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Roy Temple House Collection

House, Roy Temple (b. 1878). Papers, 1939–1951. .33 foot.

Professor. Manuscripts (n.d.) of short stories by Roy Temple House, Emil Lucka (in German), José de la Cuadra, and others; and correspondence (1939–1951) concerning House's work with the University of Oklahoma and *Books Abroad*, much of it from Ada P. McCormick.

Folder:

1. "Blind Baggage, Brenham to Guthrie," an article by House that appeared in the *Southwest Review*, autumn, 1951.
2. Letters from Ada P. McCormick, editor and publisher of *Letter*, to House.
 - a. July 23, 1951. Regarding her husband and some biographical information. Also discusses wish to give some awards, i.e., \$1,000 Albert Schweitzer prize.
 - b. June 18, 1948. Regarding O.U. Press exhibit for Atlantic City, some advertising material for Albert Schweitzer books, etc. location of her office, indictment of the *Kinsey Report* and "phony sex science," some personal comments. Enclosed: "Albert Schweitzer vs. *The Kinsey Report*, reprint of a book review; "The Question They Won't Ask You" from *Letter*; an advertisement in support of the draft; printed page entitled, "Townfolk."
 - c. April 16, 1948. Regarding Schweitzer's *Psychiatric Study of Jesus*, the *Kinsey Report* which he was very much against, and a \$100.00 award she was giving.
 - d. July 4, 1948. Expresses her appreciation of *Books Abroad*, the wish that foreign languages were taught more, and the sin of cynicism.
 - e. June 27, 1948. Regarding an article on Schweitzer.
 - f. June 30, 1948. Discusses the American Librarian Conference in Atlantic City and enclosed is a fragment from the preface of *Albert Schweitzer Jubilee Book* by A.A. Roback. Also writes of a photo which we do not have.
 - g. March 11, 1948. Mentions that A. Schweitzer always wrote in German except for one book in French, that he has not been given proper credit as an author, and discusses Gandhi's writings.

- h. March 3, 1948. Order for 1000 copies of *Books Abroad*; writes that they will receive 3400 copies of Gandhi's *Harijan* and that she wishes B.A. to review two of Schweitzer's books. Discusses George Seaver's books on Schweitzer. Further discussion of Gandhi.
- i. May 17, 1947. She sent House a stereoscopic set to help his eyes and wrote that she hoped it would help. Enclosed is a list of articles that had been reprinted etc. from *Letter*.
- j. Feb. 13, 1948. Writes that she is ordering several books that she has seen reviews in B.A. and that she wrote the publishers that she had seen the reviews in B.A. (7 of the letters to the publishers are enclosed). Also discusses a booth that she put up at the county fair in support of Gandhi.
- k. Jan. 18, 1945. Asks permission to reprint an article about two Filipinos.
- l. Jan. 23, 1945. Note thanking House for allowing the use of the article mentioned.
- m. June 13, 1945. Discusses the reprinting of articles.
- n. July 5, 1945. Writes of a strong endorsement given to B.A. by an Austrian, some publication she is sending him, and the possibility of having foreign language newspapers in the U.S.
- o. August 10, 1945. Discusses R. Frederick Becker, and the hope that B.A. will print a review of *Letter*.
- p. Sept. 28, 1948. Thanks House for printing an article she wrote on Schweitzer; discusses the 21st birthday of B.A., the *Kinsey Report* and writes that an Austrian scholar is working with her in her research on the *Report*.
- q. Writes of Martin Buber's "Between Man and Man" (excerpts of this are enclosed) and the ideas contained therein, the credulity of the average American, the faults of "mass education," her fathers education. her fathers education, the lack of knowledge of students and professors, the translating of a book out of Latin, and the sorrow of not having time to learn everything. Letter dated Jan. 25, 1949.
- r. Jan. 23, 1949. Discusses an article in *Writer's Digest* which was about her work, Martin Buber's "Between Man and Man" the regretful disregard shown towards philosophy, Dante, Hitler, Kinsey and the love-of-evil philosophy. Compares Kinsey to Hitler.
- s. Feb. 9, 1949. Discusses the Winter '49 issue of *Books Abroad*, and two other publications, *The Muslim World & Sobornost*.

- t. Feb. 21, 1949. Derides Henry Miller, Aldous Huxley, Aubrey Beardsley and the *Kinsey Report*. Discusses a book on homosexuality, Buber and Gandhi on the Arabs, and asks for some bound copies of B.A.
3. Letter from Homer L. Dodge to R.T. House, June 16, 1941, with a letter from Mrs. John Imrie enclosed. Discusses the modern language program at O.U. and the fact that it does not seem to actually teach a person how to *speak* a language.
4. Letter from Ada McCormick to Mrs. Helen Roger Reid, April 30, 1948. Regarding a \$100 award to a Mr. Gorer of the *New York Herald Tribune* for his book review of the *Kinsey Report*. Also mentioned are George Seaver's "Albert Schweitzer, Christine Revolutionary" and the over rating of the *Kinsey Report*.
5. Letter from Barney Yanofsky, editor of *Foreign Service*, to House, Nov. 29, 1943. Explains the payment for an article that House had sent to them. On the back, House has written something in longhand entitled, "Fees."
6. Two letters, one from the Library of Congress, the other from Signor Arturo Menesis concerning the translating of some works i.e., Jose della Cuadra. First letter dated Nov. 30, 1943, the second, March 18, 1944.
7. Letter from Alfredo Berumen to House, Dec. 5, 1941. Regarding some translations of anecdotes which Berumen did for House; the translations are enclosed.
8. Articles by House: (It is not known for sure that House wrote these).
"German Genealogies and the German Psychosis"
"The Tinker's Siesta" (Adapted from the French of J.H. Rosny Aine).
"The Pure... Shall See God"
9. A page entitled "The Tiger Cat" which discusses a young girl who is being prevented from being married by her two older brother, the actions of her husband-to-be, and the step taken by the police commissar to relieve the situation.
10. A translation if a story by Jose de la Cuadra, both typewritten and in longhand. Enclosed is a list of phrases which House had translated by someone else, but that person is unnamed.
11. Clippings from the *Perry Journal*, *Clinton Times-Tribune*, *Bartlesville Enterprise*. Regarding House's endorsement by the South-Central Modern Language Association for the Nobel Peace prize. Nov. 17 & 18, 1948.
12. A note sent thru faculty exchange from M.H. Merrill concerning the translation of several words from Spanish.

13. A copy of *Letter*, Vol. 5. Number 9, 1947 (Part of the volume dealing with magazine dividends is marked in pencil).
14. A note written by House on the back of an *American Spectator* rejection slip.
15. *Vida de Nuestra Senora*. Printed in Madrid in 1720, and formerly owned by D. Juan Moraleda y Esteban of Toledo. In Spanish (missing 3-5-98).
16. *El Abencerraje*. Date given for printing, M.D.LXV. Printed in the villa of Medina del Campo for Francisco des Canto. In Spanish (missing 3-5-98).
17. Emil Lucka's short stories. Fourteen short stories in German on mimeographed pages.
18. "Marti The Apostle" by Jorge Manach, translated by Roy House. Also letter to House from Florence Brobeck, Managing Editor of *Tomorrow Magazine* (June 30, 1942).
19. Letters to House from the P.E.N. Association regarding membership (April 9 & August 28, 1946). Also *The P.E.N. American Center List of Members*, 1946.
20. Letter to W.B. Bizzell from House regarding Modern Language Department budget (Nov. 8, 1940); Letter to E.D. Meacham regarding salary increases (Nov. 8, 1940); Letter to House from K.P.R. Neville, Registrar of University of Western Ontario about the closing of Hellmuth College (Dec. 29, 1939).
21. Papers concerning Roy House's retirement with the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma, includes list of his service and salary. Also letter from Michigan Teachers' Retirement Fund Board (Feb. 20, 1940).
22. Papers from various institutes and the Universite de Paris regarding the academic status of Hubert Grigaut (1938).