



University of Victoria Archives

AR003

Harold Allen fonds

1. Fonds-level description

Title

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Dates

1960-1979

Extent

30 cm of textual records

Biographical sketch

Harold Tuttle Allen was born 22 January 1902 in Montreal. In 1923 he graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Arts, and in 1926 was ordained by British Columbia Conference. Allen spent his career as a United Church minister, working for over 40 years in lumber and coal towns, as well as urban centers in BC. In 1933 he ran in the British Columbian election in the Cowichan-Alberni riding for the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, coming second to Liberal Laurence Arnold Hanna. He was prominent in the New Democratic Party and developed a widespread reputation as a man always ready to help the underdog. From 1956 to 1962 he served as the Field Secretary for the Lord's Day Alliance, fighting unsuccessfully to uphold the enforcement of the Lord's Day Act. Allen also researched and wrote on religious issues and social change. He was married to Ruby Rhoda Reilly (1903-1983). Allen died 1 November 1982.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of files relating to Allen's activities in the New Democratic Party, including federal conventions, 1960-1979; Waffle Movement, 1969-1971; Clippings, 1961-1972; Elections, 1966-1975; Committee for an Independent Canada, 1976-1977; Brief to the Royal Commission on Gasoline Price Structure, 1965; and NDP Speakers Notes and Policy Statement, 1961.

Notes

Gift of Harold Allen, August 1981.

2. Structure

(no series or files)

3. Inventory

Accession 1981-009

Box 1

BC Committee for the New Party, 1960
New Party Founding Convention, 1961
NDP Convention, 1967
NDP Convention and discussion papers, 1969 (2 files)
NDP Waffle Movement, 1969-71
NDP Convention and discussion papers, 1971 (3 files)
Conference on Democratic Socialism, 1973
NDP Convention (BC), 1979

NDP Clippings, 1961
NDP Clippings, 1966-69
NDP Clippings, 1971-72

Election (BC), 1966
Election (BC) Cariboo By-election, 1966
Election (Fed), 1973
Election (BC), 1975

Committee for an Independent Canada, 1976-77
NDP Brief to Royal Commission on Gasoline Price Structure, 1965
NDP Speakers notes and policy statements, 1961