Gordon E. Cole Advertising Papers

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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Gordon E. Cole Advertising History Papers
Identifier: NMAH.AC.0371
Date: 1879-1899; 1926-1964
Extent: 2 Cubic feet (3 boxes)
Creator: Cole, Gordon E. (advertising executive)
Language: English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Processing Information
This collection was processed by Mimi L. Minnick, archivist, 1991.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note
Gordon E. Cole’s advertising career spanned thirty years, and this collection documents his work and interests.

Scope and Contents
Correspondence, speeches, clippings, unpublished manuscripts, scrapbooks related to advertising.
Scope and Contents

In addition to Cole's professional work, the collection documents his involvement in professional associations, including the Association of National Advertisers, the Advertising Research Foundation, and the Advertising Council. Also includes the published findings of three ANA-commissioned surveys of wartime advertising and the proceedings of wartime ANA conferences; and a scrapbook of advertising ephemera, including late nineteenth-century trade cards and pamphlets. There is a letter in Box 1, folder 1, correspondence from Cole to Barry Goldwater noting he would not be voting for Goldwater in the 1964 Presidential Election due to Goldwater's stand on Civil Rights.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into four series.

Series 1: Correspondence, 1926-1964
Series 2: Unpublished Papers, 1942-1957
Series 3: Wartime Proceedings of the Association of National Advertisers, 1941-1944
Series 4: Advertising Ephemera, 1879-1964

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
  advertising
  advertising -- World War, 1939-1945

Types of Materials:
  Advertising cards
  Business letters
  Clippings
  Ephemera
  Pamphlets
  Scrapbooks
  Speeches
  Tear sheets
  Trade cards

Names:
  Advertising Council
  Association of National Advertisers
  Can Manufacturers Institute.
  Cannon Mills, Inc.
  Pedlar & Ryan Ad Agency.
  Wartime Ad Council.
Occupations:

Executives -- advertising
### Container Listing

**Series 1: Correspondence, 1926-1964**

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Box 1, Folder 1  to Stuart Peabody, Advertising Director, The Borden Company, 1943-03-01

Box 1, Folder 1  from Ralph Stuart Butler, Vice President in charge of Merchandising, General Foods Corporation, 1943-03-17

Box 1, Folder 1  to Bernard d'Escayrac, Guerlain, Inc., 1943-04-02

Box 1, Folder 1  from Edward McSweeney, Edward McSweeney Associates, 1943-04-13

Box 1, Folder 1  to C.A. Cannon, Cannon Mills, Inc., 1943-07-21

Box 1, Folder 1  from C.H. Black, Vice President, American Can Company, 1943-12-27

Box 1, Folder 1  from Carle C. Conway, Chairman of the Board and President, Continental Can Company, Inc., 1944-03-13

Box 1, Folder 1  from Clarence B. Goshorn, President, Benton & Bowles, Inc., 1944-05-26

Box 1, Folder 1  to Carl H. Black, Executive Vice President, American Can Company, 1944-06-12

Box 1, Folder 1  from F.C. Kendall, Vice President, Advertising & Selling, 1945-01-11

Box 1, Folder 1  from Douglas Meldrum, Manager, New York Office, War Advertising Council, Inc., to Hon. William H. Munson, Supreme Court, County Court House, NYC, 1945-02-27

Box 1, Folder 1  from F.C. Kendall, Executive Secretary, Wartime Advertising Awards, 1945-02-28

Box 1, Folder 1  to Carl H. Black, Executive Vice President, American Can Company, 1945-07-05

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Box 1, Folder 1  from Harold F. Douglas, Benton & Bowles, Inc., 1945-07-13
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Box 1, Folder 1 from Association of National Advertisers, 1951-08-14

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Box 1, Folder 2  Contributions of the can manufacturers to the war effort, talk by Gordon E. Cole on behalf of the Can Manufacturers Institute, undated

Box 1, Folder 2  Speech, Twenty ninth Annual Meeting, Audit Bureau of Circulations, Chicago, 1942-10-15

Box 1, Folder 2  Speech, the George Burton Hotchkiss Chapter of Alpha Delta Sigma, 1942-12-11

Box 1, Folder 2  "Clothing Campaign for Europe Piloted by Business Leaders", undated

Box 1, Folder 2  Speech, 4th ANA/Psychological Corporation Survey of Public Sentiment Toward War Time Advertising, 1943

Box 1, Folder 2  Third Draft of Dialogue for the Fourth A.N.A. Study given by Gordon Cole and Albert D. Freiberg, 1943

Box 1, Folder 2  "Copy Policy Regarding Competition with Glass Can Manufacturers Institute", 1946-10-31

Box 1, Folder 2  "Prospectus of An Idea: The West Coast," prepared for Daniel Starch and Staff by Gordon Cole, 1956-12-15

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Program of the Meeting of the A.N.A., 1942-05-03-1942-05-05

Program of the Wartime Meeting of the A.N.A., 1942-11-11-1942-11-12

"Highlights of the Year," A.N.A., undated

"Public Sentiment Toward War Time Advertising: the results of two surveys made for the A.N.A. by Psychological Corporation as presented at a meeting of the Association, November 12, 1942", 1942-11-12

Proceedings of the Wartime Conference of Members: Highlights of Third A.N.A. Survey of Public Sentiment Toward Wartime Advertising, 1943-06-02-1943-06-03

"Public Sentiment Toward Wartime Advertising, Study No. 3: the result of three separate surveys made in May 1943 for the A.N.A. by the Psychological Corporation," 1943

Public Sentiment Toward Wartime Advertising, Study No. 4: the results of two separate surveys made in November 1943 for the A.N.A. by the Psychological Corporation", 1943

"Words that Work for Victory: The Third Year of the War Advertising Council", 1945-03-01

Wartime Advertising Awards, 1944

Two publicity photographs for the United National Clothing Collection for Overseas War Relief, undated

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Newspaper clippings, trade publications, and resumes documenting Cole's career, 1938-1964

Box 2, Folder 3
Publications and ephemera of advertising professional associations of which Cole was a member, including the Advertising Club of New York, the Audit Bureau of Circulations, and the Association of American Advertising Agencies, 1933-1964

Box 2, Folder 4
Marketing/promotional materials and proofsheets from Cole's association with the Pedlar & Ryan Advertising Agency, Cannon Mills, Inc., and the Can Manufacturers Institute, 1933-1946

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Introduces the author's role as an advertising agent with J. Walter Thompson, 1912-1916, and the development of advertising as a mechanism of a growing industrial society.

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