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## **Finding Aid for the Carl Jacobson collection of Hollywood Anti-Nazi League records, 1925-1942, bulk 1937-1939**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Carl Jacobson collection of Hollywood Anti-Nazi League records

**Date (inclusive):** 1925-1942, bulk 1937-1939

**Collection number:** 185

**Creator:** Jacobson, Carl Ingold.

**Extent:** 4 boxes (2 linear ft.)

**Abstract:** Carl Ingold Jacobson was the City Councilman for the 13th District on the Los Angeles City Council from 1925-1933. The Hollywood Anti-Nazi League for the Defense of American Democracy, commonly known as the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League, was a Los Angeles-based organization that conducted investigations and detailed surveillance into the political affiliations and daily activities of organizations and individuals suspected to be supporting Adolf Hitler, Nazi Germany, or the National Socialist movement. The Carl Jacobson papers relate mainly to his election campaigns, state and local news, and his political and religious stances. The Hollywood Anti-Nazi League records include papers relating to investigations about and surveillance of organizations and individuals suspected by the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League to be supporting Adolf Hitler, Nazi Germany, or the National Socialist party at home or abroad.

**Language:** Finding aid is written in English.

**Repository:** University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.

Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

**Physical location:** Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact UCLA Library Special Collections for paging information.

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### **Provenance/Source of Acquisition**

This collection documents what seemingly two disparate collections: the Carl Jacobson papers and the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League records. There is no accession record or provenance information available for the collection, but in processing the collection it was noted that Carl Jacobson may possibly have been a member of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League. It was decided to keep the collection together but to change the title of the collection from the Carl Jacobson Collection of Material about Jewish Persecution to its current title.

### **Processing Information**

Processed by Danielle Ruud, with assistance from Kelley Bachli and Lilace Hatayama, March 2012.

### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item], Carl Jacobson collection of Hollywood Anti-Nazi League records (Collection 185). UCLA Library Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.

### **UCLA Catalog Record ID**

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### **Biography/History**

Carl Ingold Jacobson was the City Councilman for the 13th District on the Los Angeles City Council from 1925-1933. A resident of the Lincoln Heights neighborhood with his wife and daughter Edna Jacobson since 1909, Jacobson was an engineer with the Southern Pacific Railroad and chairman of the local Board of Adjustment of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineering before embarking upon his career in public service. Upon first running for the position of councilman in 1925, Jacobson narrowly lost the election. However, Jacobson was asked to take one of the recently-vacated seats on the City Council in the wake of a bribery scandal in October 1925. Jacobson served for multiple terms as Councilman before losing the 1933 election to Darwin William Tate.

The Hollywood Anti-Nazi League for the Defense of American Democracy, commonly known as the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League, was a Los Angeles-based organization active immediately preceding and during World War II. As part of the organization's routine activities, the organization conducted investigations and detailed surveillance into the political affiliations and daily activities of organizations and individuals suspected to be supporting Adolf Hitler, Nazi Germany, or

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the National Socialist movement.

**Scope and Content**

The collection is comprised of two series: the Carl Jacobson papers and the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League records. Within the Carl Jacobson papers are newspaper clippings, transcriptions of speeches, and correspondence relating mainly to his election campaigns, state and local news, and his political and religious positions. The Hollywood Anti-Nazi League records include correspondence, publications, newsletters, newspaper clippings, photographs, negatives, interorganizational notes and detailed surveillance notes about and by organizations and individuals suspected by the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League to be supporting Adolf Hitler, Nazi Germany, or the National Socialist party at home or abroad.

**Organization and Arrangement**

Arranged in the following series:

1. Carl Jacobson papers
2. Hollywood Anti-Nazi League records

Within the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League records, files are arranged alphabetically according to the name of the individual or organization being investigated, the names of which were transcribed from the original folders.

**Indexing Terms**

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

**Subjects**

Jacobson, Carl Ingold --Archives.

Hollywood Anti-Nazi League --Archives.

City council members --California --Los Angeles --Archival resources.

Anti-Nazi movement --California --Los Angeles --Archival resources.

**Genres and Forms of Material**

photographs.

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**Carl Jacobson papers. 1925-1933**

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Los Angeles (Calif.) Politics and government

Box 1, Folder 1

**Politics, Speeches**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

Box 1, Folder 2

**Papers relating to Carl Jacobson's Terms on City Council**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

Box 1, Folder 3

**Newspaper Clippings**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

Box 1, Folder 4

**Third Los Angeles Institute of Public Affairs**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

**Scope and Content**

Includes papers and transcriptions of speeches given at the 1928 meeting of the Third Los Angeles Institute of Public Affairs. Speeches given include "The Reconstruction of the Map of Europe" by Colonel Lawrence Martin, "The Latin-American Attitude Towards the United States" by Professor James. B. Lockey, and "The Present System of Taxation in California" by W.J. Carr.

**Hollywood Anti-Nazi League records**

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Anti-Nazi movement

Germany--Politics and Government--1933-1945

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Investigations

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Box 1, Folder 5

**Anti-Nazi Information**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

**Scope and Content**

Includes pamphlets, publications, and a "Wanted" poster for Adolf Hitler.

Box 1, Folders 6-7

**Boycott Investigations**

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Content**

Includes pamphlets, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and publications regarding labor and labor movements and economic boycotts against Nazi Germany and Japanese-made products.

Box 1, Folder 8

**Inter-Racial. 1937**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

**Scope and Content**

This folder contains publications, papers and newspaper clippings regarding race relations and eugenics in the United States.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Race Relations--United States

Box 2, Folders 1-2

**Miscellaneous**

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Content**

Includes a variety of pro-Nazi publications gathered by the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League.

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**Investigations**

**Arrangement**

This subseries contains files for individual investigations and surveillance conducted by the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League, arranged alphabetically by the name of the individual or organization under investigation.

Box 2, Folder 3

**Actioneers**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

Box 2, Folder 4

**Altruist's Trust**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

Box 2, Folders 5-7

**American Defense, Harvard Group**

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Content**

Includes many transcripts of speeches given by and on behalf of the American Defense, Harvard Group.

Box 2, Folder 8

**American Rangers**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

Box 2, Folder 9

**American Middle Class Alliance**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

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Box 2, Folders  
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**Canadian Unity Party**

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Content**

Includes a membership application and newsletters published by the political party, including a reprint of "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

Box 2, Folder 12

**Coughlin, Father**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Coughlin, Charles E., Father, (1891-1979)

Box 3, Folder 1

**Fry, Mrs. L.**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

**Note:**

Mrs. L. Fry is the pen name of Paquita Louise de Shishmareff.

Box 3, Folders 2-4

**German-American Bund**

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Content**

Includes correspondence, a membership application, photographs, negatives, publications by, and surveillance about the meetings and activities of the German-American Bund and individual members of the Bund. The photographs depict events and speakers at the 1939 German Day Rally in Hindenberg Park.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

German American Bund.

Box 3, Folders 5-8

**German Boys**

**Physical Description:** 4 folders

**Scope and Content**

Includes newspaper clippings, correspondence, testimony, and internal notes regarding the legal case of Hans Kurth and Gunther Habermann, German refugees fleeing Nazi Germany.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Refugees

Box 3, Folder 9

**High School and College Investigations**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

**Scope and Content**

Includes correspondence regarding the investigation of an unnamed student club at George Pepperdine University and a 1939 Pepperdine University course catalog.

Box 4, Folder 1

**Jeffers, Dr. Joe**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

**Scope and Content**

Includes correspondence and transcriptions of speeches and sermons given on the radio station KGER by Dr. Joe Jeffers, pastor of Kingdom Church.

Box 4, Folder 2

**Lahn, Dr. Robert**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

Box 4, Folder 3

**Nationalist Press Association**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

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Box 4, Folder 4	<b>National Legion of the Mothers of America</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder
Box 4, Folder 5	<b>Ten Million Americans</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder
Box 4, Folders 6-7	<b>Thomas, Martin Luther</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders <b>Scope and Content</b> Includes correspondence, publications, and transcripts of sermons given by Martin Luther Thomas, founder of the Christian American Crusade. <b>Subjects and Indexing Terms</b> Thomas, Martin Luther
Box 4, Folder 8	<b>Thorkelson, Representative Jacob</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder
Box 4, Folder 9	<b>True, James</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder <b>Subjects and Indexing Terms</b> True, James L.
Box 4, Folder 10	<b>United States Flag Association</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder
Box 4, Folder 11	<b>Vindicators</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder
Box 4, Folder 12	<b>Winrod, Reverend Gerald K.</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder <b>Scope and Content</b> Includes publications and newsletters edited by Reverend Gerald K. Winrod, the editor of Defender Publications.