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Collection Number: MS-468

Title: Jim Fain Collection

Dates: 1929-2009

Creator: Fain, Jim (1920-2012)

Summary/Abstract:

The Jim Fain Collection consists of materials related to the illustrious career of Jim Fain, a nationally recognized newspaper editor and columnist. The collection consists of biographical material, speeches, news articles, correspondence and photographs.

Quantity/Physical Description: 4.7 linear feet (plus oversize)

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092

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Acquisition:

The Jim Fain Collection was donated to Wright State University Special Collections and Archives by Cathy Newman in February 2013.

Related Material:

MS-458, Dayton Daily News Archive

Processing Information:

Fragile newspaper articles were copied. A large amount remains and will need future evaluation.

Processed by:

Noel Rihm, Mar 2013

Arrangement:

The Jim Fain Collection is organized into four series (and two subseries):

Series I: General Information

Series II: Publications

Subseries IIA: Dayton Daily News & Other Newspapers

Subseries IIB: Austin-American Statesman

Series III: Correspondence

Series IV: Scrapbooks & Photographs

Biographical/Historical Note:

Jim Fain was born September 12, 1920 in Norman Park, GA. He attended Fitzgerald High School in Fitzgerald, Georgia, and earned a journalism degree from Emory University in 1941. He worked on the editorial staff of the Albany Herald (Albany, GA) until December, when he joined the Army Air Corps and fought in the Pacific during WWII. He entered into the Air Force Reserves where he attained the grade of Brigadier General and retired from the USAF in 1980. He remained at the *Albany Herald* until he became editor and managing editor of the Columbus Ledger (Columbus, GA) in 1946. In 1948, he moved to the positions of editor and editorial writer at the *Atlanta Journal* of Atlanta, GA. He then became editor of the *Dayton Daily News* in Dayton, Ohio, in December of 1953. Fain went on to become editor of *Miami News* and the *Austin American-Statesmen* in 1976. He moved to Washington, D.C. in 1983 to become a national correspondent for Cox Media and News Company and retired in 1991. Jim was a passionate editor and writer whose columns were read across the nation. He passed away in Savannah, Georgia, in April of 2012.

Scope and Content

The Jim Fain Collection is a collection of material documenting the life and publications of Jim Fain as an employee of Cox News Media.

Series I, General Information, includes biographical material related to Fain's Air Force and Cox News Media careers. It also features programs, awards, and speeches Fain gave to a variety of institutions. A unique area of interest in this section is the FBI surveillance file created on Jim Fain.

Series II, Publications, is separated in two subseries. Subseries IIA, Dayton Daily News & Other Newspapers, features columns authored by Jim Fain from 1957 to 1990. Subseries IIB, Austin-American Statesmen, features editorials authored by Fain from 1978 to 1982.

Series III, Correspondence, includes favorable and unfavorable letters from notable local and national readers as well as readers from across the country.

Series IV, Scrapbooks & Photographs, consists of photographs and exhibit materials. Features images of Jim Fain, Vietnam, and activities in Dayton, Ohio.

Subject Terms:

Persons/Families

Fain, Jim (1920-2012)

Organizations/Corporate Names

Austin American-Statesmen
Dayton Daily News
Journal Herald (Dayton, Ohio)

Places

Austin (Texas)
Dayton (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

Journalism – Ohio – Dayton

Material Types

Correspondence
Newspapers
Photographs
Clippings (information artifacts)

Occupations

Journalists
Authors, American – 20th century – Archives.

Collection Inventory

Series I: General Information			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Air Force Documents (See also Oversize Location 47 File 13)	1956-1982, undated
	2	FBI File	1929-1936, 1941,1944
	3	FBI File	1960-1975, 1982, undated
	4	Cox Media	1972-1982, 1991
	5	Programs & Committees	1961-1969, 1997, undated
	6	News Articles	1945-1956, 1970, undated
	7	Third Coast Magazine of Austin (See also Oversize Location 47 File 13)	1983

	8	Speeches	1955-1977, 1986-1990, undated
Series II: Publications			
Subseries IIA: Dayton Daily News & Other Newspapers			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	9	News Articles	1957-1959
	10	Civil Rights News Articles	1963
	11	Vietnam News Articles	1965, undated
	12	Indonesia Series News Articles	1967, 1970, undated
	13	Middle East News Articles	1967, 1973
	14	Middle East News Articles	1970, undated
	15	News Articles	1983 Jan.-Jun.
	16	City News Articles	1973
	17	News Articles	1982 Jan.-Jun.
	18	News Articles	1982 Jul.-Dec.
2	1	News Articles	1980-1992, undated
	2	News Articles	Undated
	3	News Articles	Undated
	4	News Articles	Undated
	5	Unidentified Newspaper Articles	1990, undated
Subseries IIB: Austin-American Statesmen			
3	1	News Articles	1978 Sep.-1979 Jan.
	2	News Articles	1979 Jan.-1979 May
	3	News Articles	1979 Jun.-1979 Oct.
	4	News Articles	1979 Oct.-1980 Feb.
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
	5	News Articles	1980 Mar.-Jul.
	6	News Articles	1980 Jul.-Nov.
	7	News Articles	1980 Jan.-Mar.
	8	News Articles	1981 Mar.-Aug.

4	1	News Articles	1981 Aug.-Dec.
	2	News Articles	1983 Jan.-Sep.
	3	News Articles	1982 Jan.-Dec.
Series III: Correspondence			
5	1	Presidential and Congressional Correspondence	1964, 1970-1972, 1976-78
	2	Ohio Correspondence	1958-1990, 2009, undated
	3	Reader Correspondence	1954,1965-1989
	4	Reader Correspondence	1990-1999, undated
	5	Austin, Texas Correspondence	1976-1978, 1980- 1984, undated
Series IV: Scrapbooks & Photographs			
	6	Mahony's Retirement and Jim Fain	1956, undated
	7	Dayton (Note: Includes negative)	1956, undated
	8	Vietnam	undated
	9	Jim Fain	Undated
	10	Reserve Pictures	Undated
	11	Youth Photos	Undated
6	1	Vietnam Exhibit Photos	Undated
	2	Jim Fain Vietnam Report	Undated
	3	Award Banquet Photograph	Undated