

## THE CHURCHILL TRUMAN DAY COLLECTION

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**NOTES ON THE PREPARATION OF THIS FINDING AIDE**

The information of the collection is arranged into subject categories ranging from invitations, preparation for the event, arrangements for the press and even insurance policies. Some folders contain overlapping information, such as congratulatory letters, that relate specifically to the folder they are in, instead of being placed in the Congratulatory Letters folder. If this is the case, it is noted in the detailed inventory below.

**COLLECTION OVERVIEW:**

This collection consists of letters, memos, clippings, cartoons, lists, diagrams, programs, and manuscript copies that relate to the March 5, 1946 visit of Winston Churchill to Westminster College where he made the famous "Iron Curtain" (Sinews of Peace) speech. Many of the letters sent out are either carbon or photo copies, most are written either by President McCluer or Joe B. Humphreys (class of '35), assistant to the president. The letters received by the college contain replies from news agencies, President Truman, Churchill, state organizations, and various people around the country interested in or who have suggestions about the event. The collection also includes some small cards indicating interest that were included with invitations, diagram layouts for the gym and procession, and copies of Churchill and other's addresses, and original programs.

## BOX LIST

### BOX 1: GREEN LECTURE

#### Folder 1/1: Procession

- Passes for procession at C-T Day
- Invitations to C-T Day and replies
- Lists of those invited to procession

#### Folder 1/2: Requests for Copies of Churchill's Speech

- Requests for speech and/or pamphlets and congratulatory remarks

#### Folder 1/3: Radio Broadcasting: KMBC, KUOA, KHMO, Independent Broadcasting Co.

- Letters to stations about seating and security measures
- Requests for room reservations
- Thank-you notes for copies of broadcasts received
- Letters from stations about set up for the broadcast
- Requests to broadcast event
- Letters on security issues with press

#### Folder 1/4: Passes

- Lists of those to receive passes for specific locations (gym, luncheons, etc.)
- Lists of those to receive official Westminster College stickers
- Western Union Telegraph Co. passes
- List of press members to receive passes
- Lists of students, faculty, other employees and spouses to receive passes
- Passes for luncheon at McCluer's and Reunion hall
- List of Ushers
- Reception Committee list
- Fraternity Lists
- Letter Cards to indicate interest in attending the event
- Letters about extremely large number of people wanting to attend

#### Folder 1/5: Radio Broadcasting: KCKN, KWK, Mutual Broadcasting Company

- Letters regarding coverage by KWC courtesy Mutual Broadcasting
- Letters regarding transmission to other networks
- Networks/reporters who will be attending
- Details on Room reservations

#### Folder 6: Program Day Arrangement

- Confirmation letters to those involved (committees/people on how day will go)
- Airport pick-up plans
- Tentative schedules for the day and travel times
- Official Program details
- Music Possibilities
- Ushers and Procession order
- Plans for C-T day and program lay-out
- Memos and letters on Publicity/Crowds/Seating arrangements
- Churchill Day Committee jobs and duties
- List of Details to be completed
- Chronological account of visit
- Layout of Campus

- Folder 1/7: Radio Broadcasting: KMOX Columbia Broadcasting Co.
  - Telegrams on who will be there and how KMOX will cover it
- Folder 1/8: Radio Broadcasting: WRC, KSN, WDAF, National Broadcasting Co.
  - Letters concerning press arrangements
  - Letters concerning how stations will pick up the broadcast
- Folder 1/9: Radio Broadcasting: KERU, KXOK American Broadcasting Co.
  - Letters regarding broadcasting plans and locations
  - Letters concerning which stations they will go through to pick up broadcast
- Folder 1/10: The Press, Reservations etc.
  - Letters of reservation for special guests
  - Letters concerning press locations/services
  - Letters confirming which press services will be there
  - Letters of invitation to and response from press (newspaper, radio)
  - Arrangements for pressmen (seating, rooms to be stationed in)
- Folder 1/11: Newspaper Men in Fulton that Day
  - Extensive lists of papers/crews present and who will be representing them
- Folder 1/12: Sound/TV Service
  - Letters about repairing/updating wiring to accommodate equipment
  - Letters concerning set up for amplified sound inside and out
  - Letters concerning setting up video footage
  - Letters concerning setting equip for closed circuit TV in Swope Chapel
- Folder 1/13: Original Programs
- Folder 1/14: Publicity
  - Invitations to Churchill
  - Copy of Draft of Gov. Donnelly introduction
  - Details about Green Lecture history
  - Narrative History about Westminster
  - Short bio on McCluer
  - Introductory remarks by McCluer
  - President Truman's Intro
  - Copy of Churchill's speech
  - Citations for Honorary Degrees
  - Churchill/Truman's acceptance of Degrees
  - Invocation/Benediction
  - Travel Details for WC/Truman
  - Publicity Department releases about plans
  - Information on pressroom locations, news network preparations
  - Summary of events
  - Copies of some articles about C-T day
- Folder 15 Insurance
  - Letters about increasing policy for the 3 days around the Churchill visit
  - Copy of Policy

**BOX 2: GREEN LECTURE**

- Folder 2/1: Clippings—C-T Day
  - Diary entry about the event from MU student
  - Letters of protest about the day

- Letters of congratulations and suggestions about upcoming day
- Folder 2/2: Housing and Feeding
  - Letters to women's organization about luncheons
  - Letters about housing accommodations
  - Letters about finding more beds and cots
  - Possible Menus
  - Letters about using dorms for feeding extra people
- Folder 2/3: Decorations
  - Letters on choosing a decorator
  - Letters about decor (preparing/repairing areas of campus, arrangement of gym)
- Folder 2/4: Honorary Degree
  - Proposals to Trustee board for degrees
  - Letters of consent from trustees
- Folder 2/5: Replies to Luncheon Invitation
  - Invitation and replies to luncheon at Reunion Hall and President's House
- Folder 2/6: Crank Letters
  - Letters/articles opposing Churchill's visit
  - Cartoons against Churchill's policies
- Folder 2/7: Letters Regarding Churchill Bulletin
  - Thank-you notes regarding receiving bulletins
  - Letters of congratulations on event and the layout of bulletins
- Folder 2/8: Special Requests for March 5
  - Requests for autographs/interviews
  - Requests for Churchill or Truman's time at other functions
  - Requests to present Churchill bust by Wescott (pamphlets exhibiting work)
  - Requests for different bands/singers to perform
  - Requests to have personal poems read
  - Requests from across the country about "Why Westminster"
  - Requests to handle color guard
  - Requests to attend and/or cover event
  - Requests for sending Churchill bust by Beatrice Stone
  - "America at the Crossroads" pamphlet
  - Request to send Stark's Golden Delicious apples
- Folder 2/9: Invitations & Misc. Correspondence
  - Invitations to British Embassy and Churchill
  - Thank-you for apples sent to President Truman
  - Correspondence about TV and other technology
  - Correspondence about Churchill manuscript for release
  - Instructions for the ham served at lunch
  - Invitations to attend (for reserved seats in gym)
  - Copies of drafts of invitations to Churchill
  - Letters about preparations/honorariums
- Folder 2/10: Misc. Correspondence 1
  - Letters that had accompanied mailed clippings (clippings *not* included)
  - Thank-you notes for borrowing equipment
  - Thank-you notes to frat houses for accommodating pressmen

Letters on the car and caravan for airport pick up and parade  
Letters to/from state officials on food, extra police, and the airport  
Requests and Denials for tickets and photographs  
Letters to clipping service  
Offers to provide lodging and transport  
Letters about passes (for press officials and mimeograph)

Folder 2/11: Misc. Correspondence 2

Information on Westminster and Green Lecture  
Information on McCluer  
Citation for honorary degree and acceptance  
Benediction  
Memo about the day's events  
Letters concerning a turquoise stone lost by Churchill's secretary  
Correspondence about paintings  
Letters of congratulations on securing Churchill and subtle ticket requests  
Suggestions on florists and wealthy guests to invite  
Requests for copies of speech  
Details on the setup in the gym

Folder 2/12: Letters of Congratulation Regarding C-T Day

Letters of Congratulation on C-T event and the fame it brought to Westminster  
Letters complementing McCluers speech as better than Churchill's