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INTRODUCTION

The Alternative National Party Papers collects the writings and campaign materials of the Alternative National Party, a small conservative third party based in Steelville, Missouri. The collection includes many press releases, letters to the editor, campaign materials, and correspondence with elected representatives.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Betty Shepherd Joachim on 16 March 1987, 6 January 1989, and 8 January 1990 (Accession No. 367,431, and 464).

ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

The Alternative National Party, also known as the National Party, the Alternative National Independent Party, and the Alternative American National Peace and Prosperity Party, was started in the 1980s by Betty Shepherd Joachim. The party was headquartered in Steelville, Missouri where Joachim lived. The party was conservative, and anti-Zionism. Among its main platforms included majority rule and a strong national defense. Joachim headed the party throughout its existence. No member of the party was ever elected to public office. The main activity of Joachim and the other party members was writing letters to the editor to newspapers across the country.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The material in this collection was all written and produced by Betty Shepherd Joachim. Some of the letters to the editor are unpublished while others were published in newspapers across the Midwest. The only response from an elected official included in this collection consists of a letter from Missouri House of Representatives member David L. Steelman on the subject of auto liability insurance.

FOLDER LIST

- f. 1 Letters to the Editor and Press, 1980-1991
- f. 2 Correspondence with Elected Officials, 1979-1986

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