

**Guide to the
William C. Wright Collection of the Eugene McCarthy
1968 Presidential Campaign**



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(2 boxes, .5 cu. ft.)

Inclusive Dates: 1968

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Provenance: Gift of William C. Wright, Class of 1961

Biography:

The Eugene McCarthy presidential campaign of 1968 was launched by Senator Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota in the latter part of 1967 to vie for 1968 Democratic Party nomination for President of the United States. The focus of his campaign was his support for a swift end to the Vietnam War through a withdrawal of American forces. The campaign appealed to youths who were tired of the establishment and dissatisfied with government. Dr. William C. Wright, Gettysburg College Class of 1961, was on the Delaware State Steering Committee for the Eugene McCarthy 1968 presidential campaign when he was a graduate student at the University of Delaware.

After the McCarthy campaign ended, Wright worked for the Democratic congressional candidate, Harris McDowell, Jr. (who lost to Bill Roth). Wright was also appointed to the Delaware state McGovern commission. Each state appointed a McGovern commission to revise the rules for selecting presidential delegates after the Chicago convention. He was elected treasurer of the Delaware New Democratic Coalition (NDC), a national organization of liberal democrats (McCarthy, Kennedy, and McGovern supporters).

Scope and Content Note:

Unfortunately, the Delaware State Steering Committee kept very little in the way of written reports. The content of this collection is what was left when the office was cleaned out: newsletters, flyers, posters, newspapers, a 45 rpm recording, campaign instructions, posters, and buttons. The press releases contain the contents of many of McCarthy's speeches and writings.

Box 1

- 1-1 McCarthy Press Releases
- 1-2 McCarthy Campaign Handbook and Instructions
- 1-3 Delaware Citizens for McCarthy
- 1-4 McCarthy Flyers
- 1-5 McCarthy Posters and Bumper Stickers
- 1-6 Articles about McCarthy
- 1-7 Democratic Convention, Chicago 1968
- 1-8 Photographs: Delaware Campaign Workers
- 1-9 45rpm recording, "Eugene McCarthy for President," written and performed by
Peter, Paul and Mary
- 1-10 News clippings, 1968

- 1-11 Newspapers, March 12, - July 18, 1968
- 1-12 Harris B. McDowell Jr., Campaign
- 1-13 Campaign material for George McGovern & Congressman William Roth

Box 2

- (a) McCarthy campaign buttons
- (b) Misc. Delaware political buttons (Ferguson, Remington, Babiarz, Pilcher, Roth)
- (c) McDowell campaign buttons
- (d) National buttons: NDC, Humphrey & Muskie, "ABM is an Edsel", Work for Peace

Flat File Storage:

- McCarthy "Peace" Poster by Ben Shahn, 25 x 38"
- McCarthy for President Poster, "Let us begin anew." 36" x 44"
- "Love Eugene McCarthy" Poster, 18" x 24"
- Two McCarthy for President Posters, "honor...courage...integrity" 20.5" x 26.5"
- "From the people who brought you Vietnam" Poster, 15" x 22.5"

