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Acquisition: Donated by Michael Ranville (donor no. 10211) in 2009.
Accruals: No additions to the collection are expected.
Access: The collection is open without restriction.
Visual Materials: Photographs located in Box 2, videotapes in Box 3, and posters in oversize folder.
Sound Recordings: Cassettes and CD in Box 4..
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Abstract

Author and political consultant from Charlotte, Michigan who wrote a book on the Milo Radulovich Case; records include interviews, correspondence, newspaper clippings, Radulovich military records, research notes, and documentation relating to the writing and publication of *To Strike at a King: The Turning Point in the McCarthy Witch-Hunt*.

Biography

Michael Ranville (born December 3, 1943), is author of the book *To Strike at a King: The Turning Point in the McCarthy Witch Hunt*. He is a native of Flint, Michigan and a former political consultant. Ranville received his bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University before joining the United States Air Force in 1966. He served in the Air Force until 1970, where he provided air-to-ground communication to the President of the United States and other high-ranking American officials from Andrews Air Force Base.

Following his time in the Air Force, Ranville returned to school to earn a master's degree in communications at Central Michigan University. He then began a career in public relations and free-lance speechwriting. In 1976, he accepted a research and speech writing position in the Michigan State Senate. Eventually, Ranville left this position to join the lobbying firm Karoub Associates.

Ranville has authored a number of magazine and newspapers articles dealing with history, politics, sports, and public relations, however, he is probably best known for his book *To Strike at a King* about Milo Radulovich.

Milo John Radulovich (October 28, 1926 – November 19, 2007) was an American citizen (born in Detroit) of Montenegrin descent who served as a lieutenant in the Air Force reserve in the 1950s. In 1953, the Air Force accused him 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.” The Air Force stripped him of his commission under the provisions of Air Force Regulation 35-62. Radulovich was eventually reinstated, but only after Edward R. Murrow brought Radulovich's case to the nation's attention on the television news program “See It Now” on October 20, 1953.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of six series: **Milo Radulovich Research materials, Writing and Publicity, Later Milo Radulovich materials, Other articles, Video materials, Sound materials,** and **Posters.** The collection's strength lies in Ranville's interviews with Milo, his sister, and other's involved in Radulovich's Air Force Security Hearing, as well as in the other accumulated research materials.

The **Milo Radulovich Research materials** series documents Ranville's research for his book. The series contains interviews, newspaper clippings, correspondence, photocopies of Radulovich's military records, and Ranville's research notes.

The **Writing and Publicity** series documents Ranville's writing and editing process as well as publicity efforts for his book. It contains drafts of various chapters, copyediting documents, correspondence, and publicity materials. The publicity materials mostly include correspondence, book reviews, and publicity materials related to Ranville's interviews, lectures, and book signings.

The **Later Milo Radulovich materials** series documents some of the publicity surrounding the film "Good Night, and Good Luck," and efforts to honor Radulovich from the mid-1990s to 2008. It contains copies of screenplays for the film, newspaper and magazine publicity, and materials involving efforts to honor Radulovich, including documents related to the posthumous Bachelor of Arts ceremony at the Bentley Historical Library in 2008.

The **Other articles** series contains two articles written by Michael Ranville that are unrelated to Milo Radulovich.

The **Video materials** series contains a series of video cassettes related to Milo Radulovich and McCarthyism. Most of the cassettes pertain to Ranville's research for *To Strike at a King*, including a copy of the episode of "See It Now" that highlighted Radulovich's case. The series also contains cassettes of Ranville's speeches and interviews after publication of the book.

The **Sound materials** series contains audio recordings of the interviews Ranville completed as part of his research. There are also cassette tapes of "See It Now," and interviews with Ranville.

The **Posters** series contains two posters for the film "Good Night, And Good Luck."

Box No. Description

Milo Radulovich Research materials

Interviews, 1992-1995

Box 1

Walter Cronkite, undated
 Margaret (Radulovich) Fishman, 1993-1995
 Vera Layton (Floyd), 1994
 Fred and Ruth Friendly, 1993
 Ernest Goodman, undated
 Milo Radulovich, undated
 Ron Rothstein, 1994
 Kenneth Sanborn, 1992-1993
 Nancy Tuttle, 1994

Newspaper Clippings (largely photocopies)

Korean War
 Joe McCarthy, 1953
 Milo Radulovich
 1953-1954 (2 folders)
 1960s-1990s (includes retrospective articles about the Radulovich case)
 Victor Harris, 1953
 Charles Lockwood, 1950s-1990s
 Red Scare
 1953
 1990s (includes retrospective articles about McCarthyism)

Miscellaneous, 1953

Serbian Publications, 1950s-1990s

Correspondence

Charles Lockwood, undated
 Hugh McDiarmid, 1993
 Milo Radulovich, 1950s-1990s
 Radulovich Family, 1950s-1990s
 Michael Ranville, 1992-1996
 Kenneth Sanborn, 1953
 Harold E. Talbott, 1953

Military Records (photocopies)

Transcript of the Hearing of Lt. Milo Radulovich, 1953
 Air Force Letters and Memos, 1953
 Board of Findings, 1953
 Miscellaneous Military Records, 1953
 FBI Documents, 1953
 Milo Radulovich Retirement Benefits, 1996

Research Notes

Background Information
 Father Charles Coughlin
 Senator Homer Ferguson
 Margaret (Radulovich) Fishman
 Fred Friendly
 Charles Lockwood
 General Timeline
 Edward R. Murrow
 Milo Radulovich Background

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Milo Radulovich Research materials (cont.)

Research Notes (cont.)

Box 1 (cont.)

Milo Radulovich Hearing
George Sokolsky
Harold E. Talbott
Miscellaneous Notes
Michigan History Article
“The Case Against Milo Radulovich”, 1995
Notes and Research
Article drafts
Correspondence, 1995
Miscellaneous Research Materials
“See It Now”, 1953
Statement by Margaret (Radulovich) Fishman, 1953
House Un-American Activities Hearings, 1934
Milo Radulovich Poem

Writing and Publicity

Drafts

Box 2

Dust Jacket
Forward
Preface
Introduction
Prologue
Chapter 1
Chapter 2
Chapter 3
Narrative Outline
Index
Photographs
Photograph Permissions Correspondence, 1996
Editing Documents
Correspondence, 1995-1997
Dustjacket
Outline
Index
Corrections to text
Galley (3 folders)
Publicity
Correspondence, 1995-2005
Book Reviews, 1996-1998
Author Interview Requests
Promotional Forms
Book Signings
Contact and Distribution Lists
Lectures
Articles citing Ranville, 2003-2007
Miscellaneous Promotional Materials
Golden Age of Television Conference, 1997

Box No. Description

Later Milo Radulovich materials

"Good Night, and Good Luck"

Box 2 (cont.)

Screenplay, 2005

Good night, and good luck: The Screenplay and History Behind the Landmark Movie, 2006

"Good Night, and Good Luck" Publicity, 2005

Miscellaneous

Posthumous Bachelor of Arts Ceremony for Milo Radulovich, 2008

"The Legacy of the Milo Radulovich Case," State Bar of Michigan, 1998

Rights to Milo Radulovich's Life Story, 2002-2005

Correspondence, 1998-2004

Other articles*The Closer* (2 items)**Video materials** (VHS cassettes)

Milo Radulovich

Box 3Milo Radulovich, Judge Kenneth Sanborn & Michael Ranville
Guests of Alan Sanborn Michigan Senate Chamber, 2003
(tape 1)An Evening with Milo Radulovich and Michael Ranville, 1997 (tape
no. 2)26th Michigan Legal Milestones (includes interviews with Milo
Radulovich and Michael Ranville) (tape nos. 3-4)

"See It Now" October 20, 1953 (tape no. 5)

"See It Now" October 23, 1953 (tape no. 6)

Edward R. Murrow

Ed Murrow/American Masters, 1990 (tape no. 7)

Murrow – Civil Rights Newreels to News (tape no. 8)

Edward R. Murrow: The McCarthy Years with Walter Cronkite
(tape no. 9)

Edward R. Murrow (tape no. 10)

"Murrow US-ML" (tape no. 11)

Biography – Murrow with Walter Cronkite (tape no. 12)

Michael Ranville

Book Brunch: Michael Ranville "To Strike at a King: The Milo
Radulovich Story", 1997 (tape no. 13)

John H. Faulk Conference, 1997 (2 VHS cassettes) (tape nos. 14-15)

McCarthyism

Epidemic of Fear, 1995 (tape no. 16)

McCarthy: Death of a Witch Hunter (tape no. 17)

Miscellaneous

Interviews (tape no. 18)

Charlie Rose and George Clooney, 2003 (tape no. 19)

Jack Perkins (tape no 20)

Walter Cronkite (tape no. 21)

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Sound materials (sound cassettes except where noted)

Interviews

Box 4

Margaret (Radulovich) Fishman (5 cassette tapes) (tape nos. 1-5)

Fred and Ruth Friendly (2 cassette tapes) (tape nos. 6-7)

Ernest Goodman (tape no. 8)

Irving Kempner (tape no. 9) (DAT cassette)

Irving Kempner (tape no. 10)

Charles P. Lockwood (tape no. 11)

Harry Lunn (tape no. 12)

Milo Radulovich (2 cassette tapes) (tape nos. 13-14)

Radulovich Family (2 cassette tapes) (tape nos. 15-16)

Ron Rothstein (tape no. 17)

Kenneth Sanborn (tape no. 18)

Nancy Tuttle (tape no. 19)

Joe Wershba (tape no. 20)

Coleman Young (tape no. 21)

Edward R. Murrow Recordings

“A Reporter Remembers the War Years” (2 cassette tapes) (tape nos. 22-23)

Combined Reel: “This is Edward R. Murrow” and “See It Now”
October 20, 1953 (tape no. 24)

Miscellaneous

Ranville Interview with Ted Heusel (tape no. 25)

“The Jack Lessenberry Show” (compact disc)

Posters

Out Folder

“Good Night, and Good Luck” Movie Posters (2 items)