

Dan Golenpaul

A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Dan Golenpaul Papers

Span Dates: 1934-1981

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1934-1977)

ID No.: MSS59808

Creator: Golenpaul, Dan

Extent: 300 items; 2 containers; .8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Radio and television producer. Correspondence, essays, scripts, contracts, news clippings, and guest lists pertaining to the "Information Please" program produced by Golenpaul for radio and television and to his subsequent publication, *Information Please Almanac*.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Personal Names

Baruch, Bernard M. (Bernard Mannes), 1870-1965--Correspondence.

Beech, Keyes.

Blum, Léon, 1872-1950--Correspondence.

Fadiman, Clifton, 1904-1999--Correspondence.

Golenpaul, Dan.

Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978--Correspondence.

Kennedy, Edward Moore, 1932-

Kennedy, Edward Moore, 1932---Correspondence.

Keyserling, Leon H. (Leon Hirsch), 1908-1987.

Kieran, John, 1892-1981--Correspondence.

MacLeish, Archibald, 1892-1982.

Muskie, Edmund S., 1914-1996--Correspondence.

Myrdal, Gunnar, 1898-1987--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962--Correspondence.

Shaw, Bernard, 1856-1950--Correspondence.

Warren, Earl, 1891-1974--Correspondence.

Organizations

Marx Brothers--Correspondence.

Subjects

Information Please (Radio program)

Information Please (Television program)

Information Please Almanac.

Radio programs.

Radio scripts.

Television programs.

Television scripts.

Occupations

Radio producers and directors.

Television producers and directors.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Dan Golenpaul, radio and television producer and almanac publisher, were given to the Library of Congress in 1981 by his wife, Ann Golenpaul.

Processing History:

The papers of Dan Golenpaul were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

Transfers:

Motion picture films and sound recordings have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division, where they are identified as part of the Dan Golenpaul Papers. Cartoons have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are also identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Dan Golenpaul or the Dan Golenpaul Associates is reserved.

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Dan Golenpaul Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Dan Golenpaul (1901-1974) span the years 1934-1981, with the bulk of material dated 1934-1977. The collection includes correspondence, writings, scripts, contracts, clippings, and guest lists relating particularly to the "Information Please" program produced by Golenpaul on radio and television and to his subsequent publication, *Information Please Almanac*. Material relating to other radio and publishing ventures include correspondence, scripts, clippings, and notes for "The Education of Hyman Kaplan," "Raising Your Parents," "Magazine of the Air," and *The First Years in College*. Correspondence is arranged alphabetically. Radio show correspondents include "Information Please" performers Clifton Fadiman and John Kieran and other writers or entertainers such as the Marx brothers, Chico, Harpo, and Groucho. Much of the *Information Please Almanac* correspondence is with political figures, especially with Democrats in the 1960s and early 1970s, such as Hubert H. Humphrey, Edward M. Kennedy, and Edmund S. Muskie. Golenpaul solicited essays for the almanac from international political figures and social commentators, including Léon Blum, Gunnar Myrdal, and George Bernard Shaw, along with Americans such as Bernard Baruch, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Earl Warren. Also included in the papers are essays by Keyes Beech, Edward M. Kennedy, Leon H. Keyserling, and Archibald MacLeish.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

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