
The Register of the John Ginsburg Papers, 1934-1946

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: This is a nine item collection of correspondence and writings of John Ginsburg. The IN correspondence is from the Communist Party and Peoples World. Ginsburg was critical of the positions taken by the American Communist Party during World War Two. The materials cover Ginsburgs criticism and responses to it.

Language: English

Provenance

Obtained by Library founder, Emil Freed.

Access

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Biography

The Library has no biographical information on John Ginsburg, but the collection indicates he was a member of the Communist Party in Los Angeles and had severe criticisms of their political positions during World War Two. Ginsburg wrote to the Daily Worker and the People's World voicing his objections to Communist Party actions. He apparently wrote at length on this subject and offered his own alternative proposals, some of which are in the collection.

Scope and Content

This very small collection is comprised of correspondence and writings of John Ginsburg. Correspondants include the Communist Party of the United States of America, The Los Angeles County Committee Communist Party, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who wrote to deny Ginsburg's accusation that they had contacted his employer. There is a set of questions Ginsburg had regarding the USSR's and US foreign policies in 1944 and a lengthy 1945 piece analyzing the Party's positions during World War Two and his suggestions for the future direction of the Party.