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Ms. Coll. 72

Alan Fox Collection on the Sacco and Vanzetti Court Case, 1921-1977, bulk 1963-1977: Guide

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator: Fox, Alan, 1911-1979.

Call Number: Ms. Coll. 72

Extent: 1 box (1 linear foot)

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Abstract: This collection documents the Sacco and Vanzetti court case and the controversy surrounding it.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection focuses on the Sacco and Vanzetti court case and the controversy surrounding it at the time and in subsequent years. The materials, which were collected by State Library of Massachusetts employee Alan Fox, include articles, reviews of books, plays, movies, and art works. They also include correspondence, interviews, commemorations, and exhibits. Very little of the materials comes from the time of the case; most of it was created in later years, particularly the 1960s and 1970s.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Alan Fox

Alan Fox was born in Paterson, New Jersey, circa 1911. At the time of his death at age 68, February 9, 1979, he was assistant librarian at the State Library of Massachusetts. He had worked in the library for eighteen years.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Sacco and Vanzetti Case

In 1921, Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, both Italian-Americans, were convicted of robbery and murder. Although the arguments brought against them were mostly disproven in court, the fact that the two men were known radicals (and that their trial took place during the height of the Red Scare) prejudiced the judge and jury against them. On April 9, 1927, Sacco and Vanzetti's final appeal was rejected, and the two were sentenced to death.

Frankfurter, Felix (1927). The Case of Sacco and Vanzetti. The Atlantic. Retrieved from http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/1927/03/the-case-of-sacco-and-vanzetti/6625/?single_page=true.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Arrangement

The papers are arranged alphabetically by topic.

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Languages and Scripts

The materials are entirely in English.

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