

# **Guide to the 1950 Senate Campaign**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Campaign 1950

**Creator:** Nixon 1950 senate campaign offices

**Extent:** 4 linear feet. (10 document boxes)

**Repository:** Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum  
18001 Yorba Linda Boulevard  
Yorba Linda, California 92886

**Abstract:** Richard M. Nixon's 1950 Senate Campaign materials, including internal correspondence, financial files, research on Helen Gahagan Douglas, research on campaign issues, volunteer lists, and itineraries. A second series contains post election materials.

## **Administrative Information**

**Access:** Open

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**Acquisition Information:** Gift of Richard M. Nixon

**Processing History:** Susan Naulty processed the collection between 1991 and 2003; it was re-evaluated for preservation by Kirstin Julian and Greg Cumming of the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace archive staff in 2004.

## **Institutional History**

Richard Nixon's 1950 Senate campaign in California's fourteenth district was conducted through a variety of California offices in correspondence with his congressional office in Washington DC. In Southern California his Campaign manager was Murray Chotiner and the Chairman Bernard Brennan. In Central California the Chairman was B.M. Hoblick. In Northern California Harvey Hancock was the manager, John Walton Dinkelspiel the chairman, Aylett B. Cotton the Secretary, and David Parkhurst Smith the treasurer.

At this point cross filing was allowed in California primary elections, and Nixon ran in both the Republican and Democratic Primaries. Helen Gahagan Douglas won the Democratic primary after an intense campaign against Elias Manchester Boddy and incumbent Sheridan Downy. The overwhelming campaign issue became the extreme voting record of Douglas and Communism. Douglas' voting record was often compared with that of Vito Marcantonio, a radical Congressman from New York.

The research files on Douglas were compiled by Edna Lonigan and sent to Murray Chotiner in October of 1950.

### **Key To Names**

Betty = Betty Lewis Walton

Dottie, DC, DEC = Dorothy Cox

Evelyn & Larry = Evelyn and Larry Dorn

**Scope and Content Summary:**

Series I contains all campaign related materials, such as correspondence, finances, volunteer lists, research, and organization. Series II contains post-election congratulatory correspondence.

**Related Collections:**

Clipping files 1950

Speech files 1950

Helen Gahagan Douglas Collection. Carl Albert Center, University of Oklahoma.

Sheridan Downey Papers, BANC MSS C-B 834, The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley.

Vito Marcantonio papers, 1935-1953. New York Public Library, Manuscripts and Archives Division.

## Container List

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Series I: Campaign 1950	
Douglas-campaign literature	1:1
Douglas-research	1:2
Lonigan files.	1:3-11
Biographical sketch.	1:3
HGD and the fronts.	1:4
HGD candidate of what party.	1:5
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HGD in congress. (3 folders). Includes foreign, domestic, and Korean aid policy.	1:7-9
Fifth column in congress.	1:10
Correspondence.	1:11
Press releases.	1:12
Douglas speeches. 1946-Jun.1950.	1:13
Douglas speeches. Aug.-Sept. 1950.	1:14
Douglas speeches. Oct. 2-4. 1950	2:1
Douglas speeches. Oct.9- [undated].	2:2
Douglas voting record.	2:3
Nixon-campaign literature	2:4
Nixon-campaign organization. (4 folders)	2:5-8
Democrats for Nixon.	2:9
Special lists. (2 folders). Includes volunteer lists by county.	2:10-11
Campaign manual. (2 folders). 2 copies.	3:1-2
Correspondence. Jan.1949-Dec. 1950. (28 folders)	3:3-5:1
Correspondence. Undated. (3 folders)	5:2-4
Financial files. (6 folders)	5:5-10
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List of contributors. (2 folders). Includes general fund, committee of ten thousand, and prospective contributors.	5:9-10
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Statements [by others]. (6 folders). Includes William Knowland and "Helen of Troy" by Hunter Lovelace.	6:4-9
Vote tallies.	6:10
Stationary.	6:11
Other. Materials re: Raymond V. Darby, Fred N. Howser, and Edward S. Shattuck.	6:12
Survey of Temple School, El Monte CA. Nov. 16, 1950.	6:13

First report of the committee to survey opportunities for development of industry, business, and employment in Placer County. April 1950.	6:14
Printed Material. (2 folders). Includes: Political Affairs (Aug. 1950), Part 6 of hearings before the house select committee on lobbying activities (July 1950), Background to Korea, Red herring and whitewash (Oct.1950) and other assorted articles on communism, Blueprint for a better America, Pray for others (1947), A Declaration of conscience (June 1950), and Human relations in modern business (1949).	6:15-16
[Calling cards].	7:1
[Unidentified list].	7:2
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Correspondence post-election congratulatory. (3 folders) Nov. 9, 1950.	7:9- 8:2
Correspondence post-election congratulatory. (3 folders) Nov. 10, 1950.	8:3-5
Correspondence post-election congratulatory. Nov. 11, 1950.	8:6
Correspondence post-election congratulatory. (2 folders) Nov. 12-13, 1950.	8:7-8
Correspondence post-election congratulatory. Nov. 14, 1950	9:1
Correspondence post-election congratulatory. Nov. 15, 1960	9:2
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Correspondence post-election congratulatory. Nov. 18-20, 1950.	9:4
Correspondence post-election congratulatory. Nov. 21-26, 1950.	9:5
Correspondence post-election congratulatory. Nov. 27- Dec. 1950.	9:6
Correspondence. Jan-May, 1951.	10:1
Greeting cards. (4 folders)	10:2-5