

# Eric G. Hoyer Newspaper Clippings

## COLLECTION SUMMARY

**Collection number:** B501

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**Collection repository:** Hennepin History Museum  
2303 Third Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

**Collection title:** Eric G. Hoyer Newspaper Clippings

**Dates:** 1948-1957

**Extent:** 3 boxes, 1.84 linear feet total

**Creator:** Eric G. Hoyer and staff

**Language of the Material:** English

**Processed by:** Heidi Heller, March 2020

## ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Erick Gustav Hoyer was born Lidköping, Sweden on March 3, 1898 to Johan August Höijer and Emma Christina Andersdotter. Hoyer immigrated to the United States in 1916. In 1919 Hoyer's brother, a Minneapolis Resident, died in the flu epidemic and Hoyer came to Minneapolis to settle the estate. Hoyer decided to remain in Minneapolis taking a job as a construction laborer. Hoyer was active in the house painters labor union: Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers Local 386. He attended night school studying parliamentary law, business, and art at Dunwoody Institute. From 1926 to 1936 he worked as an interior decorator and contractor. Hoyer did a great deal of work on the Weyerhaeuser mansion in St. Paul.

Hoyer joined the Farmer-Labor party and eventually was elected an officer in the East Side Farmer-Labor Club. In the early 1930s, Hoyer entered his first political office when Minneapolis Mayor William A. Anderson appointed Hoyer to investigate the city police department. Hoyer was appointed to as the 9<sup>th</sup> ward Alderman in 1936. In 1937, he was elected to the position and

represented the 9<sup>th</sup> ward for 12 years. While on the council, Hoyer caucused with the liberal block and eventually served as chair of almost every city council committee.

In 1948, Mayor Hubert H. Humphry resigned following his election to the United States Senate. Hoyer was the city council president and succeeded Humphrey and became acting mayor. The following year, he was elected to mayor and was elected four more times. He served as Minneapolis mayor from December 1, 1948 to July 7, 1957. Hoyer was narrowly defeated for re-election in June 1957 by P. Kenneth "P.K." Peterson and retired from politics.

In September 1957, Hoyer went to work for Reynolds and Company as a stockbroker. In 1960, he worked in public relations until his retirement in 1963. He retired to California, where his daughter lived. Hoyer died on March 17, 1990 in Manhattan Beach, California.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The material in the collection was donated by Glen Wallace at the Minneapolis Court House in 1970. The collection made up of newspaper clippings that covered various events during Hoyer's time in office. The clippings reflect various issues facing Minneapolis between 1948 and 1957. The scope of the issues covered are very broad including: civil rights, desegregation, fair housing, the labor movement, police vice activities, public housing, civil defense and public transportation issues.

The collection is arranged in five series with no sub-series. The series include:

- Series 1: Transportation
- Series 2: Housing
- Series 3: Government Services
- Series 4: Unions
- Series 5: General Issues

## **ACCESS**

The collection is open for researchers and has no restrictions. The collection is in fragile condition because includes old newspaper clippings.

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## **RELATED MATERIAL**

Additional items on Eric Hoyer can be found in these collections.

- Minnesota Historical Society: Norton & Peel Photographs Collection-3 images, Collections Online – 1 image, Roy Wier Papers, 1920-1969: P325
- Minnesota Reflections, American Swedish Institute – 1 image
- Hennepin County Library Special Collection – Minneapolis Newspaper Photograph Collection – 1 image

## **ACQUISITION**

Material in this collection was donated by Glen Wallace, former President of the Minneapolis City Council.

## **COLLECTION INVENTORY**

### **Series 1: Transportation**

- Box 1, Folder 1: Freeways, 1957
- Box 1, Folder 2: Transit, 1953
- Box 1, Folder 3: Transit, 1953
- Box 1, Folder 4: Transit, 1956
- Box 1, Folder 5: Transit, 1957
- Box 1, Folder 6: Upper Harbor, 1956-1957
- Box 1, Folder 7: Airport, 1956
- Box 1, Folder 8: Airport, 1957

### **Series 2: Housing**

- Box 1, Folder 9: Housing, No Dates & 1949
- Box 1, Folder 10: Housing, 1950
- Box 1, Folder 11: Housing, 1952
- Box 1, Folder 12: Housing, 1953 & 1954
- Box 1, Folder 13: Housing, 1954
- Box 1, Folder 14: Housing, 1956
- Box 1, Folder 15: Housing, 1957

### **Series 3: Government Services**

- Box 1, Folder 16: Civic Affairs-Leaders, 1953
- Box 1, Folder 17: Civic Affairs-Leaders, 1954
- Box 1, Folder 18: Civic Defense, 1953-1954, 1957
- Box 1, Folder 19: City Council, Dec 1955, Jan-Jun 1956
- Box 1, Folder 20: City Council, Jul-Dec 1956
- Box 1, Folder 21: City Charter, 1953
- Box 1, Folder 22: Park Commission, 1957
- Box 1, Folder 23: Planning Commission, 1956

Box 1, Folder 24: Library Board, 1956  
Box 1, Folder 25: Fair Employment, 1948-1950 & 1952-1955  
Box 1, Folder 26: Welfare Board, 1956  
Box 2, Folder 1: Fire Department, 1956  
Box 2, Folder 2: Police, 1953 & 1956  
Box 2, Folder 3: Police, 1957  
Box 2, Folder 4: School & School Boards, 1956-1957  
Box 2, Folder 5: Taxes, 1956-1957

**Series 4: Unions**

Box 3, Folder 1: Unions, 1956

**Series 5: General Issues**

Box 3, Folder 2: Editorial, 1954, 1956-1957  
Box 3, Folder 3: Hoyer-General Items, 1953 & 1956  
Box 3, Folder 4: Hoyer-General Items, 1957



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