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SUMMARY REPORT
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Activities
of Host Groups And Choirs & Lines
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Biographical Sketch	<p>The Los Angeles Community Relations Committee (CRC) was formed in 1933. It is believed to be the first of over 100 locally organized Jewish defense organizations in the United States established during the 1930s.</p> <p>The Jewish Community Relations Committees (JCRCs) were spontaneously organized in response to Hitler's rise to power in Europe and the increase of antisemitic activity by Nazis and similar racist groups in the United States. Between 1933 and 1946 the Los Angeles CRC organized an informant network and reporting system that often proved highly successful in infiltrating and exposing Nazi and other fascist and antisemitic organizations operating in the Los Angeles area, as well as these groups' national and international connections. The CRC amassed a wealth of information that it disseminated in a variety of ways, including its own News Research Service.</p> <p>Leon L. Lewis, first executive secretary of the Los Angeles CRC, was a past national secretary of the B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League and a disabled veteran of World War I; he used his connections with veterans groups to combat fascism and antisemitism. Through Lewis's connections, the American Legion Department of California asked the CRC to prepare a background report on fascist activities in Southern California for the department to present to the House Un-American Activities Committee, chaired by Representative Martin Dies (commonly referred to as the Dies Committee).</p> <p>The resulting "Summary Report on Activities of Nazi Groups and Their Allies in Southern California," was presented to the committee in September, 1938. The committee asked for more, and the CRC submitted additions to the first report in September, 1939, and January and July, 1940. The Dies Committee's own investigators also drew heavily on leads and information provided by the Los Angeles CRC, as compiled (for example) in James Steedman's report, "Glimpses from the Subversive Scene in Southern California," which he prepared for his employers on the Dies Committee in June 1941.</p>
Scope and Content	<p>Two reports and three supplements describing Nazi activities in Southern California from 1936-1941.</p> <p>Original reports are part of a larger collection of records, including the documents on which the reports are based, of the Los Angeles Community Relations Committee housed at the Urban Archives Center in Oviatt Library at The California State University, Northridge, Calif.</p>
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