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Descriptive Summary

Title: Collection of material related to a farewell dinner for Dr. and Mrs. Henry E. Sigerist.

Date (inclusive): 1947-1948

Collection number: 44

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Abstract: Collection documents a farewell dinner held at the Plaza Hotel, New York City, 9 May 1947, organized for Dr. and Mrs. Henry E. Sigerist "on the occasion of their return to Switzerland and to do honour to Dr. Sigerist for his fifteen years of outstanding service to this country in the cause of medicine and the humanities." Collection includes: Printed invitation ([3] p.) -- Manuscript note from an unidentified correspondent, written to Robert L. Leslie, one of the sponsors, stating regrets at not being able to attend ([1] p.) -- Printed menu and program, including portrait of Sigerist ([8] p., including wrappers) -- Offprint about the dinner, from Bulletin of the History of Medicine, v. 22, no. 1, January-February 1948 -- Offprint: Zilboorg, Gregory. Henry E. Sigerist -- Offprint: Sigerist, Henry E. Kagan's garrison.

Physical location: Cage

Language of Material: Collection materials in English

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Biography

Henry Ernest Sigerist was born in 1891 in Paris, of Swiss parents, and died in Switzerland in 1957. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Zurich in 1917 and then served a few years as a Swiss Army physician, the only period in his career spent in clinical medicine. From 1925-1932 he taught in Zurich and Leipzig as professor in the history of medicine, succeeding Dr. Karl Sudhoff, his earlier teacher, in Leipzig. In 1932 he was recruited by William H. Welch to become professor and director of the Johns Hopkins University Institute of the History of Medicine, where he remained until his retirement in 1947.

Already a well-regarded scholar on his arrival in the United States ("Antike Heilkunde", 1927; & "Man & Medicine", 1932), Sudhoff greatly influenced the maturation of the field of medical history in this country. At Johns Hopkins he built a vigorous academic department; he founded the "Bulletin of the Institute of the History of Medicine" (later the "Bulletin of the History of Medicine"), plus other publication series, and edited it for 15 years; and he helped to invigorate the existing American Association for the History of Medicine. He also continued publishing important commentaries on the interrelationship of disease and civilization ("The Great Doctors, 1933; "American Medicine", 1934; "Socialized Medicine in the Soviet Union", 1937; Medicine & Human Welfare", 1941; "Civilization & Disease", 1943).

Sigerist was a true scholar, adept in languages, skilled in textual analysis, who saw medical history in a broader perspective -- stressing that the insights it could provide should illuminate contemporary problems.

Scope and Content

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Related Material
Additional Sigerist reprints, snapshots, correspondence, and a portrait can be found in UCLA Biomedical Library's Manuscript Collection 56, The C.D. O'Malley Papers.

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

Subjects
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