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

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Karen Cove, 2024.

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### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research

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## Preferred Citation

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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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<br><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.<br>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

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**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,<br>undated |
| b.1 | Cuerpo diplomatico<br><i>2 Folders</i>   | 1934                   |
| b.1 | Invitations and passes   | 1926-1947              |
| b.1 | Leo R. Sack  | undated                |
| b.1 | Printed material<br>Contains clippings about Leo R. Sack and Costa Rica.   | 1933, 1939,<br>undated |
| b.1 | Translation of President Ricardo Jimenez speech given in reply to the speech of Leo R. Sack<br><br>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<br>Contains photograph with an illegible signature.                    | undated           |
| b. 5 | Unidentified photographs<br><i>5 Folders</i><br>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<br>Contains Volume 135, no. 25 and two copies of Volume 137, no. 19.   | 1934-1935        |
| b. 2 | American Legion weekly<br>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<br><i>3 Folders</i><br>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<br>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<br>Contains no. 1 (two copies), 2, 3 (two copies), 5 (two copies) 10 (two copies), 11, and 13.  | undated          |
| b. 6 | Newspapers<br>Contains newspapers including Done Lunes, La Tribuna, The News, and Panama American.  | 1933-1935        |
| b. 2 | Palestine resolution  | 1944-1945        |
| b. 6 | Plane news<br>Contains Volume 2, nos.1-3 (two copies of no. 3).   | 1918-1919        |
| b. 6 | Raza<br>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          |

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|------|--|-----------------------|
| b. 6 | Certificate of appointment from Mississippi state governor                     | 1933 September<br>25  |
| b. 6 | Supplemento Homenajae al cafe Costa Rica                                       | undated               |
| b. 2 | World War I: clippings<br><i>2 Folders</i><br>Contain clippings and pamphlets. | 1915-1918,<br>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.

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|      |                              |               |
|------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 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<br><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<br>American Expeditionary Forces | 1918             |
| b. 3 | Orders   | 1917 October 27  |
| b. 3 | Vive la France et L a'mérique du Jaytausé Matetiere<br>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.

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|------|---|---------------------|
| 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<br>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<br>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