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Reinecke, John E., Collection, MS 244

John E. Reinecke Collection

Collection Number	MS 244
Title	The John E. Reinecke Collection
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Dates	1923-1974
Collection Size	.2 linear feet
Creator	Josette Rosof
Scope and Content	A collection of writings by John E. Reinecke and Kansas State Teachers College publications.
Access Restrictions	This collection is open for access. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University
Languages	English

Biographical Note John E. Reinecke was born in Southeast Kansas in 1904. He graduated with a BS from Kansas State Teachers College in 1925 before moving to Hawai'i to become a professor of creole languages at the University of Hawai'i in 1926. John earned his PhD from Yale in 1937. Reinecke was a strong advocate against the plantocracy and the military in Hawai'i. He and his wife, Aiko, protested with the workers' unions, calling for a living wage. Branded as communists, both John and Aiko were fired from their jobs as teachers in 1948. John was persecuted as one of the "Hawai'i Seven," activists who were arrested and charged with being communists, violating the Smith Act, which made it illegal to "advocate and teach the necessity of overthrowing the government of the United States by force and violence." This conviction was overturned in the 1950s. In 1978, Harriet Bouslog, labor attorney to the Hawai'i Seven, won a settlement from the state with an apology and \$250,000 from the legislature. Reinecke wrote about the labor movements in the state, making many to consider him the father of Hawai'i's Labor History. Reinecke also wrote about the pidgin and creole languages, Hawai'ian dialects and other aspects of the Hawai'ian language, and about society and activism. Reinecke passed away in 1982.

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Processing Note

Collection processed in October 2019

Content Description

This collection is primary and secondary sources and is divided into the following series:

1. Writings by Reinecke
2. Correspondence and Reference
3. Kansas State Teachers College

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Writings

F. 1 The Green Lizard, volume 1, no. 1 (December 1923); “Religion as Embodied in the Church as a Social Control in Pittsburg”; “Personal Names in Hawaii,” American Speech reprint; “The English Dialect of Hawaii,” American Speech reprint, Reinecke and Tokimasa

Series 2: Correspondence and Reference

F. 2 Correspondence to Gene DeGruson 1974; Reference to his writings in a larger work

Series 3: Kansas State Teachers College

KSTC Alumni Directory, 1913-1947
Kanza, 1924