

Title: Mickelsen, Gunnar Collection

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Abstract: Gunnar Mickelsen was born in Vejlbj, Denmark on June 7, 1901. He emigrated to the United States in 1913 and first came to Milwaukee in about 1929, where he was employed by the Milwaukee Sentinel. His employment was terminated in 1932 (due to an article in which he made light of a Milwaukee dance hall's lax approach to prohibition) and returned to Europe for a year before coming back to the United States and gaining employment at the Milwaukee Journal. There he gained a reputation as a labor reporter and became involved with the American Newspaper Guild. In 1936 he was suspended, and then discharged, from his employment at the Journal due to his involvement in and arrest at the Wisconsin News Strike. When he appealed for naturalization in 1938, he was questioned about his apparent connections to communist groups and his involvement in labor organizations. His appeal was ultimately denied because the judge felt that he failed to demonstrate "a continuous attachment to our governmental principals" in the years preceding the appeal.

Scope and Content: Court Documents in regard to the denial of petition for citizenship of Gunnar Mickelsen. He was denied citizenship May 31, 1938.

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