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Biographical Note

Born July 27, 1889 in Emmetsburg, Iowa, Bruce Ormsby Bliven was the son of Charles and Lilla Ormsby Bliven. Having won prizes for his writing ability as early as age fourteen, Bruce went on to work his way through Stanford University as a cub reporter for the S.F. Bulletin. He

received a B.A. in English in 1911.

Freelance magazine writing and advertising copywriting occupied the years immediately following graduation until he accepted a position as head of the University of Southern California School of Journalism from 1914 to 1916. After two years on the staff of Printer's Ink and four as an editorial writer and managing editor for the New York Globe, Bliven joined the New Republic in 1923.

Bliven, a determined critic of the Harding, Coolidge and Hoover Administrations, helped expose the Teapot Dome ore scandals of the twenties. Upon Herbert Croly's demise, Bliven succeeded as editor of New Republic. His principal colleagues on the magazine included George Soule, economist; Robert Morss Lovett, professor and reformer; Malcolm Cowley, literary critic; and Stark Young, drama critic.

Bliven moved the magazine's editorial policy noticeably to the left in the thirties, but by 1933 it supported Franklin Roosevelt's policies, both foreign and domestic. Bliven's insights into the 1930's and 1940's are reflected in his work, *The World Changers*. During these years (1927-1947), Bliven also served as New York correspondent for *The Manchester Guardian*.

In 1953, after suffering a heart attack, Bliven returned to Stanford University where he served as a lecturer in communications and journalism.

Continuing his freelance literary career, Bliven completed several works, including *Five Million Words Later*, his autobiography, and *A Mirror for Greatness* a biography of six famous Americans.

Bliven died May 6, 1977, and was survived by his wife of 64 years, Rose Frances Emery and a son, Bruce Bliven, Jr.

Scope and Content

This collection represents those files which were kept at Mr. Bliven's last place of residence, Kingscote Gardens (on the Stanford campus). The majority of the files date from the 1950s to the present, and are divided into alphabetically-arranged correspondence files and a number of subject-oriented files which include drafts of various literary manuscripts. The most notable exception to the collection is, of course, the files relating to Bliven's New Republic years, which remain with the publisher.

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See list of correspondents at end of guide

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List of Correspondents

- Alsop, Stewart
- Anderson, Dewey (deceased)
- Annunziata, Frank (Dr.)
- Armstrong, Hamilton Fish
- Asimov, Isaac
- Bailey, Thomas
- Baillie, Hugh
- Bakeless, John
- Baker, Carlos
- Barnes, Harry Elmer
- Basso, Hamilton
- Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, Inc.
- Bean, Donald
- Bear, James A. (Jr.)
- Behrman, S. N.
- Bennion, Sherilyn C.
- Berlin, Ira R. (Mrs.)
- Bernays, Edward
- Billman, Carl
- Bissell, Richard

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- Black, Susan M.
 - Blake, Peter
 - Blakeslee, Howard W. (Mrs.)
 - Blamchard, Paul
 - Blessing, George
 - Boorstin, Daniel J.
 - Bowen, Catherine Drinker
 - Bowles, Chester
 - Boydston, Jo Ann
 - Boyers, Jim
 - Braden, Thomas W.
 - Bradlee, Benjamin C.
 - Braley, Berton
 - Brasso, Hamilton (Mrs.)
 - Brinton, Jim
 - Bronowski, Jacob (Dr.
 - Brooks, Dell
 - Brooks, Van Wyck (Mrs.)
 - Brown, Francis
 - Brown, Harrison
 - Bruce, John
 - Burke, Kenneth
 - Burns, Angelina (Miss)
 - Burns, Jim
 - Busch, Noel F.
 - Bush, Chilton
 - Bush, Robert
 - Calledge, Turner
 - Calmer, Ned
 - Canfield, Cass
 - Caples, John
 - Capra, Frank
 - Carter, Don, Managing Editor
 - Cater, Douglas
 - Cerf, Bennett
 - Chamberlain, Dorothy
 - Chandler, Otis, Publisher
 - Chapman, William
 - Chase, Stuart
 - Chenery, William L.
 - Ciardi, John
 - Cogswell, Elinor V.
 - Collingwood, Charles
 - Cooke, Alistair
 - Coppel, Alfred
 - Cousins, Norman
 - Cowley, Malcolm
 - Cranston, Alan (Senator)

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- Crawford, Nelson Antrim
 - Crouse, Russell (Mrs.)
 - Cushway, Phil
 - Daley, Kay
 - Daniels, Jonathan
 - Danziger C. R.
 - Davidson, Ralph
 - Davis, Nuel (Dr.)
 - Day, James President
 - de Roos, Robert
 - De Witt, Wallave
 - deFord, Miriam Alan
 - Deirup, Anne (Mrs.)
 - Dervel, Helmut L. (DR.)
 - Dickson, Candy
 - Dietz, Howard
 - Diggins, John P.
 - Dizikes, John
 - Dodds, John W.
 - Dodge, John V.
 - Douglas, Paul (Senator)
 - Dr. and Mrs. R.W. Gerard
 - Drury, Allen
 - Duffus, Robert L. (Mrs.)
 - Edel, Leon
 - Eichelberger, Clark M., Executive Director
 - Elmhirst, Leonard
 - Ernst, Morris L.
 - Fadiman, Clifton
 - Falconer, Edith
 - Fanning, Odom
 - Fehrenbacher, Don (Prof.)
 - Feinman, Ronald
 - Felsteiner, Prof.
 - Ferguson, Charles W.
 - Fessler, Floyd
 - Finch, Nathan
 - Fingerson, Ronald L.
 - Finley, Murray H.
 - Fischer, John
 - Fontaine, Clarice (Miss)
 - Forcey, Charles B.
 - Ford, Corey
 - Frankfurter, Felix (Justice)
 - Frey, Richard C.
 - Friedrich, Otto
 - Fuller, Helen
 - Fuoss, Robert (Editor)

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- Galbraith, John Kenneth,
 - Gallagher, J.A.
 - Gard, Wayne
 - Garnett, Lewis
 - Gentry, Richard H.
 - Gerard, Ralph
 - Gilliam, Harold
 - Gilmore, Kenneth O.
 - Gingrich, Arnold
 - Glover, Frederic O.
 - Goldman, Eric
 - Gordon, Ruth
 - Gould, Karolyn R.
 - Gould, Mr. & Mrs.
 - Graham, Katherine
 - Gray, Henry David (proof.)
 - Green, Adolph
 - Greenbaum, Wolff & Ernst
 - Greene, Felix
 - Greene, Laurence D. (Mrs.)
 - Guening, Ernest
 - Guerard, Albert
 - Gumbach, Doris
 - Gunther, John
 - Hale, William Harlan
 - Hall, Alvin M.
 - Hall, William James
 - Hansen, Vern
 - Hanswirth, Frieda
 - Harriman, W. Averell
 - Harrison, Gilbert A.
 - Hartman, Joyce
 - Heckscher, August (Director)
 - Herrnstein, R. J.
 - Hightet, Gilbert (Mrs.)
 - Hill, Robert(Dr.
 - Hills, Frederic W.
 - Hogan, William
 - Hollahan, Jack
 - Holmes, Charles
 - Hopkins, Jean
 - Hoppe, Arthur
 - Horn, Stephen
 - Houghteling, Joseph
 - Houghton, Mifflin Co. Publishers
 - Howe, Quincy
 - Huntley, Chet (deceased)
 - Irvine, William (Mrs.)

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- Janeway, Eliot
 - Jensen, Olive (Mr.)
 - Johnson, William W. (Professor)
 - Josephson, Matthew
 - Kalpan, Oscar (Dr.)
 - Kapp, Joellyn
 - Kaunitz, Julius (M.D.)
 - Kelley, Ryland
 - Kelly, John
 - Kennan, George
 - Kenny, James (Dr.)
 - Kilpatrick, James Jackson
 - Kone, Eugene H.
 - Krech, David (Professor)
 - Krononenberger
 - Kuehel, Thomas (Sen.)
 - Lafore, Lawrence
 - Lane, Rose Wilder
 - Lawrence, David (Editor)
 - Lazar, Lucille (Miss)
 - Lee, Russell Van Arsdale (Dr.)
 - Leighton, George
 - Leonard, John (Editor)
 - Levine, Isaac Don
 - Levy, Janet
 - Liebes, B. H. (Mr.)
 - Lillienthal, David E.
 - Littell, Anita D.
 - Littell, Robert (Mrs)
 - Little, Bill
 - Loeb, James I.
 - Luce, Henry R.
 - Lundberg, Louis
 - Lyman, Richard W.
 - Lynes, Russell
 - MacKenzie, Norman (Prof.)
 - MacLeish, Archibald
 - Maness, David
 - Mangione, Jerre
 - Marshall, Helen (Miss)
 - Matthews, Tom
 - Mayer, Arthur
 - Mayes, Herbert R.
 - Mazour, Anatole (Dr.)
 - Mc Carty, Dwight G. (deceased)
 - Mc Carty, Gaylord
 - McCabe, Britton C.
 - McGroary, Mary

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- McLaughlin, John J.
 - Mee, Charles L. Jr. (Editor)
 - Michaels, R. A. (Mrs.)
 - Miller, James G. (President)
 - Minucci, Corrado
 - Moise, Nina (Miss)
 - Morris, Willie
 - Mullaney, J.B. (Mr.)
 - Muller, Julian P.
 - Mumford, Lewis
 - Nelson, Frederick
 - Nelson, Frederick
 - Nelson, Lyle M.
 - Neuberger, Maurice (Hon.)
 - Neuberger, Richard L.
 - Nevins, Ellan
 - Newman, Edwin
 - Neylan, John Francis
 - Niebuhr, Reinhold (Mrs.)
 - Norman, Charles
 - Ochsner, Alton, M.D.
 - Oden, Melita H. (Mrs.)
 - O'Keefe, Dan
 - Older, Mrs. (Fremont)
 - Olding, Dorothy (Miss)
 - Olson, Reuel L.
 - Opler, Morris E.
 - Oravetz, Nancy (Mrs.)
 - Ormerod, Berkeley (Sir)
 - Packard, Hyland
 - Paluka, Frank
 - Paulsen, Viola (Mrs.)
 - Payne, Alarnin
 - Peretz, Martin
 - Peterson, Theodore
 - Peterson, William J.
 - Pilate, Oliver
 - Pilkington, John
 - Raditsa, Bogdan (Prof.)
 - Rank, Jane (Miss)
 - Reynolds, Paul
 - Richman, Robert
 - Rischin, Moses
 - Roberts, Steven
 - Rockmore, Irving
 - Rodman, Selden
 - Rollins, David
 - Roosevelt, Nicholas

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 - Ross, Nancy Wilson
 - Rossant, M. J. Director
 - Roth, William
 - Rush, Chilton R.
 - Salisbury, Harrison E.
 - Sanders, Theodore M. (Mrs.)
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 - Schorer, Mark
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 - Sears, Jesse (Dr.)
 - Sears, Robert R. (Dean)
 - Severeid, Eric
 - Shapiro, Edward
 - Shapiro, Harvey
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 - Shulman, Marshall (Dr.)
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 - Simpson, Mary Jane (Miss)
 - smith, Howard K.
 - Smith, Kenneth Owler (Prof.)
 - Smith, Stephanie (Daughter of Judy Smith)
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 - Stearnes, Myton
 - Steiner, Ralph
 - Sterling, J.E. Wallace
 - Stern, Carl
 - Stern, Philip
 - Stettner, Edward A.
 - Sullivan, Frank
 - Svilajnac, Yugoslavia
 - Swing, Raymond
 - Taft, Charlie
 - Talese, Gay (Mr.)
 - Talley, Truman
 - Taylor, Rosmary
 - Thalken, Thomas
 - Thomas, Lowell
 - Thompson, Anna Fintana (Mrs.)
 - Trout, Robert
 - Truitt, Lucy Boogs (Mrs.)
 - Tuchman, Barbara W.
 - Turnbaugh, Roy
 - Tyrmand, Leopold
 - Upson, Mike
 - Villard, Oswald G. Jr.

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- Volkerts, Arthur
 - Vuckovic, Jovica
 - Vuncinich, Wayne (Dr.)
 - Walker, Gerald
 - Wallace, De Wit
 - Wallace, Lila Asheson
 - Walsh, Richard J. Jr.
 - Ward, John W. (President)
 - Warner, Eugene (Mrs.)
 - Webber, G. W. (Mrs. Edith)
 - Wells, Evelyn
 - Wendt, Gerald
 - Westberg, Phyllis
 - Weybright, Victor
 - Whaley, Barton
 - White, Katherine
 - White, Lynn, Jr.
 - White, Paul Dudley (Dr.)
 - White, Theodore
 - White, William Allen
 - Whitman, Alden
 - Whitmore, Gene
 - Wicker, Tom
 - Wilson, Carol
 - Winchester, Alice
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