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relating to the television series
Eleanor Roosevelt: Prospects of Mankind
1959 - 1962

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Eleanor Roosevelt: Prospects of Mankind

During the last three years of her life, Eleanor Roosevelt hosted a television series entitled "Prospects of Mankind." The program was based at Brandeis University and was produced by National Educational Television, the forerunner of PBS. Henry Morgenthau III was at that time a producer for WGBH-TV, the Boston educational station as well as associate director of Brandeis University's Morse Communication Center. Mr. Morgenthau formulated the original proposal for the series and served as its executive producer.

The format for "Prospects of Mankind" was that of a colloquium, based on crucial national and international issues. Participants in these discussions during the three seasons included John F. Kennedy, Adlai Stevenson, Henry Kissinger and many other prominent world leaders.

The first program in the series was recorded the week of Mrs. Roosevelt's 75th birthday and the last season ended the summer of 1962, just a few months before her death on November 7th of that year.

The papers consist of general correspondence, proposals, scripts, background material, program information, publicity, and scheduling for the program's three seasons. Some documents relating to a proposed fourth season of programs tentatively entitled "The American Experience" are also included.

The arrangement is primarily chronological by program, with subdivisions for correspondence, program information, transcripts, etc. when required. As a result of a fire at the WGBH-TV headquarters, information on the 1960-61 series is scanty.

The series consists of 8 containers beginning with general correspondence, background material, proposals and biographical information pertaining to the series as a whole. The second container begins the chronological program arrangement. Guests for each taped program are listed. The last container contains newspaper clippings and other background information used in formulating program ideas and discussions. Clippings of biographical information and publicity are also included here as well as a folder of mimeographic "dittos" of scripts and program schedules.
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