell, Richard
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Blake, Peter
Blakeslee, Howard W. (Mrs.)
Blamchard, Paul
Blessing, George
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Boydston, Jo Ann
Boyers, Jim
Braden, Thomas W.
Bradlee, Benjamin C.
Braley, Berton
Brasso, Hamilton (Mrs.)
Brinton, Jim
Bronowski, Jacob (Dr.
Brooks, Dell
Brooks, Van Wyck (Mrs.)
Brown, Francis
Brown, Harrison
Bruce, John
Burke, Kenneth
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Burns, Jim
Busch, Noel F.
Bush, Chilton
Bush, Robert
Calledge, Turner
Calmer, Ned
Canfield, Cass
Caples, John
Capra, Frank
Carter, Don, Managing Editor
Cater, Douglas
Cerf, Bennett
Chamberlain, Dorothy
Chandler, Otis, Publisher
Chapman, William
Chase, Stuart
Chenery, William L.
Ciardi, John
Cogswell, Elinor V.
Collingwood, Charles
Cooke, Alistair
Coppel, Alfred
Cousins, Norman
Cowley, Malcolm
Cranston, Alan (Senator)
Crawford, Nelson Antrim
Crouse, Russell (Mrs.)
Cushway, Phil
Daley, Kay
Daniels, Jonathan
Danziger C. R.
Davidson, Ralph
Davis, Nuel (Dr.)
Day, James President
de Roos, Robert
De Witt, Wallave
deford, Miriam Alan
Deirup, Anne (Mrs.)
Dervel, Helmut L. (DR.)
Dickson, Candy
Dietz, Howard
Diggins, John P.
Dizikes, John
Dodds, John W.
Dodge, John V.
Douglas, Paul (Senator)
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Felsteiner, Prof.
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Fessler, Floyd
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Finley, Murray H.
Fischer, John
Fontaine, Clarice (Miss)
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Ford, Corey
Frankfurter, Felix (Justice)
Frey, Richard C.
Friedrich, Otto
Fuller, Helen
Fuoss, Robert (Editor)
Galbraith, John Kenneth,
Gallagher, J.A.
Gard, Wayne
Garnnett, Lewis
Gentry, Richard H.
Gerard, Ralph
Gilliam, Harold
Gilmore, Kenneth O.
Gingrich, Arnold
Glover, Frederic O.
Goldman, Eric
Gordon, Ruth
Gould, Karolyn R.
Gould, Mr. & Mrs.
Graham, Katherine
Gray, Henry David (proof.)
Green, Adolph
Greenbaum, Wolff & Ernst
Greene, Felix
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Guening, Ernest
Guerard, Albert
Gumbach, Doris
Gunther, John
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Hall, William James
Hansen, Vern
Hanswirth, Frieda
Harriman, W. Averell
Harrison, Gilbert A.
Hartman, Joyce
Heckscher, August (Director)
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Highet, Gilbert (Mrs.)
Hill, Robert (Dr.)
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Houghton, Mifflin Co. Publishers
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Kalpan, Oscar (Dr.)
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Kaunitz, Julius (M.D.)
Kelley, Ryland
Kelly, John
Kennan, George
Kenny, James (Dr.)
Kilpatrick, James Jackson
Kone, Eugene H.
Krech, David (Professor)
Krononenberger
Kuehel, Thomas (Sen.)
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Lawrence, David (Editor)
Lazar, Lucille (Miss)
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Liebes, B. H. (Mr.)
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Loeb, James I.
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Lynes, Russell
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Mumford, Lewis
Nelson, Frederick
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Neylan, John Francis
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Ochsner, Alton, M.D.
Oden, Melita H. (Mrs.)
O’Keefe, Dan
Older, Mrs. (Fremont)
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Ormerod, Berkeley (Sir)
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Paulsen, Viola (Mrs.)
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Peretz, Martin
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Pilate, Oliver
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Raditsa, Bogdan (Prof.)
Rank, Jane (Miss)
Reynolds, Paul
Richman, Robert
Rischin, Moses
Roberts, Steven
Rockmore, Irving
Rodman, Selden
Rollins, David
Roosevelt, Nicholas
Rose, Milton
Ross, Nancy Wilson
Rossant, M. J. Director
Roth, William
Rush, Chilton R.
Salisbury, Harrison E.
Sanders, Theodore M. (Mrs.)
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Schorer, Mark
Schwarz, Daniel
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Sears, Jesse (Dr.)
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smith, Howard K.
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Vuckovic, Jovica
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Walker, Gerald
Wallace, De Wit
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Ward, John W. (President)
Warner, Eugene (Mrs.)
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Wendt, Gerald
Westberg, Phyllis
Weybright, Victor
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White, Katherine
White, Lynn, Jr,
White, Paul Dudley (Dr.)
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Whitmore, Gene
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