

C. P. Houston Editorial Cartoon collection.
Inclusive: 1973-1976, Bulk: 1976
Baylor Collections of Political Materials, W. R. Poage Library
Baylor University, Waco, Texas

Summary Information

Creator	Peterson, Clyde
Extent (quantity/size)	1 oversized box.
Language	English
Abstract	The C. P. Houston Editorial Cartoon collection consists of 13 political cartoons. The materials address topics in the mid-1970s including the Vietnam War, Watergate, the pardoning of President Richard Nixon, and President Gerald Ford's Administration.

Subjects

Ford, Gerald R., 1913-2006. / Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994 -- Trials, litigation, etc. / Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994. / Political cartoons. / Reagan, Ronald. / Vietnam War, 1961-1975. / Watergate Affair -- 1972-1974

Administrative Information

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Processing Information Described by Thomas DeShong and released on 2024-11-22.

Archivist's Notes: The cartoons found in this collection were displayed as part of a Baylor Libraries exhibit in Fall 2008 called "Drawing Power." C. P. Houston's works appeared alongside those of other prominent editorial cartoonists including Robert Darden, Bob Dale, Herc Ficklen, Jack Hamm, Bill McClanahan, Ben Sargent, Bob Taylor, and others.

Scope and Content

The C. P. Houston Editorial Cartoon collection contains 13 political cartoons dating from 1973 to 1976. The materials address issues prominent during the presidential administrations of Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford including the American withdrawal from the Vietnam War, the Watergate scandal, President Ford's eventual pardoning of Richard Nixon, and the lack of trust in the federal government following these crisis points. Several cartoons also critique the Ford Administration and its responses to terrorism, diplomatic relations, its handling of the CIA and media, and Ford's 1976 primary race against Republican primary challenger Ronald Reagan.

Administrative/Biographical History

Clyde Peterson was born in Covington, Tennessee in 1942. He served in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1963, rising to the rank of Sergeant. In 1965, Peterson joined the staff of *The Houston Chronicle* as an editorial cartoonist, a position he would hold for 41 years. Peterson drew over 12,000 cartoons throughout his career, signing his works under the alias of C. P. Houston. His cartoons ran in as many as 90 newspapers per week and were featured in prominent publications including *Time*, *U.S. News*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, and the *Washington Post*. Peterson retired in January 2006.

Related Resources

Related citations

"Drawing Power: A Guide to the Exhibition." Baylor University Libraries, 2008.

[Gibbons, James Howard. "The Chronicle Quip-Draw Cartoonist Calls It a Career." *Houston Chronicle*, January 22, 2006.](#)

Archival Arrangement

Preservation work had previously been completed on this collection. The cartoons were housed in protective sleeves, but no prior inventory or organization was present.

After the latest round of processing, the cartoons in this collection have been arranged chronologically by year, then alphabetically by title within each year. There are no series since there is only one material type in the collection.

Item List

Box 1 OVZ. Folder 1. "Ball Hawks", White House, the Courts, and Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox Fighting for Control of the Football (President Richard Nixon's Tapes) as the Referee (Supreme Court) Looks On, 1973

Box 1 OVZ. Folder 2. "Under the Gun", Epidemic and Terrorism Holding the Innocent at Gunpoint, 1973

Box 1 OVZ. Folder 3. "So Much for My Seventh Crisis and Lotsa Luck with Your First!", President Gerald Ford Saving Richard Nixon from the Guillotine (Indictment Following Watergate), 1974

Box 1 OVZ. Folder 4. "Obviously We Were Using the Wrong Color Subpoenas", Richard Nixon Agreeing to a Tell-All TV Contract, 1975

Box 1 OVZ. Folder 5. "Prisoner Release", Uncle Sam Freed from the Chains of the Vietnam War (Protests, Casualties), circa 1975

Box 1 OVZ. Folder 6. "Til WHAT Does Us Part?", President Gerald Ford Performing a Wedding Ceremony Between Uncle Sam and Indochina to Symbolize Diplomatic Relations, 1975

Box 1 OVZ. Folder 7. "An' You Fellas Thought We Couldn't All Get Into This Together...", President Gerald Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger Sharing U.S. Foreign Policy-Making Powers with Congress, 1976

Box 1 OVZ. Folder 8. "And Now, From Whippersnapper Springs, Alabama...", President Gerald Ford Gives Out Bones to (Manipulating) Members of the Press Via Presidential Exclusives, 1976

Box 1 OVZ. Folder 9. "If the Press Play is Good, We Do It Again Tomorrow in Akron, Topeka, and Santa Fe.", President Gerald Ford's Photo Session for the Media Promoting Swine Flu Injection, 1976

Box 1 OVZ. Folder 10. "See? A Leash, a Pen, a Keeper-Now Can I Have My Dog Back?", President Gerald Ford on Limitations Placed on the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency), 1976

Box 1 OVZ. Folder 11. "Shore, Secretary of Commercin' Would Be Fun, But Ron Here Sez Ah'm More Like Secretary of State Material.", Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan Competing for Un-Committed Republican Delegates, 1976

Box 1 OVZ. Folder 12. "So Why Tell Me? Let 'Em Get It Out of Him!", President Gerald Ford Regarding \$3.25 Billion Richard Nixon Promised to North Vietnam, 1976

Box 1 OVZ. Folder 13. Terrorism Threatening to Pull the Pin on the Grenade of World Order, 1976