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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Reverend Walton E. Cole Collection

**creator:** Cole, Walton E.

**Dates:** 1934-1950

**Abstract:**

**Extent:** 5 feet (5 boxes)

**Repository:** Claremont Colleges. Honnold/Mudd Library.

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**Collection Number:** h1985.10

**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: English

**Physical Location:** Special Collections, Honnold/Mudd Library. Claremont University Consortium.

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**Acquisition Information**

Gift of Marina Cole, March 20, 1985.

**Processing Information**

Arranged and Processed by Special Collections Staff

**Accruals**

No additions to the collection is anticipated.

**Scope and Contents of the Collection**

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**Series Arrangement**

Series 1 Miscellaneous Papers

Series 2 Books and Radio Broadcasts

**Subject Headings**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection

Cole, Rev. Walton E.

Coughlin, Charles E. (Charles Edward), 1891-1979. .

aeronautics

United States--Politics and Government--1933-1945

radio broadcasts

Series 1 **Miscellaneous Papers, 1934 - 1950**

box 1, folder 1	<b>Photographs, 1940</b>
box 1, folder 2	<b>Labor Papers: Social Justice Magazine, 1940</b>
box 1, folder 3	<b>"Propaganda Analysis"; I.P.A. Papers; Correspondence with Clyde Miller 1939</b>
box 1, folder 4	<b>"The Fine Art of Rabble Rousing," 1939</b>
box 1, folder 5	<b>"Temper of the Times", 1939</b>
box 1, folder 6	<b>"Temper of the Times", 1939</b>
box 1, folder 7	<b>Plans for Broadcasts, 1938-1939</b>
box 1, folder 8	<b>Coughlin Speech: National Union for Social Justice, 1934</b>
box 1, folder 9	<b>Correspondence: Walton E. Cole and Edward Meeks, 1939</b>
box 1, folder 10	<b>Accounts of the two visits of Walton E. Cole and Father Coughlin, 1939</b>
box 1, folder 11	<b>Interview with Archbishop Mooney,</b>
box 1, folder 12	<b>The Christian Front, 1939-1941</b>
box 1, folder 13	<b>Publicity Materials for Cole Broadcasts, 1939-1940</b>
box 1, folder 14	<b>WJR Controversy; WJAS Cancellation, 1939</b>
box 2, folder 15	<b>Speaking Engagements, 1939-1940</b>
box 2, folder 16	<b>Letters to Walton E. Cole, 1939</b>
box 2, folder 17	<b>Reaction to Broadcasts; Letters to Walton E. Cole, 1936-1940</b>
box 2, folder 18	<b>La Vielle France, 1940</b>
box 2, folder 19	<b>Neutrality Act, 1939-1941</b>
box 2, folder 20	<b>Lincoln and Rothchilds, Social Justice Magazine, 1940-1942</b>
box 2, folder 21-22	<b>Ford Hall Forum, 1940-1942</b>
box 2, folder 23	<b>Negative of Letters from Ford Hall Forum, Propaganda Analysis, 1939</b>
box 2, folder 24	<b>Ford Hall Responses and Letters, 1939</b>
box 2, folder 25	<b>End of Coughlin Broadcasts, 1940-1943</b>
box 2, folder 26-28	<b>Newspaper Clippings, 1939-1940</b>
box 2, folder 29	<b>Kernan Address, 1940</b>
box 2, folder 30	<b>P.M. Address, 1940</b>
box 2, folder 31	<b>Digest of Social Justice, 1940-1948</b>
box 2, folder 31	<b>Coughlin Self-Condemed,</b>
box 2, folder 31	<b>Miscellaneous papers, 1938-1940</b>
box 3, folder 1	<b>Social Justice Magazine, 1936-1942</b>
box 4, folder 1	<b>Scrapbook of Newspaper Clippings, 1939</b>

Series 2 Books and Radio Broadcasts, 1939-1940

box 5, folder 1	"An Answer to Father Coughlin's Critics", 1940
box 5, folder 2	Binderup, Hon. Chas G., "Government Monetary Control", 1938
box 5, folder 3	Cole, Walton, E. "The American Way of Life", Toledo, OH: Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice, 1939
box 5, folder 4	Cole, Walton, E. "The Choice Before Us.", Toledo, OH: Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice, 1940
box 5, folder 5	Coughlin, Charles E. "Eight Lectures on Labor Capital and Justice", Royal Oak, MI: The Radio League of the Little Flower, 1934
box 5, folder 6	Father Coughlin, His "Facts" and Arguments, New York, General Jewish Council, 1939
box 5, folder 7	"The Fine Art of Propaganda", New York: Harcourt, Brace and Company, 1939
box 5, folder 8	Radio Broadcasts, 1939

July 20, 1939, 1939  
Hitler Over America, 1939  
The American Way, 1939  
Social Justice: The American Plan, 1939  
Peril of Propaganda, 1939  
Should the Neutrality Pact be Revised?, 1939  
Defend America, Now, 1939  
America's Greatest Need, 1939  
Facts versus Fancies, 1939  
Is Father Coughlin a Menace to Americanism, 1939  
There Must be a Way Out, 1939  
There Must be No Backbone Here, 1939  
Hope of America, 1939  
Building Real Americanism, 1939  
The Use and Buse of Freedom Speech, 1939  
America's Struggle for Social Justice, 1939  
First--Balance the Human Budget, 1939  
Hope for 1940, 1939  
America's Answer to "Isms", 1939  
Is the Dies Committee American?, 1940  
The Facts about Father Coughlin and the Christian Front, 1940  
The Facts about Father Coughlin and the Christian Front II, 1940  
Further Facts about Father Coughlin and the Christian Front, 1940  
It Must Not Happen Here!, 1940  
Propagandists Discover Lincoln, 1940  
Wanted: Brotherhood!, 1940  
Consider the Source!, 1940  
Mr. Markham Poet of the People, 1940  
Contemporary Calvary, 1940  
The Choice Before Us, 1940  
The Facts about Father Coughlin and the Christian Front,  
An Appeal to Friends of Freedom,  
Membership Card of "the Friends of Freedom",  
Add for Walton E. Cole's Broadcasts,