

Finding Aid for the Aloys P. Kaufmann Papers

Descriptive Summary

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Biographical Note

Aloys P. Kaufmann was born in St. Louis in 1903. He began his political career in 1936 when he became head of the Republican Party City Central Committee. In April 1943 he became President of the Board of Alderman and later that year he succeeded to the office of Mayor upon the death of Mayor Becker. In November 1944, Kaufmann was elected to serve out the unexpired term of Mayor Becker and in 1945 he was re-elected to a full four-year term by a two-to-one majority. In 1949, Kaufmann chose not to run again and entered private law practice. In 1954 he became President of the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis. Kaufmann also served as Bi-State Development Commissioner, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of the city's Urban Redevelopment Corporation, and Director of the St. Louis Human Development Corporation. Kaufman died in St. Louis on February 12, 1984.

Kaufmann helped draw up the \$43 million bond issue proposal that was approved by the voters August 1, 1944 which, among other things, provided for the expansion of Lambert Field Municipal Airport from 350 to 1400 acres. The first St. Louis Earnings Tax Ordinance was passed in 1946, but was declared unconstitutional by the Missouri Supreme Court. Later, in 1948, a second Earnings Tax Ordinance was passed after the Missouri Legislature had passed an Enabling Act.

Scope and Content Notes

This collection is divided into eight series as follows:

Series 01: Pre-Mayorial Material – The Pre-Mayoral material in the collection consists of November 1942 election information, Mr. Kaufmann's correspondence as President of the Board of Aldermen and some speeches delivered by Kaufmann as President of the Board of Aldermen.

- The speeches are kept in a general speech file (Series 03). (arranged chronologically)
- Series 02: General Office Files (arranged chronologically)
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Administrative Information

Source of Collection

This material was donated to the University Archives by Aloys P. Kaufmann on October 14, 1968.

Accruals

There are no accruals.

Processing Information

Updated by Antonio Rodriguez in February 2007.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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	Awards for Service – Kaufmann's commendations to St. Louis citizens, 1944 – 1946
	Board of Alderman – general correspondence, 1943 – 1949
02	Board of Alderman – speeches and correspondence re: nomination as Mayor, 1943 – 1945
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1943 – 1948

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Art Hunn Testimonial Dinner at Hotel Statler, Mar. 13, 1954

"New President of Mo. Pac." (handwritten note attached to photograph), Jan. 1947

U.S. Conference of Mayors – Annual Meeting at Hotel Statler, Jan. 1947

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers – Reception at Hotel Coronado, 1946

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers – Testimonial dinner for Frank W. Jacobs, Jul. 19, 1947

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