Chairman, the Washington State Taft for President organization.

DESCRIPTION: Memories of Yale debating society: Taft, 1913; Washington (state) political situation in 1939; Thomas E. Dewey’s popularity in eastern Washington; convention vote to oppose unit rule; discussion regarding convention endorsement of Dewey (final resolution endorsed both Dewey and Taft); two Taft delegates sent to National Convention [1940, Philadelphia] (Ralph Ahoar and a woman, name not mentioned); the National Convention fight for the nomination: Dewey, Taft, Wilkie; strategic maneuverings of the different camps; Wilkie nomination for President; the “Time for a Change” club of 1944; Taft’s campaigning in Washington, 1940; Taft’s character; 1948 speech in Tacoma and local opposition (“a communist gang”) to legislation leading to Taft-Hartley Act.

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