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Summary information

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Conchita Castanedo (1903-1985) was a Cuban political activist and a founder of the Authentic Cuban Revolutionary Party. Born in Villanueva de Villaescusa, Cantabria, Spain in 1903, Castanedo immigrated to Cuba in early adulthood. In Cuba she attended the Carlos Márquez Sterling School of Journalism at the University of Havana and subsequently established herself as a well-known journalist. She became involved in national politics, and as an alternate member of Cuba's House of Representatives, Castanedo garnered the nickname "la novia del autenticismo" because of her position within the Authentic Party. Challenging the rule of Fulgencio Batista in 1934 and again in 1952, Castanedo was temporarily exiled to Florida because of her anti-Batista political leanings, but always returned to Cuba. She left the island permanently in 1960 after Fidel Castro took power, establishing herself in Miami. Castanedo was involved with various Cuban groups in exile, including the Bay of Pigs Veterans Association, the Cuban Women's Club, and the Cuban Revolutionary Party in Exile. Castanedo died in Miami at the age of 82.

Scope and content

The Conchita Castanedo Papers contain political papers related to Conchita Castanedo (1903-1985), a founder of the Partido Revolucionario Cubano (Auténtico) and one of Cuba's first female political activists.

The collection deals primarily with her activities in the Partido Revolucionario Cubano en el Exilio. Materials include correspondence, photographs, political pamphlets and leaflets, drafts of speeches, one recording on magnetic tape and personal notebooks.

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