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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
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Title	Arthur Naftalin Collection
Date	1917-2005
Extent	1.08 Linear feet
Language	English

Biography

Arthur Naftalin was the Mayor of Minneapolis from 1961-1969. Naftalin was born in 1917 in Fargo North Dakota, and was one of four children.

He traveled to Minneapolis to attend college at the University of Minnesota and received a Bachelors Degree from the School of Journalism in 1939 followed by a Ph.D. in 1948. It was here that he met his future wife Frances Healy whom he married in 1941. During this time he worked as managing editor of The Minnesota Daily and worked on the night staff of the Minneapolis Morning Tribune. It was also during this time that he met Hubert Humphrey through a Political Science Professor at the university.

It was this meeting that would begin Naftalin's political career. He worked on Humphrey's unsuccessful 1943 campaign for Mayor of Minneapolis as his publicity director. He also served as State Publicity Director for the Minnesota DFL party in 1944, and again worked for Humphrey in his successful 1945 campaign. After this Humphrey would appoint Naftalin as his secretary. He would continue to be very active in the Minnesota DFL party, and was considered one of their best strategists. While he was involved in politics he was also active at the University of Minnesota, and became a Professor in the department of Political Science. Later in 1954 he was appointed by Governor Orville Freeman as the State Commissioner of Administration. He held this position until 1960 when he decided to leave the position.

In 1961 Naftalin was elected Mayor of Minneapolis beating out P. Kenneth Peterson. He would serve as mayor for four terms until 1969 when he decided not to seek re-election. During his time as Mayor his policies attempted to: improve urban areas, create new zoning ordinances, reform welfare programs, strengthen law enforcement, reduce juvenile delinquency, protect housing for the elderly, and reach out across racial boundaries. He also attended Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech in 1963, and made a bid for Lieutenant Governor in 1966.

After his terms as Mayor Naftalin returned to the University to work as a professor in the Department of Public affairs. In 1975-1976 he was the President of the Board of the Citizen's League. In addition he hosted a public affairs program titled Minnesota issues that ran from 1976-1987 on Public Television. Finally he wrote and narrated a series of public television programs concerning former Minnesota Governors.

Arthur Naftalin passed away on May 16, 2003 due to complications from a blow to the head sustained during a fall.

Collection Description

This collection consists of three boxes of mixed materials. These include: Newspaper Clippings, Brochures, Correspondence, Official Messages and statements, and speeches related to Aurthur Naftalin and his family.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Minneapolis (Minn.) -- Politics and government.
- Minneapolis (Minn.) -- Race relations.
- Minneapolis (Minn.). Mayor.
- Minnesota -- Politics and government.

Subject(s)

- Politicians -- Minnesota.
- Public welfare -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.

Speeches

Collection Inventory

Speeches

Scope and Contents note

Speeches made between 1961-1969, during Naftalin's tenure as mayor. Includes inaugural addresses, speeches to city council and press releases.

	Box	Folder
Inaugural Message, Mayor of Minneapolis July 3, 1961	1	1
Special Message to the City Council December 29, 1961	1	1
Inaugural Message, Mayor of Minneapolis July 1, 1963	1	1
Scope and Contents note		
Inaugural message from Naftalin's second term as mayor.		
Blueprint for Action in Human Relations August 9, 1963	1	2
To the Honorable Members of the City Council May 14, 1964	1	2
Scope and Contents note		
Speech regarding the rezoning of the Bennett property in Lowry Hill.		

Speeches

Citizens & Public Officials: Partners or Rivals? January 16, 1965	1	2
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Scope and Contents note

A speech deleivered at the Citizens' Conference on Community Planning in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Inaugural Message, Mayor of Minneapolis July 6, 1965	1	3
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Scope and Contents note

Inaugural message from Naftalin's third term as mayor.

Mayor's Report, WWTC Radio August 7, 1966	1	3
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Scope and Contents note

Statement about disturbance on the North Side.

Inaugural Message, Mayor of Minneapolis July 3, 1967	1	3
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Scope and Contents note

Inaugural message from Naftalin's fourth term as mayor.

Outline of Special Message on Public Safety July 14, 1967	1	4
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Outline of Special Message on Human Relations July 28, 1967	1	4
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Outline of Special Message on Welfare and Fighting Poverty August 11, 1967	1	4
Citizen Participation in Decision Making September 27, 1967	1	5
Scope and Contents note		
A talk given to the Council of Community Councils Meeting.		
Outline of Special Message on Housing, Urban Renewal and Industrial Development September 29, 1967	1	5
Outline of Special Message on Achieving and Maintaining A Livable Environment November 10, 1967	1	5
Outline of Special Message on Transportation, Transit and Traffic Safety January 12, 1968	1	6
Outline of Special Message on Decision '67: Model Neighborhood and Pilot Center February 23, 1968	1	6
Special Message to the Minneapolis City Council March 29, 1968	1	6
Statement by Mayor Naftalin April 5, 1968	1	7
Scope and Contents note		
Message regarding the establishment of a Department of Human Resources Development to coordinate programs in the areas of poverty, welfare and human rights.		

Speeches

Bridges or Barricades? What Do We Do About the Two Americas? April 29, 1968	1	7
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Outline of Special Message on Governmental Reorganization May 9, 1968	1	7
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Are Our Cities Losing the Race with Time? May 15, 1968	1	8
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Scope and Contents note

An address to the 19th Annual Conference of the Council on Foundations, Inc.

Initial Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Police-Community Relations May 21, 1968	1	8
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Local Government and the Arts June 8, 1968	1	8
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Critical Issues in Federal-City Relations June 10, 1968	1	9
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Opening Statement, Press Conference Announcing Mayors for Humphrey Committee July 1, 1968	1	9
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Information Needs of an Urbanizing Post-Industrial Society October 15, 1968	1	9
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Scope and Contents note

An address prepared for a seminar on the University and the Transformation of Social and Political Institutions.

Speeches

Press Release October 21, 1968	1	10
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Scope and Contents note

Mayor Naftalin and St. Paul Mayor Thomas R. Byrne warn that a Republican victory in November "could wreck the rebuilding of America's cities."

Statement by Mayor Naftalin December 20, 1968	1	10
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Scope and Contents note

Naftalin announces he will not seek reelection.

The Human Spirit in City Hall 1968	1	10
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Special Message to the Minneapolis City Council December 27, 1968	1	11
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Scope and Contents note

Year-end address

Statement before City Charter Commission January 9, 1969	1	11
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Scope and Contents note

Address concerning charter reform.

Problems Facing Minnesota's Larger Cities January 27, 1969	1	11
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Statement by Administrative Deputy to the Mayor March 14, 1969	1	12
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Correspondence

Scope and Contents note

Statement made by Eugene Eidenberg, Administrative Deputy to Mayor Naftalin, to the President's Commission on Income Maintenance Programs.

Farewell Message, Mayor of Minneapolis June 27, 1969	1	12
Minneapolis: A Case Study in a Unified Attack on Urban Problems December 15, 1969	1	12
Statement, Professor Naftalin March 13, 1980	1	13
Scope and Contents note		
Hearings on the Federal Role Before the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations		
Coordination of Planning and Development November 17, 1965	1	13
A Mayor Looks at the States n.d.	1	13
Correspondence		
Scope and Contents note		
Correspondence from 1962-1968. Includes Christmas cards, thank you notes, letters to Arnett Leslie, Chairman of Minneapolis City Council, correspondence with concerned citizens, etc.		
	Box	Folder
Correspondence February 25, 1963 - March 1, 1963	1	14

Newspaper Clippings

Scope and Contents note

Letters to Arnett Leslie, Chairman, Minneapolis City Council, Bi-partisan
Legislative and Charter Committee

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Miscellaneous 1962 - 1969

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Campaign brochures, programs, photo

Newspaper Clippings

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