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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Bruce, Donald C. (Donald Cogley), 1921-1969
Title	Donald C. Bruce collection
Date	1950-1969
Extent	18.7 Cubic feet 31 manuscript boxes; 1 half-size manuscript box; 7 cubic foot boxes; 6 medium oversize boxes; 1 large oversize box
Language	English

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Donald Cogley Bruce was born in Trouteville, Pennsylvania on April 27, 1921 to William and Maybelle Cogley. After graduating high school in Allentown, Pennsylvania, he attended Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio. Bruce was married to Hope Mitchell and they had two children, Donald and Patricia.

In 1948, Donald Bruce became a news commentator for WIRE radio station in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was later promoted to program director and eventually rose to the position of business manager at WIRE.

In 1960, Bruce was elected to the United States Congress as a Republican representing the 11th district of Indianapolis. After two terms in Congress, Donald Bruce served as Chairman of the Speakers Bureau for the Republican National Committee during the 1964 Presidential Campaign. After the elections, Bruce was appointed National Chairman of the American Conservative Union. He resigned in 1965 to accept the chairmanship of Newscope, Inc.

While in Congress, Bruce served four years on the House Education and Labor Committee, and was a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. This committee was devoted to gaining first-hand information on the strategy and tactics of Communist and other militant groups. This information was later used in the production of Newscope's first major film, "While Brave Men Die..."

Donald Bruce was a member of many Indianapolis organizations including: Downtown Optimist Club, Downtown Lions Club, Indianapolis Press Club, Honorary Member of National Exchange Club, Board of Director for the Salvation Army, Board of Management for the Central Branch of the YMCA, and Indiana Multiple Sclerosis Society Board. He and his family were also members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Bruce was the recipient of the following awards: American Legion, Department of Indiana -- American Citation; Indianapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce -- Outstanding Young Man of the Year, Distinguished Service Award; DAR -- Americanism Citation; VFW, Department of Indiana -- Public Service Award; Broad Ripple American Legion Post -- Public Service Citation; American Legion Auxiliary -- Americanism Citation; Lions Club -- Man of the Year; Hi-Twelve Club -- Man on the Month; Sertoma Club -- Public Citizenship Citation; and the National Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds.

Donald Cogley Bruce died on August 31, 1969 at the age of 48 in Round Hill, Virginia. He was buried in Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery in Bluemont, Virginia.

Sources:

Items in the collection.

Congress.gov. "Bruce, Donald C." *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, 1774-Present*. Accessed July 10, 2015. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=B000969>.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes correspondence, notes, scrapbooks, and photographs, reel-to-reel audio, and 16mm film from Donald C. Bruce in Washington D.C. ranging from 1950 to 1969 regarding his time in Congress.

Arrangement

Series 1: Correspondence, 1961-1964

Subseries 1.1: Subject files, 1961-1970

Subseries 1.2: Constituents correspondence, 1961-1964

Subseries 1.3: Legislative correspondence, bills and resolutions, undated

Subseries 1.4: Congressional papers, 1961-1964

Series 2: Public relations documents, 1950-1964

Subseries 2.1: Press releases, 1961-1964

Subseries 2.2: Campaign materials, 1962-1969

Subseries 2.3: Speeches and biographies, 1950-1964

Subseries 2.4: Subject files, 1960-1964, undated

Series 3: International documents, 1961-1964, undated

Series 4: Newspaper clippings and scrapbooks, 1958-1964

Series 5: Reel-to-reel audio tapes, circa 1950-1969

Series 6: Film, circa 1950-1969

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

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Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Hope Bruce in 1979.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- United States. Congress. House of Representatives.
- United States. Congress. House. Committee on Education and Labor..
- United States. Congress. House. Committee on Un-American Activities..
- United States. Federal Communications Commission..

- United States. Federal Trade Commission..

Geographic Name(s)

- Cuba
- Indianapolis (Ind.)
- Katanga (Congo)
- Soviet Union

Personal Name(s)

- Hoover, J. Edgar (John Edgar), 1895-1972
- Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973
- Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963
- Marquez Sterling, Carlos, 1898-1991
- Oswald, Lee Harvey
- Sprei, Karl, Graf von, 1907-1970
- Tshombe, Moise
- Wilkins, Roy, 1901-1981

Subject(s)

- African American civil rights workers
- Assassination--United States--History--20th century
- Civil rights--Indiana
- Clippings
- Cold War
- Communism
- Correspondence
- Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962
- Developmental disabilities
- Indiana--Politics and government--20th century
- Indiana--Republican party--Campaign literature
- Moving images
- Newsletters
- Newspaper articles
- Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (1963)
- Photographs
- Press releases
- Reel-to-Reel audiotapes

- Scrapbooks
- Speeches, addresses, etc.

Series 1: Correspondence, 1961-1964

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Correspondence, 1961-1964		
Subseries 1.1: Subject files, 1961-1970		
	Box	Folder
Federal Communications Commission letters, 1961-1967	1	1
Foreign Affairs and Foreign Aid letters, 1961-1964	1	2
M.U.R.A. letters, 1962-1964	1	3
Professional letters, 1957-1962	2	1
Professional letters, 1963-1964	2	2
Personal letters, 1945-1965	2	3
Campaign pamphlets, 1960	18	1
Goldwater, 1961	18	2
Education bill, 1961	18	3

Subseries 1.1: Subject files, 1961-1970

"Amish" amendment, 1961	18	4
Bruce doctrine, 1961	18	5
Congo documents, 1961	18	6
Tshombe general documents, 1961	18	7
Tshombe message documents, 1961	18	8
French, correspondence documents, 1961	18	9
Publicity documents, 1961	18	10
Cuba arms build-up documents, 1962	18	11
Congo documents, 1962	18	12
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Michel Struelens documents, circa 1950-1970	18	14
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Federal Trade Commission documents, 1962	18	16
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Karl Von Spreti documents, 1963	18	19
William D. Pawley documents, 1963	18	20
Dr. Carlos Marquez Sterling documents, 1963	18	21
Bills, mentally challenged documents, 1962	18	22
Congressional briefing documents, 1963	18	23
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Constituents letters, 1962	3	2

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	Box	Folder
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Internal Revenue Service letters, 1962-1964	4	2
Federal Aid to Education letters, 1961	4	3
FTC and FCC letters, 1961-1962	4	4
Justice Department letters, 1961-1964	4	5
Test Ban letters, 1961-1963	4	6
Bills letters, 1961-1962	4	7
Committee Hearings letters, 1964	4	8
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Major bills and resolutions, 1961-1964	5	3
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Subseries 1.4: Congressional papers, 1961-1964

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Voting Records booklets, 1961-1964	6	2
Congressional Candidates books, 1964	6	3
Conservatives Club 87th and 88th Congress letters, 1961-1964	6	4
HUAC papers, 1961	7	1
HUAC papers, 1960-1963	7	2
<i>The Bruce Letters</i> newsletter, 1960-1964	7	3
Congressional booklets and flyers, 1960-1964	7	4

Series 2: Public relations documents, 1950-1964

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	Box	Folder
Publicity documents, 1958-1962	8	1
Press releases, 1961	8	2
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Press releases, 1963	8	4
Press releases, 1964	8	5
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Subseries 2.2: Campaign materials, 1962-1969

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Election Statistics booklets, 1962	9	1
Campaing correspondence, 1962-1964	9	2
<i>Grass Roots News</i> newsletter, undated	9	3
Campaign booklets and flyers, 1962-1964	9	4
Campaign newspaper articles, 1961-1969	9	5

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	Box	Folder
Case information documents, 1961-1964	10	1
Speeches and remarks documents, 1950-1963	10	2
Speeches and remarks documents, 1964-1965	10	3
Biography documents, 1960-1964	10	4

Subseries 2.4: Subject files, 1960-1964, undated

	Box	Folder
Anglo Lautaro Nitrate Corp documents, 1960	11	1
Booklets, 1961-1963	11	2
Dr. Sutton Letters draft, undated	11	3
Flyers, 1953-1960	11	4
Lyndon B. Johnson Bad Press Relations documents, 1964	11	5
Group photographs, undated	11	6
Personal photographs, undated	11	7

Series 3: International documents, 1961-1964, undated

Series 3: International documents, 1961-1964, undated		
	Box	Folder
Research notes, undated	12	1
Research notes, undated	12	2
Congo letters, 1956-1964	12	3
Newspapers translations, 1962	12	4
Visa Cases letters, 1961	12	5
Mining Company documents, 1961-1964	13	1
Congo speeches, 1961	13	2
UNICEF flyers and booklets, undated	13	3
Africa booklets and flyers, 1962	13	4
Katanga correspondence, 1962	14	1
Katanga correspondence and research, 1962-1963	14	2
Auction Block documents, 1962-1964	14	3

Series 3: International documents, 1961-1964, undated

Auction Block pamphlets, 1962	14	4
Africa newsletters, 1961-1963	15	1
Newspaper articles, 1961	15	2
Industrial Diamonds notes, undated	15	3
Industrial Diamonds letters, 1962	15	4
Africa Congressional Records articles, 1962-1963	15	5
Africa Press documents, 1962-1964	15	6
Non-African Countries documents, 1961-1964	15	7
Cuba correspondence, 1961-1964	16	1
Cuba publicity documents, undated	16	2
Cuba publicity documents, 1962-1963	16	3
Operation Judas documents, 1963-1964	16	3
Operation Judas documents, 1963-1964	16	4
Cuba speeches and notes, undated	16	5

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Cuba booklets and flyers, undated	16	6
Series 4: Newspaper clippings and scrapbooks, 1958-1964		
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Newspaper clippings, 1958-1963	17	1
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Lee Harvey Oswald scrapbook, 1963-1964	45

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Newsletter scrapbook, 1963	46
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Indiana Low Income Families booklet, 1964	46
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Individual Voting Records book, 1963-1964	46
Francis Eugene Walter Memorial Address book, 1963	46
Hjalmar C. Nygaard Memorial address, 1963	46
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Aerial photographs, circa 1950-1970	47	2
Aerial photographs, circa 1950-1970	47	3
Political events photographs, circa 1950-1970	47	4
Congo scrapbook, circa 1950-1970	47	5
Congo scrapbook, circa 1950-1970	47	6
Congo scrapbook, circa 1950-1970	47	7

Series 5: Reel-to-reel audio tapes, circa 1950-1969

	Box	Folder
Problemes Africains, circa 1950-1969	20	1
Unidentified reel to reel 20, circa 1950-1969	20	2
	Box	Reel
Let's Take Sides, February 9, 1962	20	1
Rubin-Dixon Debate, circa 1950-1969	20	2

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Unidentified reel to reel tape, September 3, 1962	20	3
Katanga Information Services, July 9, 1962	20	4
Katanga Calling Part 3, July 23, 1962	20	5
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Katanga Informaion Services, August 20, 1962	20	9
Remarks: Done March 6 GP, circa 1950-1969	20	10
Unidentified reel to reel 11, circa 1950-1969	20	11
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Series 5: Reel-to-reel audio tapes, circa 1950-1969

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Federal minimum wage increase, statment of Donald Bruce interviewed by George O. Fowler, circa 1950-1969	21	5
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Series 5: Reel-to-reel audio tapes, circa 1950-1969

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Sixth Human Events Political Action Conference: Representative Don Bruce, circa 1950-1969	22	10
Unidentified audio tape, circa 1950-1969	22	11
Go Republican, circa 1950-1969	22	12
Songs of Protest, WOSU Program, September 1961	22	13
HAR TKC, circa 1950-1969	22	14
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Transcript from the National Right to Work Seminar, Chicago, October 1961	23	1
	Box	Reel
Tap to WBZI, circa 1950-1969	23	1
Unidentified audio tape 29, circa 1950-1969	23	2
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