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Creator: Shaw, Joseph Edward, 1889-
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Abstract: Joseph E. Shaw (1889-1965) was born in Lamar, Colorado. Shaw was the brother and secretary of Los Angeles Mayor Frank L. Shaw (elected 1933, reelected 1937). In 1938, a civic reform movement successfully sponsored the recall of Mayor Shaw. He was replaced by Superior Court Judge Fletcher Bowron. Joseph Shaw was convicted in 1940 of selling civil service jobs during his brother's administration, although his conviction was reversed by the California Supreme Court the following year. The collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts, business papers, tape recordings, photographs, phonograph records, clippings, and printed material related to Los Angeles politics when Joseph E. Shaw served as secretary to his brother and afterward.
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Biography
Joseph E. Shaw was born in LaMar, Colorado, on February 25, 1889; served in the U.S. Navy, 1905-33; became secretary to his brother, Los Angeles Mayor Frank Shaw (b. 1877), in 1933; a recall movement replaced Frank Shaw with Fletcher Bowron as mayor of Los Angeles in 1938; Joseph Shaw was convicted of selling civil service jobs in 1940; his conviction was reversed by the California Supreme Court the following year.

Scope and Content
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Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Clippings and printed materials.
2. Correspondence and radio speeches.
3. Personal correspondence and records.
4. Photographs and notebooks.
5. Record tapes.
6. Scrapbooks (arranged by subject).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Shaw, Joseph Edward, 1889- --Archives.
Shaw, Frank L.
Los Angeles (Calif.)--Office of the mayor.
Mayors--California--Los Angeles--Archival resources.
Los Angeles (Calif.)--Politics and government.

Related Material
Crusader in Public Service [oral history transcript] / Margarete Clark, interviewee. UCLA Oral History Department interview, 1981. Available at Department of Special Collections, UCLA.

Boxes 1, 3
Clippings.
Box 2
Clippings: Mickey Cohen.
Box 4  Magazines.
Box 5  Clippings: Communism, Latin America.
Box 6  Clippings. 1930-94.
Box 7  Manuals, court transcripts, briefs.
Box 8  Correspondence, reports, statements, including Frank Shaw correspondence.
       1930-1937.
Box 9  Civic, Clinton, correspondence, radio speeches, pamphlets, articles. 1936-1945.
Box 10 Clinton radio speeches. 1938.
Box 11 Correspondence, reports, statements. 1938.
Box 11 Scrapbook and campaign correspondence. 1925-1938.
Box 11 Special San Pedro Report. 1935.
Box 11 City Employee Index. 1926-1932.
Box 12 Correspondence, reports, speeches. 1940-1948.
Box 13 Correspondence, radio campaign. 1949.
Box 14 Personal correspondence. Pre-1940-1963.
Box 15 Personal records and correspondence. 1950-1963.
Box 16 Personal records, correspondence, Navy papers.
Box 17 Photos, datebooks, notebooks, business cards.
Box 18 Recording tapes.
     Eight Scrapbooks of Clippings, ca.1930-1950
     Mayor--Council. 1938-1940.
     Scope and Content Note
     Water Power issue, etc. Much on Bowron administration.
Box 20   Mexico; C.I.V.I.C. (a political reform organization); Clifford Clinton; Byron Fitts;
        Kynette.
Box 21   Miscellaneous clippings. 1944-1945.
Box 24   Clippings on Joseph Shaw.
     Scope and Content Note
     Bribery case, resignation, etc.
Box 24   Early days of Bowron administration, Joe Shaw probes, indictment, conviction.
Box 21   Kendall case. 1939.
Box 21   Mickey Cohen. 1949.
Box 19   Munson case. 1937.
Box 22   Police department, vice, etc. 1938-1940.
Box 23   Miscellaneous clippings. 1937-1941.
Boxes 25, 26  Phonograph records.