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.

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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
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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
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
Investigations

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.

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
Hollywood Anti-Nazi League records
Investigations

Box 2, Folders 10-11  
**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.

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**Lahn, Dr. Robert**  
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