



Canadian Jewish Heritage Network



Doug Collins North Shore News trial records.

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Collection: Canadian Jewish Congress organizational records.

Description Level: SubSeries

Physical Description: Env. 3.6 metres of textual records. - 1 video. - 1 disc. - 1 compact disc (CD-ROM) (textual record).

Scope and Content:

15 boxes of trial materials, mostly received in binders which were transferred to files. The contents of the 103 binders are recorded in a detailed inventory furnished in paper form and as html pages saved on CD ROM (605 mg.) This reference document is titled "Doug Collins Tribunal - A Collection of Legal Material" and is authored by Adam Rollins, copyright © 2003 [Canadian Jewish Congress]

Date: [1994-2003].

Fonds No.: CJC0001

Series No.: NA

History Biographical:

This free speech case began in July 1994, when the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) brought a formal complaint against veteran journalist Doug Collins and the North Vancouver newspaper The North Shore News, for an allegedly anti-Jewish column on the "Schindler's List" motion picture, charging them with violating British Columbia's amended Human Rights Act. Specifically CJC cited a March 1994 column, "Hollywood Propaganda" (reprinted in the May-June 1994 Journal), in which Collins referred to the much-hyped movie as "Swindler's List" and "hate literature in the form of films." He also wrote that "the Jewish influence is the most powerful in Hollywood," and dismissed the fabled "six million" Holocaust figure as "nonsense." In November 1996 the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal rejected CJC's complaint against Collins and his publisher. The Tribunal found that the opinion piece, which took aim at Holocaust claims, did not violate a provincial "anti-hate" law. (Written with material from the Institute for Historical Review, http://www.ihr.org/jhr/v17/v17n1p-2_Weber.html.) The lawyer for CJC was Gerry Cuttler, who later became a CJC officer. A subsequent complaint was made by Harry Abrams (of Bnai Brith,) who won.

Custodial History: The collection was transferred by CJC Pacific Region office on July 13, 2010.

Notes:

Alpha-numeric designations :CJC10/01.General note : "In 1997, at the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal history was made. Never before in this province had a member of the media been forced to defend his published remarks in front of a human rights tribunal. The CJC case against Doug Collins and the North Shore Free Press was indeed a hallmark case." (quoting Michael Silber, from the CJC Pacific Region publication Human Rights and Discriminatory Publications, 2001.).

Archival / Archival Descriptions

Genealogical:

Repository: Canadian Jewish Archives