Descriptive Summary
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Abstract: The collection comprises records from the California Republican Assembly (CRA), a grassroots political organization that promotes conservative values, policies, and candidates related to the Republican Party. Over the years CRA has supported several winning candidates in the national political arena and has helped shape politics in California.
Access
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Organizational History
The California Republican Assembly (CRA) is a grassroots, political organization that promotes conservative values, policies, and candidates within the Republican Party. Dr. Robert Craig and Edward Shattuck began the CRA in 1932 with the intention of it being free and open to all Republicans, but for the first ten years, CRA sought the membership solely of men under the age of forty. Shortly after its incorporation in 1935, the CRA had over 8,000 members in 47 of the 48 counties in California. The CRA had 12,000 members by 1940, over 11,000 by 1956, and over 14,000 by 1963. Although membership in CRA was free initially, a bylaw requiring paid memberships was eventually adopted. CRA's founding fathers maintained an open and liberal philosophy; Dr. Robert Craig felt that paid membership betrayed the original concept and goals of CRA. By 1955, there were many members whose philosophy was opposed to that of CRA's founders. The liberals lost control of CRA with the election of moderate president Fred Hall in 1962, and CRA has been dominated by a conservative philosophy since 1972.
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The following chronology lists CRA presidents through 1969, the most recent date of the materials in the collection.
Biography/Organization History
1932-1938 Robert Craig, executive secretary
1934
February 11 CRA holds its first statewide organizational meeting in San Jose, California.
1934 March Sherrill Halbert, president.
12-1936
1935 July 12 CRA is incorporated.
1936-1937 Edward S. Shattuck, president.
1937-1938 Robert S. Barkell, president.
1938- George Newell serves as president and dies while in office.
1938-1939 McIntyre Faries, president.
1939-1940 Worth Brown, president.
1940-1941 William D. Campbell, president.
1941-1942 William F. Reichel, president.
1942-1943 Carlyle Lynton, president.
1943-1944 William C. Troyer, president.
1944-1945 Murray Chotiner, president.
1945-1946 Arthur C. Carmichael, president.
1946-1947 G. Revelle Harrison, president.
1948-1949 Gordon X. Richmond, president.
1949-1950 Ernest L. West, president.
1950-1951 Harrison H. McCall, president.
1951-1952 Markell C. Baer, president.
1952-1953 A. Ronald Button, president.
1956-1957 Robert Fenton Craig, president.
1957-1958 George W. Milias, president.
1959-1960 Gardiner Johnson, president.
1960-1961 Harvey Mydland, president.
1962-1963 Fred Hall, president.
1963-1964 William Nelligan, president.
1964-1965 Nolan Frizzelle, the first of the "conservative" presidents of CRA.
1966-1967 Dick Darling, president.


Collection Scope and Content Summary
This collection comprises records of the California Republican Assembly, a grassroots political organization that promotes conservative Republican platforms. Some of the collection materials once belonged to founder and president Dr. Robert Craig. Materials include bylaws, meeting minutes, convention materials, and reports.

Collection Arrangement
This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
California Republican Assembly -- Archives.

- Box : Folder 1 : 1 Annual convention: minutes, agendas, and event programs 1955-1958
- Box : Folder 1 : 2 Articles of incorporation and bylaws 1965, 1969, undated
- Box : Folder 1 : 3 Board meetings: directory, minutes, and newsletter 1955-1959
- Box : Folder 1 : 4 Brochures, flier, and bumper sticker 1955, 1963, undated
- Box : Folder 1 : 5 Organizational plans and area master plan 1956, undated
Box: Folder 1 : 7

Speakers’ manual compiled by the Republican State Central Committee Speakers Bureau with the CRA and others circa 1955