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Creator: Radulovich, Milo, 1926-2007
Title: Milo Radulovich papers.
Inclusive dates: 1945-2008
Extent: 2 linear feet and 1 oversized folder
Call number: 2008173 Aa 2; Ac

Language: Material is primarily in English; some materials are in Montenegrin and German.

Acquisition: Donated by Margaret Fishman (donor no. 10082) in July of 2008.

Accruals: Periodic additions to the collection are expected.

Access: The collection is open without restriction.

Photographs: Photographs in Boxes 1 and 2.

A-V Material: Audio Visual materials located in Box 2.

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Abstract

Air Force Lieutenant accused of being a security risk during the era of Senator Joseph McCarthy; records include biographical information, correspondence, and other documents pertaining to the case.

Biography

Milo John Radulovich (October 28, 1926 – November 19, 2007) was an American citizen (born in Detroit) of Montenegrin descent. While serving as a reserve Air Force lieutenant, Radulovich was accused of being a security risk for maintaining a "close and continuing relationship" with his father and sister who had been identified as possible "security risks", contrary to Air Force Regulation 35-62. For this, the Air Force stripped Radulovich of his commission.

The Radulovich case soon came to the attention of Edward R. Murrow, host of the popular *See It Now* program on CBS. For months, Murrow and producer Fred Friendly had debated on how to address Senator Joseph McCarthy's tactics. The Radulovich affair gave them an avenue. The program entitled "The Case Against Lt. Milo Radulovich, A0589839" aired on October 20, 1953. The portrayal of this man and his immigrant father led many viewers to question the impact of McCarthyist tactics for purging the government and military of potential "security risks." Radulovich was reinstated one month after the broadcast.

Radulovich moved to California where he was eventually hired by a private weather forecasting business. He later went to work for the National Weather Service, and was chief meteorologist at Capital City Airport in Lansing, Michigan when he retired in 1994.

Michael Ranville wrote a book about Radulovich's trial, *To Strike at a King: The Turning Point in the McCarthy Witch-Hunt*. The CBS broadcast and background to its airing was dramatized in the 2005 film "Good Night, and Good Luck."

His case is recognized by the State Bar of Michigan as one of its "Michigan Legal Milestones."

After experiencing two strokes, Radulovich died on November 19, 2007. He was awarded a posthumous degree by the University of Michigan in 2008.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of four series: **Biographical/Personal**, **Security Hearing**, **Other Family Members**, and **Audio/Visual Materials**. The collection is particularly strong in documenting the events around his hearing and the influences it caused in the succeeding decades.

The **Biographical/Personal** series documents some of Radulovich's school years, his service in the Air Force, awards and honors he received throughout the years, and some of his more general correspondence.

The **Security Hearing** series documents the correspondence and publications around the time of the actual hearing. The movie "Good Night, and Good Luck" is also documented; photographs, scripts, and correspondence are included. Finally, there are some documents pertaining to McCarthyism and Edward R. Murrow in general.

A few relatives are briefly documented in the **Other Family Members** series, including his mother Ikonija.

Finally, the **Audio/Visual Materials** series contains a mix of video and audio recordings. Included are: taped personal conversations relating to the case, NPR interviews, and some material about Murrow and other notables of the period.

Box No. Description

Biographical/Personal

Box 1

Schooling (also see oversized)
Air Force
 Security Clearance Application
 Weather Squadron, 1946-1952
 General, 1945-1961
Awards and Honors, 1996-2006 (includes photographs; see also oversized)
Writings
Correspondence
 1950s (includes letters by Fred Friendly)
 1960s
 1970s-1980s
 1990s-2000s
 Undated
Illness, 2007
Obituaries, 2007
Sympathy Cards (expandable folder)
Clippings, 1953-2006
Miscellaneous (in Montenegrin)

Security Hearing

Milo Radulovich Correspondence
 June, September 1953
 October 1953
 November 1953-January 1954
Correspondence of others to the Government about the case, 1953
Publications
 Magazines
 1953-1954 (expandable folder)
 1990-1997 (see also oversized folder)

Box 2

Clippings, 1944, 1953-1955, 1972
 To Strike at a King (book by Michael Ranville), 1996, 2006
McCarthyism (clippings only), 1953, 1983, 2002-2006
"Good Night, and Good Luck" (the motion picture)
 Correspondence, March-November 2005
 Photographs
 Script
 Drafts
 Screenplay and History (expandable folder)
 Post Production
Cinema for Peace, 2006 (some material in German)
Publications (see oversized folder)
World Wide Web, 2005-2008 (includes the George Clooney network and blogs written by Milo)

Box No. Description

Security Hearing (cont.)

“Good Night, and Good Luck” (cont.)
Clippings

Box 2 (cont.)

Reviews
General (some material in Montenegrin)
Edward R. Murrow (articles remembering Murrow’s journalistic influence)

Other Family Members

Nada, 1983, 1994
Milina Jovanovic
Slava (family annual ritual)
History (includes photographs)
Correspondence
Ikonija (Milo’s mother), 1982 (includes photographs)
1998, 2007-2008 (includes photographs)

Audio/Visual Materials

Photographs (includes images that have been printed)
“MCBA (Macomb County Bar Association) Celebrating 100 Years”
(DVD) (Milo gives an address honoring his friend and attorney
Kenneth Sanborn)
“News Reel History, Clips From Morrow/McCarthy, West America”
(VHS tape)
Audiocassettes (description provided by donor)
Ratkovic and Radulovich, Conversation re: case (personal
conversation regarding legal options)
Interview with Eric Hoffer, 1967 (rebroadcast of the Eric Sevareid
interviewing the American social writer)
Edward R. Murrow, February 11, 1977 (radio show remembering
Murrow’s journalistic contributions)
Milo-Ranville March 1993 (gathering information for his book;
includes Milo’s sister)
Fred and Ruth Friendly/Ranville April 1993 (gathering information
for his book)
Ann Arbor NPR, Todd Mundt Show, Interview with Milo and M.
Ranville, March 27, 1998
NPR interview Grant/Milo from Mark Steiner, Baltimore, October
26, 2005 (2 tapes) (about the movie which Grant was a co-
writer and co-producer)