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Chief of the California State Division of Industrial Welfare, 1959-1967, active in California Democratic politics, wife of Judge Robert Clifton.

DESCRIPTION: Family background; education; early days in politics; Robert Clifton's association with Governor Culbert L. Olson; organizing the 1940 California Democratic Presidential delegation; Olson as governor; the concealed microphone episode; political activities between 1938 and 1944; Helen Gahagan Douglas' entry into politics; disposition of Florence Clifton's political papers; black participation California Democratic politics; emergence of James Roosevelt in California politics; Democratic split between Roosevelt, Ed Pauley, and Bob Kenny; picking the 1948 Truman delegation; the search for other candidates including Dwight D. Eisenhower; the 1948 Democratic National Convention; conflicts in the California Democratic party; Eisenhower's message that he would not be a candidate; California election campaign for Truman; 1950 campaign for Governor; Roosevelt as a candidate; support for Roosevelt from outside of the state; relationship between Roosevelt and Douglas; Democratic Party campaign organization in 1950; publicity; Roosevelt's civil defense plan; assessment of the campaign; financial contributors; answering campaign charges.

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