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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: Correspondence, memoranda, reports, notes, and other writings, relating to political conditions in France, communism in France, international communism, and anti-communist movements.

Language: French

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Acquisition Information

Initially acquired in 1980.

Accruals

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1911 Born, Chalon-sur-Saône, France

1932 Joins the French Socialist Party

1942-1944 Secretary-General, Rassemblement National Populaire

1944 Cabinet secretary for Marcel Dé, Minister of Labor in Vichy government
Tried and sentenced for collaboration with German occupation

1945-1948 Imprisoned

1949 Meets Boris Souvarine, who becomes his associate

1949-1983 Edits and publishes the *Bulletin d'études et d'informations politiques internationales*, which in 1956 becomes *Est-Ouest*
1951 Amnestied by French government
1969-1974 Advisor to French president Georges Pompidou
1983 Died

Scope and Content Note

Acquired in 1967, with major increments received in 1980 and 1985, the Georges Albertini papers in the Hoover Institution Archives consist largely of Albertini's extensive files on French political life over three decades following World War II, with a major emphasis on the role of the French Communist Party during this period.

The principal biography of Albertini is entitled *L'homme de l'ombre*, or "the man of the shadows," and this seems an apt description of Albertini's role as a chronicler and confidant, a man operating in the corridors as an adviser to leading figures in the French establishment while pursuing a consistently anti-Communist agenda as the editor and publisher of his own political newsletter and journal.

Given his past as a collaborator with the German occupiers of France, activity for which he was tried and convicted, Albertini would at first glance seem to be an unlikely candidate for the role of political insider in postwar France. However, he emerged from prison with his connections to the French political elite largely intact, and with a clear conception of his part as purveyor of information on the French Communist Party to conservative and socialist opponents of the communists. Moreover, in choosing Boris Souvarine as his principal associate, Albertini benefited from Souvarine's intimate knowledge of the international communist movement, and the publication they produced, *Est-Ouest*, became a journal of reference for many in the French political class.

Throughout his life, Albertini kept meticulous records of his many meetings with French politicians, journalists, and businessmen. These can be found in the NOTES, which, in addition to summaries of Albertini's activities, include correspondence and reports. The notes provide extensive information on such subjects in modern French history as the war in Algeria, the May-June revolt of 1968, and rivalries among conservative politicians. The main focus of Albertini's political undertakings was to document the workings of the French Communist Party, and the notes contain detailed information on the finances, publications, and internal politics of the French C.P. Albertini was keen to counter what he perceived to be communist influence in other parts of the world, and there is a considerable amount of material in the papers relating to Latin America and Africa.

Albertini's sources of information included contacts within the French security services, and there are some reports emanating from the French political police, the Renseignements Généraux, in the chronological section of the NOTES, especially for 1968 and immediately after. There are also internal reports and minutes of meetings relating to the functioning of Albertini's research organization, the Centre d'Archives et de Documentation. These can be found in the topical section of the NOTES.

Indexing Terms

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

Subjects

Communism--France.
Social history.
Communism.
Anti-communist movements.
France--Politics and government--20th century.

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