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Guide to the Webster's Third New International Dictionary Clippings 1961-1964



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Descriptive Summary

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Title	Webster's Third New International Dictionary. Clippings
Date	1961-1964
Size	1.5 linear feet (3 boxes)
Repository	Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
Abstract	This collection contains photocopies of newspaper and magazine articles that document the various reactions to the inclusion of slang and colloquialisms in Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language.

Acknowledgments

Information on Use

Access

No restrictions.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Webster's Third New International Dictionary. Clippings, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Historical Note

The publication of Webster's Third New International Dictionary (Springfield: G. and C. Merriam Co., 1961) provoked reactions both favorable and unfavorable to its unprecedented inclusion of slang and colloquial words.

Scope Note

This collection of xerox copies of newspaper and magazine articles documents the various reactions of different cultural arenas to the inclusions in this edition of Webster's dictionary.

The clippings are arranged in groups that are basically chronological; each group bears the title used by Mr. McDavid.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Subject Headings

- Webster's third new international dictionary of the English language.
- Encyclopedias and dictionaries.
- Encyclopedias and dictionaries -- History and criticism.
- Slang.

INVENTORY

Series I: Pre-publication, September 6-27, 1961

Box 1

Folder 1

News stories, signed

Box 1

Folder 2

News stories, unsigned

Box 1

Folder 3

Editorials, columns, etc., signed, without comment on "ain't"

Box 1

Folder 4

Editorials, columns, etc., unsigned, without comment on "ain't"

Box 1

Folder 5

Editorials, columns, etc., signed, with comment on "ain't"

Box 1

Folder 6

Editorials, columns, etc., unsigned, with comment on "ain't"

Series II: The First Reviews, September 28-October 11, 1961

Box 1

Folder 7

News stories, signed

Box 1

Folder 8

News stories, unsigned

Box 1

Folder 9

Editorials, columns, etc., signed

Box 1

Folder 10

Editorials, columns, etc., unsigned

Series III: The Journalistic Assault, October 12-November 30, 1961

Box 1

Folder 11

News stories, signed

Box 1

Folder 12

News stories, unsigned

Box 1

Folder 13

Editorials, columns, etc., signed

Box 1

Folder 14

Editorials, columns, etc., unsigned

Box 1

Folder 15

Replies by Philip B. Gove, Editor-in-Chief of G. and C. Merriam Company

Series IV: The Silly Season, December 1961-February 1962

Box 1

Folder 16

News stories, signed and unsigned

Box 1

Folder 17

Editorials, columns, etc., signed

Box 1

Folder 18

Editorials, columns, etc., unsigned

Box 2

Folder 1

Comments upon Wilson Follet's attack published in the Atlantic Monthly, January 1962

Box 2

Folder 2

Comments by James Parton of American Heritage Publishing Company

Box 2

Folder 3

Comments by American Bar Association, The Library Journal, and comments on the dictionary's treatment of trademarks

Box 2

Folder 4

Replies by Philip B. Gove (Editor-in-Chief) to journals and newspapers attacking the dictionary

Box 2

Folder 5

Reviews on "finalize" and John F. Kennedy's use of the word

Box 2

Folder 6

Reviews on "jew," "jap," "McCarthyism," and "nigger"

Series V: The Scholar's Counter-Attack, March 1962-November 1963

Box 2

Folder 7

News stories, signed

Box 2

Folder 8

News stories, unsigned

Box 2

Folder 9

Editorials, columns, etc., signed

Box 2

Folder 10

Editorials, columns, etc., signed

Box 2

Folder 11

Editorials, columns, etc., unsigned

Box 3

Folder 1

Barnett, Lincoln

Box 3

Folder 2

Barzun, Jacques

Box 3

Folder 3

Evans, Bergen

Box 3

Folder 4

Gove, Philip B.

Box 3

Folder 5

MacDonald, Dwight

Box 3

Folder 6

Parton, James

Box 3

Folder 7

Pei, Mario

Box 3

Folder 8

Reviews on technical terms

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Folder 9

Reviews concerning trademarks

Box 3

Folder 10

Reviews on "jew," "negro," etc.

Series VI: The Continuing Controversy, December 1964

Box 3

Folder 11

Miscellaneous reviews, editorials, etc.

Series VII: Foreign Observers

Box 3

Folder 12

Miscellaneous reviews, mostly in English

Series VIII: Low-grade Material

Box 3

Folder 13

Miscellaneous reviews and comments on the dictionary, not relating to any specific aspect, including general comments on the uses of dictionaries.