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Records of the National Committee of Independent Voters for Roosevelt and Wallace, 1940

Records of the National Committee of Independent Voters for Roosevelt and Wallace which was established in 1940 to influence independent voters to support Franklin D. Roosevelt for a third term. Known as the National Independent Voters Committee until September 27, 1940, the Committee was organized by persons independent of the two major political parties. Senator George W. Norris was the Honorary Chairman and Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia was Chairman. David K. Niles served as Executive Assistant, James H. Causey as Treasurer, James H. McGill as Secretary, and David H. Morris as Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Chairman of the Foreign Language Division was J. Roland Sala; of the Women’s Division, Mrs. Edgerton Parsons; of the Colored Division, Ellis A. Williams; and of the Youth Division, Joseph P. Lash. Maurice P. Davidson worked as State Chairman of the New York State Independent Voters Committee for Roosevelt and Wallace. All of the offices were in the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City. Among the prominent persons who loaned the use of their names as Vice-Chairmen or members of the Executive Committee were Herbert S. Agar, Thomas G. Corcoran, Paul de Kruif, Melvyn Douglas, Fanny Hurst, Harold L. Ickes, Frank Kingdon, Freda Kirchway, James K. Landis, Max Lerner, Hendrik W. Van Loon, Walter Wanger, and John G. Winant.

The Committee’s activities consisted of sponsoring radio talks, newspaper advertising, political rallies, and the distribution of campaign literature all over the country. During October and November 1940, radio talks were given by Senator Norris, Mayor LaGuardia, Robert P. Patterson, Dorothy Thompson, James Warburg, and others. Rallies were held in Madison Square Garden and Carnegie Hall. The Youth Division sponsored a motor car parade through Manhattan and a Harlem Youth Rally. Advertising was placed in both English and foreign language newspapers. Thousands of leaflets and booklets were distributed. A few weeks after the election, the Committee went out of existence.

Description: The records consist of correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, card files, newspapers, periodicals, advertising copy, and other processed materials.

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2-5  General Correspondence Files: Some correspondence is arranged alphabetically and some topically.

6-7  Letters to LaGuardia: Correspondence is arranged alphabetically by the surname of the writer.

7-8  Literature Division: Correspondence consists of communications to regional offices, drafts of publications, printing orders, and records of shipments.

9-11  Miscellaneous Correspondence: Arranged by states. Contains requests for literature, comments on local political conditions, and other matters. Forty states are represented in the files.

12-13  Miscellaneous Campaign Data: Material is arranged alphabetically. Topics include publicity, volunteers, comments about Roosevelt, and lists of newspapers, radio stations, etc.

14-15  Publicity Material: Arranged by topic.

16  Youth Division: Arranged by Topic.

17-20  Printed and Processed Campaign Materials: Copies of various pamphlets, posters, press releases, form letters, and periodicals used in the campaign.

21-32  Members, Contributors, and Mailing Lists: Eleven boxes of card files and a book listing guests at a reception for Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Wallace.

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  Miscellaneous
  Miscellaneous Lists
  Newspaper Correspondence
  Parsons, Mrs. Edgerton
  Radio
  Radio Scripts - Women's Division
  Reception for Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Wallace
  Simon, Mrs. Leopold K.
  Social Workers
  Speakers Bureau

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General Correspondence: A-Z
  (15 folders)

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General Correspondence
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  Miscellaneous

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General Correspondence
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  Finance Committee
  Foreign Language Division
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  Good Neighbor League Contributors
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Heinemann, Mrs. E.M.
Herald-Nathan Press
Hoover Letters, Inc.
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Niles, David K.
Ohio Committee
Norris, Senator George
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Republicans for Roosevelt
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Letters to Mayor LaGuardia: A-R
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Literature Division
Communications to Regional Offices
Draft and Page-Proof of "Prepare
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Gerber, Ludwig
Interoffice Memoranda

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Memoranda to Mr. Walzer
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Miscellaneous Requests
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Miscellaneous Correspondence
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Connecticut
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Florida-Georgia-Idaho
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Miscellaneous Correspondence
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Rhode Island-South Dakota
Tennessee-Texas-Virginia
Washington (State)
West Virginia-Wisconsin-Wyoming

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Miscellaneous Campaign Data: A-R
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"The War, the Far East, and the
United States"
Advertising Copy
Big Business
"Boots and Saddles"
Drafts of LaGuardia Speeches
Economic Material
Education
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Contributions
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