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Descriptive Summary

Title: Ruth Lybeck Papers
Date (inclusive): 1944-1950
Collection number: 901
Creator: Lybeck, Ruth
Extent: 4 boxes (2 linear ft.)

Abstract: Collection consists of material related to the political campaigns of California congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas.

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Biography
Helen Gahagan Douglas was born on Nov. 25, 1900 in Boonton, Nj; attended Barnard College (1920-22); married Melvyn Douglas, Apr. 5, 1931; starred in plays, including Young Woodley (1925), Enchanted April (1925), Mary Queen of Scotland (1934), and First Lady (1952); toured Europe as a singer (1928-30); starred in the motion picture She (1935); US delegate to the UN General Assembly, 1946; representative in Congress from California's 14th district (1944-50); unsuccessful candidate for US Senate, 1950; secretary, Gahagan Dredging Corp. (1953-69); opera concert singer and poetry reader (1952-62); wrote The Eleanor Roosevelt we remember (1963); died June 28, 1980.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of material related to the political campaigns of California congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas. Includes publicity materials for the four campaigns, other campaign materials, precinct election figures, primary schedules, drafts and printed speeches, and correspondence to and from campaign manager Ruth Lybeck and political advisor Ed Lybeck and Mrs. Douglas and her secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Chavoor. Also contains material relating to Los Angeles councilman Ed Davenport, and Dime a day democracy.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Correspondence (box 1)
2. Primary schedules, 1950 campaign materials, Davenport material, Dime a day, miscellaneous (box 2)
3. Douglas speeches, 1950 election figures
4. 14th district street guide, newsletter, publicity and campaign material, voting records (box 4).

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

Subjects
Lybeck, Ruth--Archives.
Correspondence

Box 1, Folder 1  Correspondence 1944
Scope and Content Note
Includes letters from Guy Anthony, Italian-American Democratic Headquarters, and South Trimble of the House of Representatives, as well as a letter to Mr. Lybeck.

Box 1, Folder 2  Correspondence 1945
Scope and Content Note
Includes letters from Helen or Evie to
Ruth and/or Ed Lybeck
Leriselda Kuhlman
Florence Reynolds
Cannon
Chester Bowles
Henny L. Stimpson
Harry F. Cowdon
and the President;
and to Douglas from
W. Douglas Steinmetz
Wm. Mead Resident Association
B.A. Beller
Vito Marcantonio
Edith Terry
Samuel Weiss
Ray C. Wakefield
FCC
Truman K. Gibson
Nathan L. Silberberg
Emmett S. Cunningham
George E. Outland
Earl Warren
Postmaster
Sol Boneparth
Lois Arnold
Walter Hollowell
Michael D. Fanning
Logan Wilshire
American Friends for Polish Unity
Affiliated Young Democrats, Inc.
Isadore Krasnow
McTernan.
Box 1, Folder 2

**Correspondence 1946 January-June**

Scope and Content Note
From HGD or EC to:
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  Brent Spencer
  Ed and/or Ruth Lybeck
  Harriett D. Jackson
  Frank P. O’Brien
  Milton S. Klein
  Leon Washington
  Harry C. Brown
  John B. Elliott
  Thomas Hye
  Gilpin
  Mrs. Eli Elman
  James S. Clarke
  Samuel J. Clark
  Bert Faulconer
to HGD from:
  Patrick M. Cooney
  Jerry Voorhis
  Charlotta A. Bass to Ed Lybeck
  Ed Lybeck
  Dewey Anderson
  National Rivers and Harbors Congress
  Chester Bowles
  Claude E. Williams
  Robert J. Coar
  Kenneth E. Wallace
  Walter P. Reuther
  Virginia Foster Durr
  R.V. Rachford
  Vince Townsend
  Leon H. Washington
  Frederick W. Roman
  Frank P. O’Brien
  The Peoples Victory Committee
  J. Raymond Walsh
  Robert Hill
  Benton
  Community Political Action Council
  Laurence I. Hewes
  People's Civic Club
  Chet Holified
  Ruth M. Slade
  Wilhoit
  Eliot Janeway
  Adolphus B. Clay
  Leonard W. Mayo

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Newell F. Mills
Vince Monroe Townsend, Jr.
Hunter Wood
Thos. Hye
Box 1, Folder 4  Correspondence 1946 July-December  
Scope and Content Note  
From HGD or EC to:  
   Ed and/or Ruth Lybeck  
   Governor Earl Warren  
   John H. Fahey  
   Amos Black  
   Fay Allen  
   Susie Clifton  

Housing study maps.  
Correspondence to HGD from:  
   Women's Division  
   Democratic National Committee  
   Philip M. Connelly  
   United Retired Railway Benefit Association  
   H.A. Howard  
   Myrtle D. Anderson  
   Owen D. Durken Biography  
   Erwin H. Klaus  
   Joseph L. Rauch  
   KLAC  
   Jaya Lakshimi Pandit  
   Bert Falconer
Scope and Content Note
From HGD or EC to
Ed Lybeck
Justice Robert Clifton
Robert Hannegan
David Miles
Fay Allen
A.J. Sabath
Hugh W. Goodwin
From
Rev. A. Wendell Ross
Raphael Konigsberg
Smith Dankers
John McCormack
Donaldson
Bert Falconer
John H. Dial, Jr.
L.A. County Law Library
B'nai B'rith Messenger
Theodore O. Yoder
National Farm Labor Movement
California State Federation of Labor
National Association of Housing Officials
Triple "X" Poultry Farm
Everett G. Burkhalter
Citizens' Housing Council of L.A.
L.A. Negro Labor Committee
Democratic National Committee
Secretary Mary Wilson
Several magazines concerning the Employees Loyalty Act
United Steelworkers
Walter Myers
American Zionist Emergency Council
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
Nev Campbell
Alvin Wilder - KECA
Correspondence

Box 1, Folder 5a  Correspondence 1948 January-April
Scope and Content Note
from HGD and EC to
   Ed Lybeck
   Steve Edney
   Joe Bristow
From:
   Raymond V. Darby
   Southern California Postal Employees Committee
   International Brotherhood of Electrical workers
   West View Hospital, Inc.
   Moody Staten
   California Wool Growers Association
   1948 Jackson Day Dinner
   Southern California Retail Grocers

Box 1, Folder 6  Correspondence 1948 May-December
Scope and Content Note
To Ed and Ruth Lybeck from Walter R. Pick, from EC and HGD
From HGD to Faye Stephenson
To HGD
   from James Roosevelt
   American Council on Human Rights
   James M. Carter

Box 1, Folder 7  Correspondence 1949
Scope and Content Note
To Ed and Ruth Lybeck from Walter Pick, EC and HGD
From HGD to Don Taggart
To HGD
   from Douglas Spencer
   Raymon W. Rumph
   Lyndon B. Johnson
   radio stations
   Downtown club

Box 1, Folder 8  Correspondence from HGD to Ed Lybeck 1952
Box 1, Folder 9  Correspondence from Ed Lybeck to HGD
   Physical Description: drafts and carbons

Box 1, Folder 9  Correspondence undated 1949-1950
Primary schedules, 1950 campaign materials, Davenport material, Dime a day, miscellaneous

Box 2, Folder 1  Primary schedules 1950 February 28-April 16
Box 2, Folder 2  Primary schedules 1959 May
Box 2, Folder 3  Campaign materials 1950
Scope and Content Note
Sponsors Committee for HGD
Information Bulletin
fact sheet
background on HGD
address of HGD before the California Federation of Young Democrats
information on Korea

Box 2, Folder 4  Quotes, publicity items 1950
Box 2, Folder 5  Publicity - newspaper clippings 1950
Box 2, Folder 6  Campaign items 1950
Scope and Content Note
Voting Record of HGD
"Fortnight"
"The Mind of Manchester Boddy"
Nixon's Record
Comparative voting records of Nixon and HGD

Box 2, Folder 7  Davenport, correspondence, election
Box 2, Folder 8  Davenport, newspaper clippings
Box 2, Folder 9  Davenport, promotional material
Box 2, Folder 10  Dime a Day
Box 2, Folder 11  Miscellaneous items
Scope and Content Note
Picture
How to Win in 1952 (pocketbook)
Schedule
Lists by Ruth Lybeck

Douglas speeches, 1950 election figures
Box 3, Folder 1  Douglas radio speeches 1946
Box 3, Folder 2  Douglas speeches 1947-1949
Box 3, Folder 3  Douglas speeches 1950
Box 3, Folder 4  Election figures
Box 3, Folder 5  Election figures 1944
Box 3, Folder 6  Election figures 1946
Box 3, Folder 7  Election figures 1948
Box 3, Folder 8  Election figures 1950
Box 3, Folder 9  Key speeches 1945-1949

14th district street guide, newsletter, publicity and campaign material, voting records
Box 4, Folder 1  14th District Street Guide
Box 4, Folder 2  Publicity material by Ed Lybeck for HGD - 14th District
Box 4, Folder 3  Publicity
Box 4, Folder 4  HGD biography
Box 4, Folder 5  Stationery
Box 4, Folder 6  Publicity finals 1948
Box 4, Folder 7  Campaign materials
Box 4, Folder 8  Newspaper mailing list (also Davenport)
Box 4, Folder 9  Voting Records
Box 4, Folder 10  14th District Newsletter, Ruth Lybeck, Ed