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Title: Italian World War I Collection

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Contributing Institution: SJSU Special Collections & Archives

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 2.92 Linear feet,3 boxes

Date (bulk): Bulk, 1914-1919

Date (inclusive): 1914-1922

Abstract: The Italian World War I Collection (1914-1922, bulk 1914-1919), consists of English translations of several Italian newspapers and speech transcriptions from the Italian Senate; the upper house of the Italian legislature. The newspapers and speech records detail Italy's involvement in World War I and provide a historical context to understand the rise of the Nationalist Fascist Party led by Benito Mussolini following the Treaty of Versailles. The Senate records primarily represent individual responses to Atti degli Camera, Deputy Senator from Rome. The collection is arranged into two series: Series I: Italian Newspapers, 1914-1922 (bulk 1914-1919); Series II: Italian Senate, 1914-1918.

Physical Location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

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Processing History

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Scope and Content of Collection

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

World War -- 1914-1918

World War -- 1914-1918 -- History

World War -- 1914-1918 -- Italy

World War -- 1914-1918 -- Journalists

World War -- 1914-1918 -- Periodicals

World War -- 1914-1918 -- Speeches in Congress

Series I: Italian Newspapers 1914-1922 (Bulk 1914-1919)

Physical Description

2 boxes

Scope and Content

This series consists of various Italian newspapers that have been translated into English. This series includes newspaper articles documenting Benito Mussolini's departure from the Socialist Party in August of 1914, and refelct his belief that entering the war would help further Italy and the Socialist Party, as well as free the Italians in Austria-Hungry from the rule of the Hapsburgs. Other articles document the position of King Victor Emmanuel III, who initially favored neutrality. Nonetheless, Italy declared war in May of 1915, siding with the Allied forces that included France, Great Britian, Japan, and the United States. The bulk of this collection deals with the political atmosphere of Italy prior to and during World War I.

Arrangement

This series is arranged by alphabetically by newspaper title and by date.

Box 1:

Folder 1: L'Avvenire d'Italia 1915
Folders 2-11: Corriere della Sera 1914-1918
Folders 12-22: Giornale d'Italia 1914-1918

Box 2:

Folders 23-24: Gazetta Del Popolo 1914-1916
Folder 25: Il Lavoro 1915
Folder 26: La Stampa 1914-1915
Folder 27-28: La Tribuna 1914-1917
Folder 29: Miscellanous 1915-1922

Series II: Italian Senate 1914-1918

Physical Description

1 box

Scope and Content

This series contains English transcriptions of the Italian Senate speeches from 1914-1918. The speech files represent the reaction from individual senator’s concerning Italian foreign policy and specifically debates over Austro-Hungarian aggression, neutrality, and the declaration of war in May of 1915. The bulk oh these speech files are in response to Atti degli Camera, who served as the Deputy Senator to Rome from 1914-1922. Italy declared war in May of 1915, siding with the Allied forces that included France, Great Britain, Japan, and the United States.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically by date.

Box 1:

Folders 30-43: Camera Speeches 1914-1918
Folders 44-45: Senate 1914-1918