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Collection Summary

Title: Jack Kroll Papers

Span Dates: 1919-1969

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1946-1957)

ID No.: MSS28985

Creator: Kroll, Jack, 1885-1971

Extent: 3,600 items

Extent: 19 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 7.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Labor leader. Correspondence, speeches, articles, subject files, clippings, and miscellaneous material documenting Kroll's activities as director of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (U.S.) Political Action Committee and as co-director of the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Barkley, Alben William, 1877-1956--Correspondence.
Douglas, Paul H. (Paul Howard), 1892-1976--Correspondence.
Goldberg, Arthur J., 1908-1990--Correspondence.
Harriman, W. Averell (William Averell), 1891-1986--Correspondence.
Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978--Correspondence.
Ickes, Harold L. (Harold LeClair), 1874-1952--Correspondence.
Kefauver, Estes, 1903-1963--Correspondence.
Kroll, Jack, 1885-1971.
La Guardia, Fiorello H. (Fiorello Henry), 1882-1947--Correspondence.
McCarthy, Eugene J., 1916-2005--Correspondence.
McCormack, John W., 1891-1980--Correspondence.
Murrow, Edward R.--Correspondence.
Reuther, Walter, 1907-1970--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945--Correspondence.
Stevenson, Adlai E. (Adlai Ewing), 1900-1965--Correspondence.
Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972--Correspondence.
Vanderbilt, Cornelius, 1898- --Correspondence.
Wallace, Henry A. (Henry Agard), 1888-1965--Correspondence.
Williams, Gerhard Mennen, 1911- --Correspondence.

Organizations

AFL-CIO. Committee on Political Education.
Congress of Industrial Organizations (U.S.). Political Action Committee.

Subjects

Labor unions--Political activity.
Working class--Political activity.

Occupations

Labor leaders.

Provenance

The papers of Jack Kroll, labor leader, were given to the Library of Congress by Kroll in 1969.

Processing History

The papers of Jack Kroll were described and arranged in 1971. The finding aid was revised in 2013.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Jack Kroll is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Jack Kroll are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Jack Kroll Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1885, June 10	Born, London, England
1886	Moved to Rochester, N.Y.
1910-1918	Volunteer labor organizer
1919-1926	Organizer, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
1920, Jan. 19	Married Sara Sylvia Raben
1926-1967	Manager, Cincinnati Joint Board, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
1939-1952	President, Ohio Congress of Industrial Organizations Council
1946-1955	Director, Congress of Industrial Organizations' Political Action Committee
1955-1957	Co-director, AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education
1971, May 26	Died, Cincinnati, Ohio

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Jack Kroll (1885-1971) span the years 1919-1969, with the bulk of the material from the period 1946-1957. The collection consists of correspondence, speeches, writings, subject files, miscellaneous material, clippings, and a few photographs. The vast majority of the material is related to his duties as a labor organizer and leader. Especially well documented are labor functions in the arena of mid-century American politics. The collection is organized into six series: [Correspondence](#) ; [Speeches, Articles, and Related Material](#) ; [Subject File](#) ; [Miscellany](#) ; [Clippings](#) ; and [Oversize](#) .

Much of the [Correspondence](#) contains letters of congratulations and appreciation written to and by Kroll. Except for the period 1926-1933, the letters span the years 1922-1969. In general, they relate to his political tasks or to the honors he received. The earlier correspondence reflects routine organized labor activity, while the later indicates the breadth of Jack Kroll's political association and influence. Correspondents include Alben William Barkley, Paul H. Douglas, Arthur J.

Goldberg, W. Averell Harriman, Hubert H. Humphrey, Harold L. Ickes, Estes Kefauver, Fiorello H. La Guardia, Eugene J. McCarthy, John McCormack, Edward R. Murrow, Walter Reuther, Eleanor Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Adlai Stevenson (1900-1964), Harry S. Truman, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Henry A. Wallace, and Gerhard Mennen Williams.

The [Speeches, Articles, and Related Material](#) file documents Kroll's thoughts on contemporary political events, their effect on labor, and how labor can influence the political scene. Most of the material in this file consists of speeches by Kroll before various labor groups. These speeches reflect the concerns of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (U.S.) Political Action Committee (PAC), organized labor's political philosophy, and to an extent the views of the Democratic Party. This file also contains a few articles and press releases by Kroll. Notable are a series of newspapers clippings of autobiographical articles entitled "Reflections of a Union Organizer."

The major portion of the [Miscellany](#) contains personal items such as appointment books and itineraries as well as material related to conferences and dinners, public hearings, cards and invitations, certificates, and personal finances. Of special interest is a folder containing memoranda from Kroll's PAC and AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education (COPE) days. This material is useful for political analyses and actions of the period. A file of biographical material contains sketches and date lines on Kroll. Also in the Miscellany are scrapbooks of clippings and memorabilia.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in six series:

- [Correspondence, 1922-1967](#)
- [Speeches, Articles, and Related Material, 1940-1968](#)
- [Subject File, 1919-1968](#)
- [Miscellany, 1940-1968](#)
- [Clippings, 1921-1968](#)
- [Oversize](#)

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1-3	<p><u>Correspondence, 1922-1967</u></p> <p>Letters received and copies of letters sent. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 4-5	<p><u>Speeches, Articles, and Related Material, 1940-1968</u></p> <p>Typewritten drafts and handwritten notes, Political Action Committee press release copies, near-print texts, and printed copies of speeches, articles, and remarks. Arranged chronologically by year.</p>
BOX 6-9	<p><u>Subject File, 1919-1968</u></p> <p>Near-print material, press releases, newsletters, research reports, printed material, campaign literature, clippings, programs, circulars, form letters, lists, budgets, and radio and television scripts relating to various labor organizations and political campaigns. Arranged alphabetically by subject title.</p>
BOX 9-19	<p><u>Miscellany, 1940-1968</u></p> <p>Typewritten, holograph, near-print, and printed matter as well as clippings and photographs. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.</p>
BOX 17-19	<p><u>Clippings, 1921-1968</u></p> <p>Clippings. Arranged chronologically by year.</p>
BOX OV 1	<p><u>Oversize</u></p> <p>Bulletins and clippings. Described according to the series and container from which the items were removed.</p>

Container List

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BOX 2	1953-1962
BOX 3	1963-1967, undated
BOX 4-5	Speeches, Articles, and Related Material, 1940-1968 Typewritten drafts and handwritten notes, Political Action Committee press release copies, near-print texts, and printed copies of speeches, articles, and remarks. Arranged chronologically by year.
BOX 4	1940-1951
BOX 5	1952-1968
BOX 6-9	Subject File, 1919-1968 Near-print material, press releases, newsletters, research reports, printed material, campaign literature, clippings, programs, circulars, form letters, lists, budgets, and radio and television scripts relating to various labor organizations and political campaigns. Arranged alphabetically by subject title.
BOX 6	Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
BOX 6	1919-1968
BOX 6	Bulletins and clippings <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 6	American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), including printed matter
BOX 6	AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education (COPE)
BOX 6	1955-1957
BOX 6	Research Department reports, 1956-1957
BOX 6	Printed matter
BOX 7	Congress of Industrial Organizations CIO), printed matter
BOX 7	CIO-Political Action Committee (PAC)
BOX 7	1945-1957, undated
BOX 7	Research Department Reports, 1952-1953
BOX 8	CIO-PAC, printed matter
BOX 8	1958 "Right-to-Work" law campaign (Ohio)
BOX 8	1956-1958, undated
BOX 8	Campaign literature (including clippings)
BOX 8	Radio and television scripts
BOX 9	Taft-Ferguson Senate election of 1950 (Ohio)
BOX 9	1950-1951

Subject File, 1919-1968

Container	Contents
BOX 9	Campaign literature
BOX 9-19	Miscellany, 1940-1968 Typewritten, holograph, near-print, and printed matter as well as clippings and photographs. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 9	Biographical material
BOX 9	European trip, 1951
BOX 9	"Reflections of a Union Organizer," 1968 <i>See Container 5, 1952-1968</i>
BOX 9	Testimonial dinners
BOX 9	1951
BOX 9	1961
BOX 9	1967
BOX 10	Appointment books, 1940-1967
BOX 11	Cards and invitations
BOX 11	Certificates
BOX 11	Communist leaflets
BOX 11	Congressional hearings
BOX 11	Dinners and conferences
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BOX 13	Memoranda, 1948-1968, undated
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BOX 17-19	Clippings, 1921-1968 Clippings. Arranged chronologically by year.
BOX 17	1921-1949
BOX 18	1950-1952
BOX 19	1953-1968, undated
BOX OV 1	Oversize Bulletins and clippings. Described according to the series and container from which the items were removed.
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