

Hugh DeLacy papers, 1938-1985

Overview of the Collection

Creator	DeLacy, Hugh, 1910-1986
Title	Hugh DeLacy papers
Dates	1938-1985 (inclusive) 1938 1985
Quantity	4.87 cubic feet (11 boxes, 1 map tube, 1 package)
Collection Number	3915 (Accession No. 3915-001)
Summary	Papers of civic leader, politician, and United States representative from Washington State.
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	The papers are open to all users.
Languages	English
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Biographical Note

Hugh Emerson DeLacy was born May 9, 1910, in Seattle. Raised in Seattle, he attended public schools on Queen Anne Hill and graduated from the University of Washington in 1932. While teaching English at the University of Washington from 1933 to 1937, he helped organize a teachers' union, Local 410 of the American Federation of Teachers, and served as its delegate to the Seattle Central Labor Council. In 1937 DeLacy ran for a seat on the Seattle City Council. Denied a leave of absence from the university, DeLacy decided to resign in order to pursue a political career. He won the election and served until 1940.

In the 1940s, DeLacy was active in the Democratic Party and the Washington Commonwealth Federation, a coalition of left-wing political organizations. After war was declared, he went to work as a machinist in the shipyards. In 1944 DeLacy ran successfully as a New Deal Democrat for the First District Congressional seat vacated by Warren Magnuson. During the 79th Congress, DeLacy was an outspoken and active member of the left wing of the Democratic Party. He was a member of the Naval Affairs Committee and took an interest in labor legislation, public housing, and U.S. foreign policy, particularly in regard to China. He took stands against the elimination of price controls and the formation of the House Committee on Un-American Activities but supported the development of the aluminum and light metals industry in his home state.

DeLacy ran for re-election in 1946 against stiff opposition from business and the Republican Party. Accused of being anti-American and a communist, DeLacy was defeated in an electoral backlash that swept most of the Democrats from the state's delegation.

After his defeat, DeLacy worked as an organizer for the Progressive Party and Henry Wallace's presidential campaign. The campaign took him to Ohio as the party's state director. DeLacy subsequently made an unsuccessful run for the Ohio state legislature as an independent candidate. In the mid-1950s he was called to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee. During this time, DeLacy worked as a carpenter and contractor and continued in this profession after he moved to Los Angeles in 1959. In 1960 DeLacy married Dorothy Baskin Forest, previous marriages to Betty Jorgensen and Hester Sondergaard having ended in divorce.

Following his retirement in 1967, DeLacy began to study philosophy and was admitted to the graduate program in philosophy at San Fernando Valley State College in 1969. He joined the Society for the Philosophical Study of Dialectical Materialism in order to further his study of Marxist and communist theories.

In 1971 Hugh and Dorothy DeLacy relocated to the town of Soquel, in Santa Cruz County on the central coast of California, where he lived the last 17 years of his life. In 1975 the DeLacys were invited by the government of the People's Republic of China to visit that nation, which had interested DeLacy since his first visit as a young merchant seaman. DeLacy remained active in political issues and progressive causes in the Santa Cruz area and continued his interest in international affairs until his death on August 19, 1986.

The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, recognizing DeLacy's considerable impact on local community affairs as well as his history of advocating peace and justice nationally and internationally, dedicated a memorial garden in his name on the county courthouse grounds. DeLacy's large collection of tools was shipped to a vocational training school in Nicaragua.

Content Description

The papers consist of writings, correspondence, campaign material, newsletters, class notes, tape recordings, and autobiographical materials from 1938 to 1985.

DeLacy's notes and writings as a graduate student in philosophy have been gathered into the Philosophy papers series. The Personal papers series includes autobiographical and other writings, materials documenting DeLacy's later political interests, and papers that did not belong with any other series. The bulk of the papers date from DeLacy's later life, after he left the state of Washington. Although not voluminous, DeLacy's congressional papers provide useful documentation on his campaigns and term in office but include none of his congressional correspondence. DeLacy's first autobiography, which primarily concerns his term in the House of Representatives, provides much detail about his activities as well as events and issues of the 79th Congress. The later autobiography also concentrates on his early life. Additional biographical details can be found in the tape recorded interviews with David A. Williams of Long Beach State University.

DeLacy's papers include little from his presidency of the Washington Commonwealth Federation. Researchers interested in this subject should consult the Robert Burke Collection (Accession No. 4128-001), which consists of the records of the Washington Commonwealth Federation.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The DeLacy papers have been arranged into nine series reflecting DeLacy's activities. Within these series, papers are arranged in chronological order.

- Seattle City Council
- Washington Commonwealth Federation
- Congressional campaign
- United States House of Representatives
- Re-election campaign
- Progressive Party of Ohio
- American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Los Angeles
- Philosophy papers
- Personal papers

Acquisition Information

Gift of Dorothy DeLacy of Soquel, California (Hugh De Lacy's widow), 1987.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Seattle City Council, 1938-1939

Regarding the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the rehabilitation of the Municipal Railway and transportation systems.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	General correspondence	
1/2	Ordinances and bills	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/3	Miscellaneous	

Washington Commonwealth Federation

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/4	Report to the Washington Commonwealth Federation Convention by De Lacy	1941
1/5	Investigating Committee regarding the suspension of N.P. Atkinson	1942

Congressional campaign

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/6	Mailing lists and other material	1944
1/7	Petitions of minor party nominating conventions	1944
1/8	Incoming letters: endorsements and congratulations	1944 August-November
1/9	Outgoing letters: thanks for support	1944 November-December

United States House of Representatives, 1945-1946

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/10-11	"Letter from Your Congressman"	
1/12	Congressional newsletters	1945 February-1946 June

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/13	Bills introduced by De Lacy	1945 February-1946 July
1/14	Speeches in the <i>Congressional Record</i>	1945 January-1946 August
1/15	Speeches and news releases	undated
1/16	Outgoing letters to Senator Thomas Rabbitt	1945
1/17	Articles regarding De Lacy and activities	1945
1/18	Miscellaneous	undated
Package		
12	Scrapbook of clippings	undated
Box/Folder		
1/19-2/2	Clippings	undated
Subject files		
Aluminum and light metals industry		
Box/Folder		
2/3	Letters with statements	1945
Hearings-Small Business Committee		
Box/Folder		
2/4	February-March 1945	1945
2/5	April 10, 1945	1945
2/6	May 14, 1945	1945

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/7	Information	undated
2/8	News releases, clippings, speeches by De Lacy	undated
<p>Committee on Un-American Activities Also called the Wood-Rankin Committee.</p>		
Box/Folder		
2/9	General correspondence	1945-1946
2/10	Reports from hearings	1946
2/11	Related material regarding radio censorship	1945-1946
Box/Folder		
2/12	Office of Price Administration, Price Controls	1945-1946

Re-election campaign, 1946

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/13-15	Radio and other speeches	
2/16	Voting records and statistical pamphlets, 79th Congress	
2/17-18	Campaign materials Mailings, pamphlets, banners, lists, and data on ethnic minority, labor, and community support.	
3/1	Court complaint regarding libelous anti-De Lacy publication Includes offending material.	1946 October
3/2-3	Letters of appreciation and endorsement	1946 April-October
3/4	Political endorsements (non-correspondence)	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/5	Election results	
3/6	Post-election correspondence	1946 November-December

Progressive Party of Ohio

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
3/7	Mailings and letters	1951
3/8	Steering Committee minutes	1951
3/9	<i>The Independent Weekly</i> Newsletter	undated
3/10	Legislative newsletters	1951, 1954-1955
3/11	Policies and platforms	1951-1954
3/12	Analyses	1951, undated
3/13	Speeches by De Lacy	1949
3/14	Manuscript: "Isn't It about Time?"	undated
3/15	Miscellaneous	

Subject files

Box/Folder		
3/16	Henry Wallace for President Campaign materials and a court complaint.	1948
3/17	De Lacy campaign for Ohio State Representative	1951

House Committee on Un-American Activities

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Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/18	Fact sheets	1948
3/19	Transcript of Hugh De Lacy/Don Rothenberg radio talk	1954

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Los Angeles

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
3/20	Correspondence, newsletters, and announcements	1962-1967
3/21	Conferences	1965-1966, undated

Philosophy papers

Container(s)	Description	Dates
General correspondence		
Box/Folder		
3/22	Ankeny, Barbara, regarding <i>Der Junge Hegel</i>	1974-1976
3/23	Philips, Herbert Jo "Scoop"	1964-1973, undated
3/24	Somerville, John	1974-1975, 1983
3/25	Regarding philosophy	1968-1981
Writings by DeLacy Alphabetical by subject. Includes manuscripts, notes, and articles by others.		
Box/Folder		
3/26	Ajdukiewicz, Kazimierz	undated
4/1-2	Colletti, Lucio	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4/3	Ethical studies	undated
4/4	"Heraclitus of Ephesus" Includes published manuscript.	1968
4/5	Lange, Oskar	undated
4/6-10	Lukacs, Georg, <i>Der Junge Hegel</i> , translated by Hugh De Lacy and Elena Baskin	undated
4/11	"The Revolution in Physics Begins"	1983
4/12-14	Wald, Henri, "Introduction to Dialectical Logic"	undated
5/1	Whitehead, Alfred North	undated
5/2	Miscellaneous notes	undated
	Course materials Includes class notes, handouts, and papers.	
Box/Folder		
5/3	Philosophy 7	1967 Summer
5/4	Philosophy 440: Wittgenstein	1968 Spring
5/5	Philosophy 201: Presocratics Influence on Plato and Aristotle	1968 Summer
5/6	Philosophy 335: British Empiricism	1968-1969 Fall/ Winter
5/7-8	Philosophy 440: Philosophy of Science	1969 Spring
5/9-10	Philosophy 501-E: Essentialism	1969-1970 Fall/ Winter
5/11-12	Philosophy 501-C: Paper on Foundations of Marxist Social Theory-May, October	1970 May, October
5/13-14	Philosophy 501-E: Ontology & Metaphysics Includes writings by Charles Crittenden.	1971 Spring

Container(s)	Description	Dates
6/1	Philosophy 435: Kant	1971 Spring
6/2-3	Philosophy 190-B: Hegel's Phenomenology of the Mind	1972 Fall
6/4	Miscellaneous notes	undated
Box/Folder		
6/5-7	Bibliographies	undated
6/8	Clippings	1965-1977, undated
Subject files		
Box/Folder		
6/9	Marcuse, Herbert	undated
6/10	Marxism	undated

Personal papers

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Biographical information		
Box/Folder		
6/11	Clippings	1976-1978
6/12	Obituaries and memorial service	1986 August- September
Box		
11	Videotape of memorial service	1986 September 6
School transcripts		
Box/Folder		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
6/13	University of Washington	1926-1936
6/13	San Fernando Valley State College	1968-1971
Box/Folder		
6/14-15	Autobiography-original manuscript and copy	circa 1948-1950
6/16	Autobiography	1985
Box		
11	Tape-recorded interviews with David Williams	1981
General correspondence		
Box/Folder		
7/1-5	Miscellaneous	1947-1986, undated
7/6	Castle, Del Includes writings.	1973-1978
7/7	Healy, Dorothy Includes writings.	1973-1975, undated
7/8	Panetta, Leon & Sylvia Representative for California, 16th District.	1977-1985
7/9	Pelto, Richard, regarding Seattle politics and history in the 1930s and 1940s	1982
Box/Folder		
7/10	Speeches by De Lacy	1948-1981
Writings by De Lacy		
Box/Folder		
7/11	Academic papers	1930s-1940s

Container(s)	Description	Dates
7/12-14	Poems	1930s-1980s
7/15	Miscellaneous stories and essays	undated
7/16	Miscellaneous papers regarding politics	undated
7/17	Manuscripts regarding United States foreign policy in the 1940s	undated
7/18	Manuscripts regarding the Korean War	1950s
8/1	Manuscripts and notes on international relations	undated
8/2	Book review of <i>Vito Marcantonio: Radical in Congress</i> , published in <i>People's World</i>	1967
8/3	"Frightened Bigots" Chapter 9 of DeLacy's autobiography, with letters to publishers.	1969-1970
8/4	"A Frightened Europe" With letters to publishers.	1981-1982
Notes		
Box/Folder		
8/5	Northwest labor history references	undated
8/6	Notes from lecture and forum	1975, 1978
8/7	Miscellaneous	undated
Tube		
13	Outline for course taught by De Lacy on Marxist economics	1974
Writings of others		
Box/Folder		
8/8	Fog, Kristi, paper on the Washington Commonwealth Federation	1981

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8/9	Fritchman, Reverend Stephen, "Sermon of the Month"	1964, 1966
8/10	MacCaffrey, Frank, "Campus Memories: A Sentimental Stroll through the U.W. Campus with Professor Edmond Meany"	1933
8/11	Somerville, John, paper on the problem of first use of nuclear weapons	1978
Box/Folder		
8/12	Bibliographies on American and labor history	undated
Trips		
Trip to China		
Box/Folder		
8/13	General correspondence	1974-1976
8/14	Notebooks	1974-1976
8/15	Notes and diary	undated
8/16	Speeches and writings	undated
Trip to Spain and Portugal		
Box/Folder		
8/17	"Notes on Spain," publication by Santiago Carrillo	1977
8/18	Notes and writing on Portugal, interview with Helena Costa, text of a Portuguese law	1977
Box/Folder		
8/19	Trip to Nicaragua: Notebook containing letters, diary, and notes	1985
Box/Folder		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8/20	Political activities and invitations	1962-1967, undated
Clippings		
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
8/21	House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) hearings in Seattle, Eugene Dennett testimony	1955
8/22	De Lacy and politics	1962-1971
8/23	Miscellaneous	1950-1978, undated
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
9/1	Photograph	[1945?]
9/2	Miscellaneous	undated
Subject files		
China		
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
9/3	Notes on Sino-Soviet split	undated
9/4	Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, analyses	1948-1950
9/5	U. S.-China People's Friendship Association publications and newsletters	1975-1977
9/6	<i>Peking Review</i>	1975 January- April
9/7	Articles and papers	undated
9/8-9	Clippings	1975, undated
Czechoslovakia		1968-1969

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
9/10	Collected correspondence of Jerry Tyler	
9/11	Statements and information regarding Czech/Soviet relations	
9/12	Communist Party material and publications	
9/13-14	Publications regarding Czech situation: <i>Political Affairs</i> , <i>Marxism Today</i> , <i>New World Review</i>	
9/15-16	Clippings from <i>People's World</i> and others	
	Dulles, John Foster United States foreign policy and connections with German financiers.	1939-1950
Box/Folder		
9/17	Memoranda, writings, and a notebook	
10/1-3	Manuscripts, notes, and information	
10/4	Publications regarding United States/Nazi relations	1947
10/5	Clippings regarding Dulles's relations with Nazi Germany	1939, 1944-1950
Eurocommunism		
Box/Folder		
10/6	Correspondence regarding De Lacy's review and translation of Santiago Carillo's <i>Eurocommunism and the State</i>	1977
10/7	Notes and reviews on critiques of <i>Eurocommunism and the State</i> Includes articles by Henry Winston and in the <i>New Times</i> .	1977
10/8	Manuscripts: review and translation by De Lacy of <i>Eurocommunism and the State</i>	1977
Articles and clippings		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
10/9	Portugal: socialist revolution and aftermath	1976-1978
10/10	Spain: Santiago Carrillo and Eurocommunism	1977
10/11	Germany: writing, notes, and clippings	1985
Box/Folder		
10/12	International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union: arbitration award and union employment book	1942, 1943
10/13	Office of Price Administration and prices Includes Federated Press clippings.	1947
10/14	Pettus, Terry	1978, 1982
10/15	Seattle Totem Pole	1938-1940
10/16	Southeast Asia	1976-1979
10/17	Soviet Union	undated
10/18	U.S. foreign policy and U.S.-Soviet relations: speeches and newsletters	1947-1948

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

City council members--Washington (State)--Seattle--Archives
 Civic leaders--Washington (State)--Seattle--Archives
 Communism
 Elections--Washington (State)
 Graduate students--California, Southern--Archives
 Legislators--United States--Archives
 Light metals industry--Washington (State)
 Machinists--Washington (State)--Seattle--Archives
 Philosophy--Study and teaching (Graduate)--California, Southern
 Political campaigns--Washington (State)
 Political parties hio
 Political parties--United States
 Progressivism (United States politics)

Teachers--Washington (State)--Seattle--Archives

Personal Names :

DeLacy, Hugh, 1910-1986--Archives

Corporate Names :

Progressive Party of Ohio

San Fernando Valley State College--Curricula

Seattle (Wash.). City Council

United States. Congress. House. Committee on Un-American Activities

Geographical Names :

China--Description and travel

Ohio--Politics and government--20th century

Seattle (Wash.)--Politics and government--20th century

United States--Politics and government--20th century

Washington (State)--Politics and government--20th century

Form or Genre Terms :

articles

autobiographies

Campaign literature

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)

correspondence

Interviews

Newsletters

notes

papers (document genres)

Publications

Sound recordings

Speeches, addresses, etc

writings

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Labor Archives of Washington (University of Washington)
(creator)

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

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