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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 2139

CREATOR: Sack, Leo R., 1889-1956, author

TITLE: Leo R. Sack papers

DATES: 1919-1949

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 4.83 linear feet (6 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English (Latin script)

SUMMARY: The collection contains correspondence, diaries, photographs, printed material, and other papers by, to, or relating to Leo R. Sack. It includes materials related to Sack's service in World War I, his career as a journalist and speechwriter for Franklin Delano Roosevelt, his work for the Franklin Delano Roosevelt's election campaign, and his involvement in the Zionist movement of the 1940s.

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To order reproductions from this collection, please send an email with the call number, box number(s), and folder number(s) to beinecke.images@yale.edu.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Karen Cove, 2024.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research

Preferred Citation

Leo R. Sack Papers. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

Biographical / Historical

Leo R. Sack was born July 9, 1889. He attended the University of Missouri and later served during World War I in the United States Army Air Service.

From 1909 through 1933 Sack worked as a reporter and editor in Mississippi, Missouri, Texas, and Washington, D. C.

Sack served as Minister to Costa Rica from 1933 through 1937. During this time he also worked as a special assistant to James Farley, chairman of the Democratic National Committee for the 1936 presidential campaign. Sack resigned this post to join the Schenley Products Company in 1938 and in 1940 opened his own public relations firm in Washington, D. C.

Sack died on April 15, 1956.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

This collection is organized into eight series: I. Correspondence, 1918-1949. II. Diaries, 1934-1936. III. Costa Rica, 1926 - 1949. IV. Photographs, 1918-1957. V. Printed material, 1915 - 1949. VI. Roosevelt campaign, 1930-1938. VII: World War I, 1917-1918. VIII. Writings, 1926-1948.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1918–1949

0.42 linear feet (1 box)

This series contains general correspondence. There is correspondence in other series as well, which was left in place to retain context.

b.1	Correspondence <i>4 Folders</i>	1918-1949
b.1	Correspondence, writings, and printed material related to the Palestine situation	1944-1949
b.1	Roosevelt, Franklin D. Contains letters to Franklin D. Roosevelt from Leo R. Sack.	1944

Series II: Diaries, 1934–1936

0.42 linear feet (1 box)

This series contains diaries created and kept by Leo R. Sack.

b.1

Diaries
6 Folders

1934-1936,
undated

Series III: Costa Rica, 1926–1949*0.42 linear feet (1 box)*

This series contains material relating to Leo R. Sack's appointment as Minister to Costa Rica.

Materials maintain order found at time of acquisition.

b.1	Business cards	undated
b.1	Correspondence	1936, 1949, undated
b.1	Cuerpo diplomatico <i>2 Folders</i>	1934
b.1	Invitations and passes	1926-1947
b.1	Leo R. Sack	undated
b.1	Printed material Contains clippings about Leo R. Sack and Costa Rica.	1933, 1939, undated
b.1	Translation of President Ricardo Jimenez speech given in reply to the speech of Leo R. Sack Includes the translation of a speech by President Ricardo Jimenez, which was given in reply to a speech by Leo R. Sack upon the presentation of Sack's credentials as United States minister to Costa Rica on October 16, 1933.	1933 October 16

Series IV: Photographs, 1918–1957*2.08 linear feet (2 boxes)*

This series contains photographs signed and inscribed to Leo R. Sack.

b. 5	Ashurst, Henry Fountain	1939 June 2
b. 2	Burton, Theodore E.	1926 March 8
b. 5	Byrns, Joseph Wellington	undated
b. 2	Coolidge, Calvin	undated
b. 5	Coolidge, Calvin	undated
b. 2	Garnet, George N.	1932 February 24
b. 5	Hurley, Patrick J.	undated
b. 5	La Follette, Robert, Jr.	1931
b. 5	Mellon, Arthur	undated
b. 2	Karger, George J.	1920 November 23
b. 2	[Pamerne], Art	undated
b. 5	Payer, Harry F.	1933 September 7
b. 2	Purdy, H. T.	undated
b. 2	Rayburn, Samuel	undated
b. 2	Scott, J. B.	undated
b. 5	Sheppard, Morris	1938 October 14
b. 5	Silver, Abba Hillet	1947 September 16
b. 2	Smith, Alfred	undated
b. 5	Sturges, Wesley A.	undated
b. 2	Tumey, Joe	1957
b. 2	Van Nuys, Frederick	undated
b. 2	World War I	1918, undated
b. 2	Unidentified photographs Contains photograph with an illegible signature.	undated
b. 5	Unidentified photographs <i>5 Folders</i> Contains photographs with illegible signatures.	undated

Series V: Printed material, 1915–1949 May 9*2.50 linear feet (3 boxes)*

This series contains clippings, pamphlets, and other printed ephemera related to Leo R. Sack's life and work.

b. 6	American Hebrew and Jewish Tribune Contains Volume 135, no. 25 and two copies of Volume 137, no. 19.	1934-1935
b. 2	American Legion weekly Contains two copies.	1920 February 13
b. 2	American Zionist emergency council report of activities, 1940-1946	circa 1946
b. 2	Anglo-American committee of inquiry	1946 April 20
b. 2	Clippings <i>3 Folders</i> Contains clippings about politics, as well as Jewish people in America.	1916-1945
b. 2	71st Congress 2nd session H. R. 10381	1930 April 24
b. 2	Congressional record	1926, 1929
b. 2	Costa Rica	1935-1939
b. 2	Hawes, Harry: Freedom of the press	1925 May 7
b. 2	Hebrew University Contains certificate for Washington chapter of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, along with related note found in printed material.	1949 May 9
b. 2	How war came to America	1917 June 15
b. 2	Invitations and menus	1924-1935
b. 2	Jewish tracts Contains no. 1 (two copies), 2, 3 (two copies), 5 (two copies) 10 (two copies), 11, and 13.	undated
b. 6	Newspapers Contains newspapers including Done Lunes, La Tribuna, The News, and Panama American.	1933-1935
b. 2	Palestine resolution	1944-1945
b. 6	Plane news Contains Volume 2, nos.1-3 (two copies of no. 3).	1918-1919
b. 6	Raza Contains nos. 11-12 (two copies), no. 21, and nos. 25-26.	1934-1936
b. 2	Rosenberg, Samuel: Warren Harding	1923
b. 2	Scripps-Howard News - Little dramas in the life of a great newspaper system	undated

b. 6	Certificate of appointment from Mississippi state governor	1933 September 25
b. 6	Supplemento Homenajae al cafe Costa Rica	undated
b. 2	World War I: clippings <i>2 Folders</i> Contain clippings and pamphlets.	1915-1918, undated
b. 3	World War II: clippings	1933-1936
b. 3	Zionist Organization of America Balfour program	undated

Series VI: Roosevelt campaign, 1930–1938*0.83 linear feet (2 boxes)*

This series contains materials relating to Leo R. Sack's work with Jim Farley, who ran Franklin Delano Roosevelt's campaign for president.

Materials maintain order found at time of acquisition.

b. 2	Clipping	1936 May 25
b. 2	Correspondence	1933, 1936
b. 3	Programs	1938
b. 3	Jim Farley	1937
b. 3	Programs	1936, 1938
b. 3	Speeches <i>2 Folders</i>	1930, undated
b. 3	Voting statistics	undated

Series VII: World War I, 1917–1918*0.42 linear feet (1 box)*

b. 3	Correspondence	1917-1918
b. 3	Flight to Berlin	undated
b. 3	History of Air Service Replacement Concentration Barracks No. 3, Base Section 1 American Expeditionary Forces	1918
b. 3	Orders	1917 October 27
b. 3	Vive la France et L a'mérique du Jaytausé Matetiere Contains pen and ink sketch. by J. B. Capt. Jack.	1918 February 24

Series VIII: Writings, 1926 February–1948

The series contains writings by Leo R. Sack.

b. 3	Abram Simon statement	undated
b. 3	An American good-will diplomat	1929 February 1
b. 3	Costa Rica	1934 September
b. 3	General Foulois, director of the flight to Berlin	undated
b. 3	Jews in Congress Contains two copies.	1926 February
b. 3	Memorandum concerning government work	1944-1948
b. 3	National Synagogue in Washington proposed	undated
b. 3	Speeches	undated
b. 4	Statements	undated
b. 4	Truth about Al Smith	1927 November 28
b. 4	Washington newsletter	1941

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Ambassadors -- United States
Diplomacy
Diplomatic and consular service
Diplomatic and consular service, American
Diplomats
Journalists
Journalists, American -- 20th Century
Judaism
Judaism -- 20th Century
Zionism

Geographic Names

Costa Rica -- Foreign relations
United States -- Foreign relations -- Costa Rica

Occupations

Ambassadors