

Duncan Sandys Collection (MC 285)

Biographical/Historical Sketch

Sir Winston Leonard Spencer-Churchill (30 November 1874 - 24 January 1965) was a British politician known for his leadership of the UK during the Second World War. He served as Prime Minister twice, in 1940-45 and again in 1951-55. A noted statesman and orator, Churchill was also an officer in the British Army, a historian, a writer, and an artist. He is the only British prime minister to have received the Nobel Prize in Literature, and was the first person to be made an Honorary Citizen of the United States.

During the 1930s, Churchill took the text-lg in warning about the danger from Hitler and in campaigning for rearmament. On the outbreak of the Second World War, he was again appointed First Lord of the Admiralty. Following the resignation of Neville Chamberlain on 10 May 1940, Churchill became Prime Minister. His steadfast refusal to consider defeat, surrender or a compromise peace helped inspire British resistance, especially during the difficult early days of the War when Britain stood alone in its active opposition to Hitler. Churchill was particularly noted for his speeches and radio broadcasts, which helped inspire the British people. He led Britain as Prime Minister until victory had been secured over Nazi Germany.

After the Conservative Party lost the 1945 election, he became Leader of the Opposition. In 1951, he again became Prime Minister, before retiring in 1955. Upon his death, Elizabeth II granted him the honor of a state funeral, which saw one of the largest assemblies of world statesmen ever. Named the Greatest Briton of all-time in a 2002 poll, Churchill is widely regarded as being among the most influential men in British history.

Scope and Content

This collection contains press materials relating to the death and funeral of Sir Winston Churchill. There are two series in the collection. Series 1 is magazines that cover Churchill and range from 1948-1965. Series 2 is newspapers also covering Churchill's death and funeral and range from 1964-1978.

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Box and Folder List

Series 1: Magazines

- Picture Post, May 29, 1948
- Paris Match, January 30, 1965
- The Observer, February 6, 1965
- Paris Match, February 6, 1965
- Winston Churchill, February 6, 1965
- The Sunday Times Magazine, February 7, 1965
- Chartwell: A Commemorative Booklet for the National Trust by Illustrated London

- News, 1965
- Churchill: Daily Mail, 1965
- Churchill: Farewell to Greatness, 1965 (2 copies)
- The Sunday Times, 1965

Series 2: Newspapers

- Sir Winston S. Churchill: The Daily Mail, November 29, 1964
- The Observer, November 29, 1964
- The Daily Express, January 25, 1965
- The Daily Mirror, January 25, 1965
- The Times, January 25, 1965 (3 copies)
- The Times: Memorial Edition, January 25, 1965 (3 copies)
- The Observer, January 31, 1965
- The Observer Weekend Review, January 31, 1965
- The Sunday Express, January 31, 1965
- Sunday Telegraph, January 31, 1965
- Sunday Telegraph Memorial Edition, January 31, 1968
- The Sunday Times, January 31, 1965
- Special Edition: Woodrow Wyatt Newspaper Group, February 1, 1965
- The Sunday Times Weekly Review, December 18, 1977
- The Daily Telegraph, January 12, 1978