

George W. Robnett papers, 1937-1975

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Robnett, George W. (George Washington), 1890-1970
Title	George W. Robnett papers
Dates	1937-1975 (inclusive) 1937 1975
Quantity	2.5 linear feet, (5 containers)
Collection Number	Coll 077
Summary	George W. Robnett (1890-1975) was an author and advertising executive, and co-founder and executive secretary of the National Laymen's Council, Church League of America. After retiring, Robnett concentrated his efforts on the Middle-East conflict and made three trips to the area. The collection includes correspondence, speeches, publications, and news clippings that reflect his work with the Church League of America and his writing.
Repository	University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives. UO Libraries--SCUA 1299 University of Oregon Eugene OR 97403-1299 Telephone: 541-346-3068 spcarref@uoregon.edu
Access Restrictions	Collection is open to the public. Collection must be used in Special Collections and University Archives Reading Room. Collection or parts of collection may be stored offsite. Please contact Special Collections and University Archives in advance of your visit to allow for transportation time.
Additional Reference Guides	See the Collective Name Index to the Research Collection of Conservative and Libertarian Studies for a cross-referenced index to names of correspondents in this collection, if any, and 37 related University of Oregon collections, including dates of correspondence. See index instructions on use. See the Current Collection Guide for detailed description and requesting options.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

George Washington Robnett (1890-1970), author and advertising executive, co-founded in 1937 the National Laymen's Council, Church League of America, in Chicago, Illinois. He served as executive secretary of the League and editor of its publication, News and Views, until his retirement in 1957.

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After retiring, Robnett concentrated his efforts on the Middle-East conflict and made three trips to the area. While there, he visited dignitaries such as Mrs. Karina El-Said Rabie (Under Secretary of State in Egypt) and her husband Dr. Abbas H. Rabie; archaeologists, among them Dr. W. F. Albright; and refugee camps. George Robnett returned to Pasadena, California with his wife, Florence, where he worked on his book, *Conquest Through Immigration* and other projects until suffering a cerebral hemorrhage in August, 1969. He died in January, 1970.

Content Description

The George W. Robnett Papers consist largely of correspondence, speeches, and the publication of the Church League of America, *News and Views*. Also included are seven reports and booklets by Robnett dealing with communist influence in education and government, biographical sketches of American statesmen written by Robnett, press releases of lectures and speeches given by Robnett between 1940 and 1960, news clippings and other miscellaneous printed matter.

The correspondence, arranged chronologically, spans from 1937 to 1975 with the bulk falling between 1967 and 1969. It concerns matters relating to the Church League of America as well as the content and subsequent publication of Robnett's book, *Conquest Through Immigration*, a copy of which is with the collection. The speeches had previously been arranged and indexed into four subcategories: dated and titled, dated but untitled, undated but titled, and undated and untitled. They have been left in this order; the index can be found in box 3 folder 4. *News and Views* is arranged by volume number (1-277), and dates from 1937-1956, with some issues missing. Awards received by Robnett can be found chronologically arranged in the last folder.

Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

Description

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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Anti-communist movements--United States
Authors, American--United States--20th century
Communism and education--United States
Conservatism--United States
Conservative literature--United States
Conservatives--United States
Religious newspapers and periodicals--United States
Statesmen--United States--Biography

Personal Names :

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Corporate Names :

Church League of America. National Laymen's Council

Geographical Names :

United States--Emigration and immigration

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