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Summary information

Repository: Nova Scotia Archives
Title: Mirko Usmiani collection
ID: Accession 1997-020
Date: 1963-1964 (date of creation)

Physical description: 17 drawings

**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Mirko A. Usmiani was born in 1912 in Pag, Croatia. He moved to the United States in 1947 and obtained his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1955. He taught in the Classics Department at Dalhousie University between 1955 and 1975. During that time he chaired the Art Committee for several years, and was instrumental in the establishment of the Dalhousie University Art Gallery. In the 1960s Usmiani served as President of the Dalhousie Faculty Association and the Canadian Classics Association. He was the founding President of the Dalhousie Faculty Club (now known as the University Club). He died on 16 February 2002 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Scope and content

Collection consists of seventeen political cartoons on provincial, national and international subjects, created by well-known Nova Scotian cartoonist Bob Chambers and collected by Usmiani.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Donated by Dr. Usmiani in 1997.

Finding aids

"File / item list is attached.":<https://novascotia.ca/archives/lists/mirko-usmiani-collection.pdf>

Related material

Bob Chambers fonds: textual records: MG 1, vol. 3661-3666 and graphic material: 1987-137; 1996-143, the George Burton Spencer collection - 2010-029 and the Hester Miller collection - 2011-046.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
1997-020/001-01	Item - "They are merely French - Je suis France!" (Knight holding a banner "La referendum" sitting on an exhausted or dead horse)	1962		
1997-020/001-02	Item - "You sure she knows physics and math? (CBC TV audition for school broadcasts)	1962		
1997-020/001-03	Item - "How's she read, Mr. Premier?" (Premier Robert Stanfield reading a thermometer and kneeling over a diving board labeled "election springboard")	1963		
1997-020/001-04	Item - "Alas, poor Yorick looks none too well" (Harold MacMillan in a kilt holding a skull representing Tory popularity and a billboard stating, "The Stratford-on-Avon constituency - present - HAROLD, the melancholy Scot")	1963		
1997-020/001-05	Item - "A Gallic dream" (Charles DeGaulle, France, riding Harold MacMillan as the British lion and holding an eagle representing Germany?)	1963		
1997-020/001-06	Item - "Does it make you nervous to have people look over your shoulder? (Diefenbaker looking over Pearson's shoulder during the first session of the 26th Parliament)	1963		
1997-020/001-07	Item - "Androcles and the lion" (Harold MacMillan as the British lion with a thorn (labeled "thorny Common Market problem") in its paw on a block and Charles DeGaulle, France, holding an ax	1963		

	behind his back)	
1997-020/001-08	Item - "Et tu - or Est-tu just kidding?" (Nikita Khrushchev, U.S.S.R., holding a dagger labeled "antinuclear pronouncements" over Fidel Castro, Cuba, who has other daggers in his back as other world leaders look on)	1963
1997-020/001-09	Item - "... and if you we don't get cracking we'll all wind up as pork chops!" (American work looks over the fence at three little pigs; and tow pigs labeled "English and French-speaking Canada" are fighting and the third pig holds a blueprint)	1963
1997-020/001-10	Item - No caption! (a wrench about to be crushed by cogs labeled "parliament" and "the Nation's business"; the wrench is singing "Alouette, gentill'alouette")	1963
1997-020/001-11	Item - No caption (Diefenbaker wearing crown and looking at a mirror saying "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest Tory of all? Robert Stanfield is labeled with "Nova Scotia election landslide" bursts through the mirror)	1963
1997-020/001-12	Item - "... and above all, old boy, learn something about the Bally old birds and bees." (Harold MacMillan talking to Douglas Home)	1963
1997-020/001-13	Item - "What care I what moral do!" (Charles DeGaulle, France, sitting on a mountain top, and a paper re: nuclear testing titled "Test-ban agreement" signed by the United States, Soviet Union and Great Britain)	1963
1997-020/001-14	Item - "Remember, modern art is subject to one's own personal interpretation!" (Jack Pickersgill's short course in art appreciation given to the four Atlantic Canadian premiers re: the Atlantic Development Board)	1963
1997-020/001-15	Item - "Happy days are here again" (Santa Claus at a cash register labeled "1963 Christmas shopping")	1963
1997-020/001-16	Item - "I'm not accusing anybody - but another one of mine seems to be missing" (Khrushchev, U.S.S.R.; Mao, China; represented as birds and East Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, and Albania represented as chicks)	1964

1997-020/001-17	Item - "The crocuses are up!" (Man holding a crocus as he stands in snow up to his waist)	1964
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