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Descriptive Summary

Title: Shigeki Oka Papers,

Date (inclusive): 1914-1957

Collection number: 2010

Creator: Oka, Shigeki, 1878-1959

Extent: 2 boxes (1.0 linear ft.)

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

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Abstract: Shigeki Oka was a native of Kochi Prefecture, Japan, born 1878. He was employed by Yorozu Chh before relocating to the United States in 1902. He was an influential journalist in the pre-war Japanese community. He was briefly interned at Heart Mountain but was released to engage in propaganda activities against Japan. This collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts, clippings, and other published materials related to the life of Shigeki Oka. It also includes a small collection of correspondence and miscellaneous manuscripts written during his internment at Heart Mountain (ca. 1942). Materials in this collection are primarily in Japanese, with some in English.

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

Language: English.

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Biography
Oka was a native of Kochi Prefecture, born 1878; employed by Yorozu Chh before relocating to the United States; he arrived in the United States, 1902; he was an influential journalist in the pre-war Japanese community and operated the Kinmon Press (San Francisco) and published the Amerika Shim bun and Fu Nipp (Sacramento Daily News); was briefly interned at Heart Mountain but was released to engage in propaganda activities against Japan on behalf of the British Armed Forces in India during World War II.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts, clippings, and other published materials related to the life of newspaper publisher, socialist, and author Shigeki Oka. Clippings and published materials relate to research for Oka's publications and includes information about Abiko Kyutaro and pre-war Japanese newspaper articles. Also includes a small collection of correspondence and miscellaneous manuscripts written during his internment at Heart Mountain (ca. 1942), manuscripts of Oka articles, and 1 diary. Materials in this collection are primarily in Japanese, with some in English.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:

1. Diary, sources and manuscripts for a projected biography of Abiko Kyutaro, and other miscellaneous manuscripts and personal papers (Box 133).
2. Newspapers, newspaper clippings and other published materials (Box 134).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Oka, Shigeki, 1878-1959--Archives.
Japanese American Research Project (University of California, Los Angeles).
Journalists--Archival resources.
Japanese Americans--Archival resources.

Related Material

Oka Papers 1914-1957
Physical Description: 1.0 linear ft.
Scope and Content Note
Diary, Sources and Manuscripts

Physical Description: 0.5 linear ft.

Scope and Content Note
For a projected biography of Abiko Kyutarō. Also, other miscellaneous manuscripts and personal papers.

Box 133, Folder 1
A diary of Oka Shigeki. 1914
Physical Description: (1 diary-book)
Language of Material: In Japanese.

Box 133, Folder 2
Correspondence of Oka Shigeki and miscellaneous manuscripts written during his internment at Heart Mountain. ca. June-November 1942
Physical Description: (12 items)
Language of Material: In English.

Box 133, Folder 3
Personal correspondence of Oka Shigeki. 1956
Physical Description: (17 items)
Language of Material: In Japanese.

Box 133, Folder 4-5
Sources and manuscripts for a projected biography of Abiko Kyutarō.

Physical Description: (17 items)

Scope and Content Note
• 1. Forward by Oka Shigeki, in both English and Japanese. 1957. 2pp. + 3pp.
• 11. Yamamura Shiro [characters] Abiko Kyutaro-kun o tsuiokushite [characters] [Reminiscence of Mr. Kyutarō Abiko], 1956. In both Japanese and English. 8pp. + 5pp.
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**Ktoku Shusui** [characters] *Shutsugoku gin nijugoin (sekishokuki)* [characters].

1905

Physical Description: (1p., 1 item)

Scope and Content Note
A Chinese poem composed in a prison.

**Miscellaneous published materials collected by Oka Shigeki. Mostly postwar.**

Physical Description: (14 items)

**Newspapers, Clippings and Other Published Materials**

Physical Description: 0.5 linear ft.


Physical Description: (2 items)

Scope and Content Note
A weekly Japanese language newspaper published by Oka Shigeki in San Francisco.


Physical Description: (2 items)

Scope and Content Note
An exposé newspaper published by Osawa Eizo with Ikeda Toyohiko as editor in San Francisco.

**Kujku Shinshi** [characters], no. 1. June 15, 1917

Physical Description: (1 item)

Scope and Content Note
A newspaper printed by Oka Shigeki in San Francisco mainly as an organ of zaibei Tosajin (people from the Province of Tosa).

**Hakugekih** [characters] *Mortar*, no. 2. November 11, 1939

Physical Description: (1 item)

Scope and Content Note
A newspaper printed in San Francisco with intent of challenging the established authorities in the Japanese community.

**Shh Mitsuhoshi** [characters] *The Three Star Weekly*, vol. I, no. 3. October 19, 1939

Physical Description: (1 item)

Language of Material: In both Japanese and English.

Scope and Content Note
A weekly printed in Los Angeles.

**Clippings of Washizu Shakuma** [characters] *Rekishi emmetsu no nageki* [characters], nos. 1-97 (complete). ca. 1923

Physical Description: (1 scrapbook)

Scope and Content Note
A series of newspaper articles which appeared on the Nichibei Shimbun. Includes a few other newspaper clippings.
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