
Finding Aid for the California Committee on Therapeutic Abortion records, 1966-1974

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Descriptive Summary

Title: California Committee on Therapeutic Abortion records,

Date (inclusive): 1966-1974

Collection number: 1195

Creator: California Committee on Therapeutic Abortion

Extent: 11 boxes (5.5 linear ft.)

Abstract: Ruth Roemer (b.1916) is an activist and advocate on such issues as women's reproductive rights, tobacco laws, health manpower, AIDS, and national health insurance. Before *Roe vs. Wade*, she helped establish and served as vice-chair of the California Committee on Therapeutic Abortion to help legalize abortion. She influenced California to become the second state to pass a law allowing abortion on certain categorical grounds. The collection consists of correspondence, papers and printed materials of the California Committee on Therapeutic Abortion, including files, articles, pamphlets, legal briefs, speeches, photographs, press releases, clippings, and other materials, including those from vice-chair Ruth Roemer.

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Biography

Ruth Roemer earned a JD from Cornell Law School in 1939; as a research associate at Cornell in the late 1950s, she worked on a study of mental hospital admission laws in New York; her group's research was published under the title, *Mental illness and due process*, and the New York state legislature enacted many of its recommendations into law; Roemer became an activist and advocate on such issues as women's reproductive rights, tobacco laws, health manpower, AIDS, and national health insurance; before *Roe vs. Wade*, she helped establish and served as vice-chair of the California Committee on Therapeutic Abortion to help legalize abortion; influenced California to become the second state to pass a law allowing abortion on certain categorical grounds; wrote second edition of a monograph for the World Health Organization, reviewing worldwide legislation to control the tobacco epidemic; she also fought for the implementation of a national health insurance program for the U.S.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of correspondence, papers and printed materials of the California Committee on Therapeutic Abortion, including files, articles, pamphlets, legal briefs, speeches, photographs, press releases, clippings, and other materials, including those from vice-chair Ruth Roemer.

Organization and Arrangement

Arranged in the following series:

1. Correspondence files (Boxes 1-2).
2. Printed materials, mostly articles (Boxes 2-3).
3. Ruth Roemer files (Boxes 4-11).

Indexing Terms

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

Subjects

Roemer, Ruth, 1916- --Archives.
California Committee on Therapeutic Abortion--Archives.
Abortion--Government policy--Citizen participation.
Pro-choice movement--California--Archival resources.

Related Material

Frances Noel Papers ([Collection 814](#)) . Available at the UCLA Library Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library.

Correspondence Files

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|---------------------|--|
| Box 1, Folder 1 | Bar Association. 1966 |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Belous Case. 1969
Note
[See also folder 5 below] |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | Bylaws (CCTA). 1966 |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | CCTA correspondence. 1971-1974 |
| Box 1, Folder 5 | California Supreme Court -- Belous Case. 1969
Note
[See also folder 2 above] |
| Box 1, Folder 6 | Constitutional Defense Project. 1974 |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | Iles report. 1974
Scope and Content Note
[re investigative trip to Washington, New York and Boston for CCTA, made by Rev. Robert H. Iles.] |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | James Madison Consitutional Law Institute. 1970 |
| Box 1, Folder 9 | Kinsolving, Rev. Lester. 1966-1967 |
| Box 1, Folder 10 | Legal Documents re founding of CCTA. 1966-1967 |
| Box 1, Folder 11 | NARAL (National Association for Repeal of Abortion Laws). |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | New York legal case. 1969
Scope and Content Note
[Robert E. Hall, M.D., and others vs. the Honorable Louis J. Lefkowitz, Attorney General of New York and others, 69 Civ. 4284, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.] |
| Box 1, Folder 13 | Ramirez Case. 1974 |
| Box 1, Folder 14 | Religious coalition, Southern California. 1974 |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Society for Humane Abortion, San Francisco. 1966-1968 |
| | Correspondence and Printed Materials |
| Box 2, Folder 1 | Hodgson case. 1970 |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | Spanish translations of publicity material. 1970 |
| Box 2, Folder 3 | Statement on proposed humane abortion act. 1965 |
| Box 2, Folder 4 | UCLA-CCTA Conference. January 1971 |
| Box 2, Folder 5 | Various talks. |
| Box 2, Folders 6-10 | Various printed materials. |
| Box 2, Folder 11 | Photocopies of letter to Elizabeth Canfield and others re family planning. 1962-1965 |
| Box 3 | |

Various printed materials, mostly offprints of articles.

Scope and Content Note

Includes two copies of a report on the California Conference on abortion, Santa Barbara, California, February 10-11, 1968.

Boxes 4-11

Files of Mrs. Ruth Roemer. 1960s-1970s

Note

[Added to collection, July, 1979]

This concludes the end of the UCLA catalogued index. The following list is of the files as they appear in the rest of the collection.

Box 4, Folder 1

California Committee on Therapeutic Abortion, Correspondence. 1969-1970

Scope and Content Note

[Includes minutes of meetings]

Box 4, Folder 2

Correspondence. 1969-1970

Scope and Content Note

re action outside California.

Box 4, Folder 3

California Conference on Abortion, Santa Barbara. 1968

Box 4, Folder 4

Abortion in Nevada. 1968

Box 4, Folder 5

Clergy Counseling Service.

Box 4, Folder 6

Shively Brief.

Box 4, Folder 7

Belous Case.

Box 5, Folder 1

Post-legislation CCTA activities [clarification of what is now legal...].

Box 5, Folder 2

Post-Belous Legal Actions.

Box 5, Folder 3

Abortion Materials [clippings and lectures].

Box 5, Folder 4

Materials on California.

Box 6, Folder 1

CCTA. 1972

Box 6, Folder 2

CCTA. 1973

Box 6, Folder 3

Abortion. 1974

Box 6, Folder 4

Abortion, New York.

Box 6, Folder 5

National Association for Repeal of Abortion Laws.

Box 6, Folder 6

The Terrible Choice.

Box 6, Folder 7

Association for the Study of Abortion, Conference.

Box 6, Folder 8

Abortion, Europe [articles and papers].

Box 7, Folder 1

British Abortion Act. 1967

Box 7, Folder 2

New Zealand--Abortion and Child Welfare.

Box 7, Folder 3

Abortion--South American.

Box 7, Folder 4

Asia.

Box 7, Folder 5

CCTA [lists of people endorsing repeal]. 1966

Box 8, Folders 1-2

Materials on Abortion.

Box 8, Folder 3

Materials and Notes.

Box 9, Folder 1

Abortion back-up materials.

Box 9, Folder 2

Recent Foreign Materials -- Abortion Law.

Box 9, Folder 3

***Los Angeles Times* series -- "Abortion 4 years later."**

Box 9, Folder 4

***Pro-Choice... The fight Back* [NARAL newsletters]. 1977-1979**

Box 9, Folder 5

CCTA, Publicity Committee. 1966

Box 9, Folder 6

Abortion Statements and signers.

Box 9, Folder 7

CCTA, Therapeutic Abortion Symposium. 1971

Box 9, Folder 8

[No further description available] 1974

Box 10, Folder 1

Materials from Roy Lucas.

Scope and Content Note

[Opinions and briefs in numerous Abortion cases around the country.]

Box 10, Folder 2

Abortion Materials, USA.

Box 10, Folder 3

Abortion Laws of the World.

Box 10, Folder 4

Abortion Legislation.

Box 10, Folder 5

Application to the Sunnen Foundation re public funding of abortion services.

Box 10, Folder 6

Abortion, California.

Scope and Content Note

[annual reports on implementation of California Therapeutic Abortion Act]

Box 10, Folder 7

Dr. Edelin.

Note

[Performed legal abortion, convicted of manslaughter.]

Box 10, Folder 8

Abortion--Hawaii.

Box 10, Folder 9

Abortion Standards.

Box 10, Folder 10

San Francisco Doctors [Shively].

Box 11, Folder 1

Abortion, Holding the Line.

Box 11, Folder 2

CCTA Newsletters.

Box 11, Folder 3

ASA Newsletter.

Box 11, Folder 4

Bibliographies.

Box 11, Folder 5

Medicaid Abortions (Citizens for Free Choice).

Box 11, Folder 6

Doctor's Brief--Barksdale.