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Interview Information

The Interviewer: Carol Farley, age 19, History Major at Oberlin College

Place: the ninth-floor suite of the interviewer at Channing House 850 Webster Street in Palo Alto, California

Date: January 22, 1973

Time: 10:30 AM -

Recording Time: about 50 minutes

Conduct of the Interview

Prior to the interview, Mrs. Eliel had been given a list of questions to give her an idea of the sort of topics the interview would cover. The interviewer and Mrs. Eliel went over these questions together at some length (about an hour) immediately before the interview. Mrs. Eliel had spoken with some of her former colleagues in order to refresh her memory. Before the actual interview began, Mrs. Eliel went over the questions and outlined what she was able to say about each of them. Some new questions occurred to the interviewer at this time, and these were added to the original ones. During the course of the interview there were pauses during which the tape recorder was stopped while Mrs. Eliel and the interviewer conferred briefly before going on to a new topic.

Editing

1. Preliminary editing was done by the interviewer later in the same month in which the interview was conducted.
2. The preliminary editing consisted mainly of striking out false sentence starts, repetitious phrases, and of occasional rewording for clarity. There were no major deletions or additions.

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Mrs. Paul (Harriet Stewart Judd) Married: August 2, 1913.

Born:

Evanston, Illinois, December 29, 1890

Father:

George Thomas Judd

Mother:

Sarah Blaisdell Blanchard

Education:

A.B., 1913, M.A., 1923, University of California. Graduate study Columbia University, New York Teacher's College. Parent Education Credential, California State Board of Education.

Children:

Dr. Leonard Paul Eliel, 1914; Stewart Judd Eliel, 1916 (dec.); Eleanor Reynale Eliel, 1928; [Mrs. Brestin] Jean Allison Eliel, 1930. [Mrs. M'coy]

Professional Activities

- Founder and Director, John Dewey School, Berkeley, California, 1921-24 for conducting experiments in methods of elementary education.
- Parent Education Instructor, Berkeley Public Schools, 1930-33.
- Family Life Instructor, Berkeley Public Schools
- Director, Northern California Great Books Foundation, 1948-50.
- West Coast Regional Director, Institute of International Education, 1952-57.
- Administrative Associate, Foreign Student Advisor, Stanford University, 1957-59.

League of Women Voters Activities

- Legislative Chairman and Education Chairman, LWV California.
- State President LWV California, 1933-37.
- Secretary, National League Women Voters, 1936-41.
- President, San Francisco League Women Voters, 1942-44.

Some of Civic Activities - State and local

- Member, Women's Board and Trustee, San Francisco Museum of Art, 1947-1958.

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- President, Berkeley Board of Education, 1931-35.
 - California Committee for Children and Youth, 1945-1952, App. Gov. Warren
 - Chairman, State Committee Study of Transient Youth, 1947-48.
 - Founder and Board Member, International Hospitality Center, (San Francisco) 1952-Present.
 - Board Member, San Francisco Senior Center, 1960-66.

Other Miscellaneous Activities

- Chairman, Bay Area Child Study Committee, 1946
- Mayor's Charter Revision Committee and Post War Planning Committee (Mayor Lapham), 1945-46
- Member Committee State Reorganization, 1941 - known as Interim Committee of Twenty-five. (App. by Gov. Merriam)
- Vice-Chairman, S.F. Family and Children's Agency, 1947-50
- Vice-Chairman, S.F. Family and Children's Council
- Advisory Committee California State Employment Service, 1935-39.
- Member, S.F. Committee for Aging, 1966
- Member, S.F. Health Council Committee on Community Health Services for the Aged, 1966
- Member Board Summer School of World Affairs, 1963-66
- Chairman Personnel Committee, International Hospitality Center, 1966
- Member Advisory Boards of San Francisco State College (resigned 1966), Institute of International Education, Junior League, mid-Peninsula Unit, 1966 San Francisco Senior Center

Chronological Listing

Except where noted, all activities relate to San Francisco

1924	Program Committee
1925	Legislative Committee
1927	2nd V.P., Legislative Committee
1928	Legislative Committee
1929	2nd V.P., Legislative Committee
1930	1st V.P., Legislative Committee
1931-33	Legislative Committee
1933-37	President of State League
1935-36	Legislative Committee
1936-41	Secretary of National League
1940	Chairman of Expansion Campaign
1942-44	President of San Francisco League
1944	1st V.P., Chairman of City Government Committee
1945	Chairman of City Government Committee
1946	Secretary of Mayor's Post-war Planning Commission

- American Association of University Women, San Francisco, 1, 16
- Berkeley. Board of Education, 19
- Breed, Senator Arthur H., Jr., 4
- Brown, Mrs. Edmund, 6
- Burr, Alice, 2
- California Committee for Children and Youth, 1945, 17, 19
- Carter, Mrs. Lester, 7
- Catt, Carrie Chapman, 1
- Edson, Katherine Philips, 14, 15
- Ely, Gertrude, 10
- Federation of Women's Clubs, San Francisco, 16
- Feigenbaum, Assemblyman Joseph, 4
- Fisher, Katherine, 10

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- Gellhorn, Mrs. Edna Fischel, p. 11
 - Great Books Program, San Francisco, 19
 - Hacke, Mrs. Harold, 7
 - Huntington, Dr. Emily, 4, 5
 - Institute of International Education, 17
 - John Dewey School, Berkeley, 1
 - Johnson, Governor Hiram, 14, 15, 20
 - Kahn, Mrs. Arnold, 7
 - Kelley, Mrs. Bernard, 7
 - Laist, Mrs. Richard, 7
 - League of Women Voters, San Francisco
 - Merriam, Governor F.F., 13
 - McPherson, Aimee, Semple, 13
 - Mohr, Mrs. J. Henry, 7
 - Parent Teachers Association, San Francisco, 3
 - Rolph, James, 12, 13
 - Roosevelt, Eleanor, 19, 20
 - Roosevelt, Franklin, 4
 - San Francisco Museum of Art, 18
 - Sherwin, Belle, 10
 - Splivalo, Rheba Crawford, 13
 - Southern Pacific Railroad, 20.
 - Steinhart, Mrs. Jessie, 1
 - Taft, Mrs. Robert, 10
 - United Nations, 17
 - Wallace, Mrs. Ernest, 14
 - Warren, Governor Earl, 19, 20
 - Wells, Marguerite, 10
 - Whittier Elementary School, Berkeley, 1
 - Williams, Dorothy, 4, 5
 - Wright, Mrs. Quincy, 10
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