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Collection Summary

Title: Lester Ziffren Papers

Dates: 1933-1989

Collection Number: 90009

Creator: Ziffren, Lester

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Abstract: The Lester Ziffren papers contain materials relating to the Spanish Civil War. As Madrid bureau chief for United Press, Ziffren filed dispatches and made nightly radio broadcasts in which he described political, economic, and social conditions in Spain in the period prior to the outbreak of the Civil War and during the first six months of the conflict itself. The **Speeches and Writings** series of the papers contains compilations of Ziffren's articles and dispatches, as well as transcripts of his radio broadcasts. There are also two sets of diary entries in the series, including his diary from the opening months of the Civil War, and several later articles in which Ziffren recounts his experiences as a war correspondent.

Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives

Languages: In English and Spanish

Access

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1906 Born, Rock Island, Illinois

1927 Graduated from the University of Missouri's journalism school

1933-1936 Bureau chief for United Press in Madrid, Spain

1937-1940 Worked as a screenwriter in Hollywood

1941-1945 Public relations officer, U.S. Embassy in Santiago, Chile
1961-1971 Public relations director, Kennecott Copper Corporation
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Scope and Content of Collection

The Lester Ziffren papers contain significant materials relating to the Spanish Civil War. As Madrid bureau chief for United Press, Ziffren filed dispatches and made nightly radio broadcasts in which he described political, economic, and social conditions in Spain in the period prior to the outbreak of the Civil War and during the first six months of the conflict itself. The **Speeches and writings** contains compilations of Ziffren's articles and dispatches, as well as transcripts of his radio broadcasts. There are also two sets of diary entries in the series, including his diary from the opening months of the Civil War, and several later articles in which Ziffren recounts his experiences as a war correspondent.

The **Biographical file** series contains clippings and an interview with Ziffren about his time in Spain. The **Writings by others** contains articles on the Spanish Civil War written by other correspondents and a diary kept by Tomás Caro, a volunteer in the Republican army. The **Printed matter** series of the papers is comprised of materials largely relating to the Civil War. It includes numerous clippings from Spanish, English and American newspapers, as well as bulletins and serial issues pertaining to the conflict. Additionally, there are some monographs and other printed matter relating to Spain in the Franco era. The **Photographs** contains prints depicting scenes of the Civil War, as well as prints that depict cities, towns, and rural life in Spain.

Arrangement

The collection is organized into 6 series: Biographical file; Cables sent to United Press; Speeches and writings; Writings by others on the Spanish Civil War; Printed matter relating to Spain and the Spanish Civil War; Photographs

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Spain--History--Civil War, 1936-1939.

Spain--Politics and government--1931-1939.

Spain--Social conditions--1886-1939.

Journalists.

Box: 1

Biographical file, 1935-1982

Scope and Content Note

Contains clippings and a transcript of a radio interview, arranged by physical form

Box/Folder: 1

Clippings, 1935-1982

Box/Folder: 1 : 1

1935-1937

Box/Folder: 1 : 2

1937

Box/Folder: 1 : 3

1982

Box/Folder: 1 : 4

Transcript of radio interview conducted by Lowell Thomas, 1937

Box: 1 : 5

Cables sent to United Press, 1936

Scope and Content Note

Consists of one folder of cablegrams

Box: 1-5

Speeches and writings, 1933-1937

Scope and Content Note

Contains articles; compilations of articles, dispatches, and transcribed radio broadcasts; and diaries, arranged by title or form

Box/Folder: 1 : 6

Diary, 1933-1934

Box/Folder: 1-4

"Spain Day by Day," a compilation of transcribed United Press radio broadcasts and dispatches, 1933-1936

Box/Folder: 1 : 7

1933 September-October

Box/Folder: 1-2

1934

Box/Folder: 1 : 8

January-June

Box/Folder: 2 : 1

July-December

Box/Folder: 2-3	1935
Box/Folder: 2 : 2	January-June
Box/Folder: 3 : 1	July-December
Box/Folder: 4 : 1	1936 January-June
Box/Folder: 5 : 1	"Spanish Letters," a compilation of United Press articles and dispatches, 1933-1936
Box/Folder: 5 : 2	Articles written for United Press, 1936-1937
Box/Folder: 5 : 3	"Diary of a Civil War Correspondent," 1936-1937
Box/Folder: 5 : 4	"Spain in Upheaval," <i>Current History</i>, 1936 May
Box/Folder: 5 : 5	"I Lived in Madrid," <i>Current History</i>, 1937 April
Box/Folder: 5 : 6	"The Correspondent in Spain," <i>The Public Opinion Quarterly</i>, 1937 July
Box: 5	Writings by others on the Spanish Civil War, 1936-1940
	Scope and Content Note
	Contains articles and a diary, arranged alphabetically by author
Box/Folder: 5 : 7	Allen, Jay, 1937
Box/Folder: 5 : 8	Carro, Tomás, 1940
	Scope and Content Note
	Includes correspondence
Box/Folder: 5 : 9	Fernsworth, Lawrence A., 1936
Box/Folder: 5 : 10	Fischer, Louis, 1936-1937
Box/Folder: 5 : 11	Newbigging, Duncan, 1936
Box: 6-8	Printed matter relating to Spain and the Spanish Civil War, 1934-1989
	Scope and Content Note
	Contains bulletins, clippings, map, monographs, pamphlets, postcards, and serial issues, arranged by physical form
Box/Folder: 6	Bulletins, 1936-1980
Box/Folder: 6 : 1	1936
Box/Folder: 6 : 2-3	1937
Box/Folder: 6 : 4	1946
Box/Folder: 6 : 5	1950
Box/Folder: 6 : 6	1980
Box/Folder: 6-7	Clippings, 1934-1986
Box/Folder: 6 : 7	1934
Box/Folder: 6 : 8	1935
Box/Folder: 6 :	1936
9-12	
Box/Folder: 6 :	1937
13-17	
Box/Folder: 6 :	1938
18-19	
Box/Folder: 7 : 1-3	1939
Box/Folder: 7 : 4-5	1940
Box/Folder: 7 : 6	1946-1950
Box/Folder: 7 : 7	1966-1986
Box/Folder: 7 : 8	Map, 1936
Box/Folder: 7	Monographs, 1937-1966
Box/Folder: 7 : 9	1937
Box/Folder: 7 :	1940
10-14	
Box/Folder: 7 : 15	1946
Box/Folder: 7 : 16	1949
Box/Folder: 7 : 17	1966
Box/Folder: 8	Pamphlets, 1936-1989
Box/Folder: 8 : 1-2	1936
Box/Folder: 8 : 3-4	1937

Box/Folder: 8 : 5 **1938-1939**
Box/Folder: 8 : 6-7 **1940**
Box/Folder: 8 : 8 **1974-1989**
Box/Folder: 8 : 9 **Postcards, 1936**
Box/Folder: 8 **Serial issues, 1936-1989**
Box/Folder: 8 : **1936**
10-11
Box/Folder: 8 : 12 **1938**
Box/Folder: 8 : 13 **1961**
Box/Folder: 8 : 14 **1989**
Box: 8 : **Photographs, 1936**

Scope and Content Note

Consists of prints depicting scenes of the Spanish Civil War and of Spain, arranged by subject

Box/Folder: 8 : 15 **Thirty-one prints depicting scenes of the Spanish Civil War, 1936**
Box/Folder: 8 : 15 **Twenty-one prints depicting various cities, towns, and rural life in Spain, 1936**