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Abstract: The collection consists of materials relating to the political career of John Phillips, who served as a California state legislator from 1932-1942, then as a member of the House of Representatives from 1943-1947. Items in the collection include correspondence, reports, pamphlets, and other documents related to Phillips work and research on topics like government food subsidies, universal military training, and the Republican Party platform.
Languages: The collection is in English.
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Biographical Note
John Phillips was born in 1887 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Haverford College in 1989, and served in the Adjutant General's Office during World War I. He moved to Banning, California in 1924, where he worked as a rancher and business analyst before becoming involved in politics.
Phillips served as a member of the Banning City Council from 1930-1932, as a California Assemblyman from 1932-1936, and as a California State Senator from 1936-1942. While a member of state government Phillips also served as the Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Agricultural Marketing.
In 1943, Phillips was elected to the House of Representatives from California's 22nd District, which covered a large area of Southern California including Riverside, Palm Springs, and the Salton Sea. He served the 22nd district until 1953, and a similar area, (the redistricted 29th district) from 1953-1957.
After his time in Congress, Phillips worked as a public relations counselor. He died in Palm Springs in 1983.
Collection Scope and Contents
The collection consists of materials relating to the political career of John Phillips, including correspondence, reports, pamphlets, and other documents related to Phillips work and research on topics like government food subsidies, universal military training, agriculture, wartime employment, foreign policy, and the Republican Party platform.
Collection Arrangement
The collection is arranged into two series as follows:
Series 1. California State Government, 1936-1942
Series 2. United States House of Representatives, 1932-1956
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

**Subjects**
California -- Politics and government.
Legislators -- California.
Phillips, John, 1887-1983
Political parties -- Platforms.
Political parties -- United States.

**Genres and Forms of Materials**
Correspondence.
Legislation (legal concepts).
Research.

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**Series 1. California State Government 1936-1942**

**Series Scope and Contents**
The series consists of materials from Phillip's time as a California State Assemblyman and State Senator. Items in the series include the California Republican Party's platform statements, and documents from a court case Phillips was involved in over the use of committee funds while he was Chairman of the Interim Committee on Agricultural Marketing.

**Series Arrangement**
The series is arranged alphabetically.

- **Box 1, Folder 1** California Republican Party Platforms 1939-1942
- **Box 1, Folder 2** Phillips vs. Riley Court Case - Funds for Assembly Interim Committee on Agricultural Marketing 1936

**Series 2. United States House of Representatives 1932-1956**

**Series Scope and Contents**
This series consists of correspondence, reports, pamphlets, and other materials related to Phillip's work as a Member of Congress. Notable topics in the series include research and discussion on government food subsidies, universal military training, and other issues related to soldiers and veterans of World War II. The series also includes items related to the platform of the Republican Party through the 1940s and 1950s, including election strategies.

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- **Box 1, Folder 3** Agricultural Issues 1943-1944
- **Box 1, Folder 4** Agricultural Issues - California 1943-1944
- **Box 1, Folder 5** Colonel Woodworth - Roll of the First Senate of California 1949-1950
- **Box 1, Folder 6** Food Subsidies 1941-1944
- **Box 1, Folder 7** Food Subsidies - Clippings and Publications 1943-1945
- **Box 1, Folder 8** Foreign Policy 1942-1944
- **Box 1, Folder 9** Foreign Policy - Philippines 1943
- **Box 1, Folder 10** Labor and Employment Issues 1943-1944
- **Box 1, Folder 11** National Planning Association 1943-1944
- **Box 1, Folder 12** National Republican Congressional Committee - "Trend of Events" 1945-1946
- **Box 1, Folder 13** Newport Harbor 1944
- **Box 1, Folder 14** Preferential Rights for Veterans to Acquire Bureau of Reclamation Projects - H.R. 520 1945-1947
- **Box 1, Folder 15** The Propaganda Battlefront - Chicago Tribune 1944
- **Box 1, Folder 16** Republican Party Platforms 1932-1956
- **Box 2, Folder 1** Riverside County Flood Control - Whitewater River Survey 1954-1956
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