Descriptive Summary

Title: Hubert Jannach collection on B. Traven

Date (inclusive): 1926-1987, undated

Date (bulk): 1950-1975

Collection Number: MS 245

Creator: Jannach, Hubert

Extent: 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

Repository: Rivera Library. Special Collections Department.

Riverside, CA 92517-5900

Abstract: This collection contains correspondence, notes, and other material regarding research conducted on B. Traven by author Hubert Jannach.

Languages: The collection is in English.

Access

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Acquisition Information

The Hubert Jannach collection on B. Traven was acquired in 1987.

Processing History

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Biographical Note

Hubert Jannach was a professor in the Department of Modern Languages at Purdue University. He researched and wrote on the identity and language of B. Traven during the years 1955-1986 and corresponded with many B. Traven scholars, including Rolf Recknagel and Michael L. Baumann.

B. Traven was the pseudonym for an internationally famous writer who guarded his identity with jealousy and determination throughout his life, creating one of the greatest literary puzzles of the 20th century. Other names he went by in his lifetime are Traven Torsvan, Hal Croves, and Ret Marut. His twelve novels, the best known of which are The Death Ship and the Treasure of the Sierra Madre, and many short stories have been translated into numerous languages. Films have been made of his the Treasure of the Sierra Madre, White Rose, Macario, The Death Ship, and Rebellion of the Hanged. He died in March 1969 in Mexico City, Mexico.

Collection Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence, notes, and other material regarding research conducted on B. Traven by author Hubert Jannach.

Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged into three series. The series arrangement of this collection is as follows:


Indexing Terms

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

Subjects

Traven, B.

Genres and Forms of Materials

Hubert Jannach collection on B. Traven

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Series 1. **Articles about B. Traven and his works. 1948-1986.**

**Series Scope and Contents**
This series contains publications, clippings, and other material regarding B. Traven. Includes several articles on B. Traven by Michael L. Baumann, Judy Stone, Gerd Heidemann, Rolf Recknagel, and Jannach himself.

**Series Arrangement**
This series is arranged sequentially according to box and folder number.

- **Box 1, Folder 1**

- **Box 1, Folder 2**
  - Newspaper (original) and magazine articles (photocopy and original) on B. Traven, including Judy Stone's Ramparts article, The Mystery of B. Traven (1967) and Gerd Heidemann's Stern article, Wer ist der Mann, der Traven heisst? (1967). 1955-1973.

- **Box 1, Folder 3**

- **Box 1, Folder 4**

**Series 2. Correspondence. 1949-1987.**

**Series Scope and Contents**
This series contains Hubert Jannach's correspondence with various individuals regarding B. Traven. Includes correspondence with Michael L. Baumann, Peter Briscoe and E.R. Hagemann.

**Series Arrangement**
This series is arranged sequentially according to box and folder number.

- **Box 1, Folder 5**
  - Correspondence between Hubert Jannach and Michael L. Baumann. 1974-1977.

- **Box 1, Folder 6**
  - Correspondence between Hubert Jannach and Peter Briscoe. Includes typescripts of two papers on B. Traven presented by Jannach in 1952 and 1965, a conference program from the 1982 Penn State conference on B. Traven, and correspondence regarding transfer of Jannach's papers and selected B. Traven books to the University of California, Riverside Library. 1952-1987.

- **Box 1, Folder 7**

- **Box 1, Folder 8**
  - Correspondence between Hubert Jannach and Charles R. Humphrey. 1963-1964.

- **Box 1, Folder 9**
  - Correspondence between Hubert Jannach and Charles Miller. 1963-1974.

- **Box 1, Folder 10**
  - Correspondence between Hubert Jannach and Carl Mora, University of New Mexico Press. 1974.

- **Box 1, Folder 11**
  - Correspondence between Hubert Jannach and various correspondents, including E.R. Hagemann. 1949-1979.

**Series Scope and Contents**
This series contains notes, manuscripts, conference programs, and other material pertaining to Hubert Jannach's research on B. Traven.

**Series Arrangement**
This series is arranged sequentially according to box and folder number.

| Box 1, Folder 13 | Conference on the Life, Literature and Cinema of B. Traven, held at the University of Arizona, April 18-20, 1975; includes program and correspondence relating to the conference, at which Jannach gave a paper titled The Early and Later Works of B. Traven. 1974-1975. |
| Box 1, Folder 14 | Newspaper clippings, photocopies, manuscript notes, book reviews of B. Traven books, some B. Traven stories. 1926-1969. |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Research notes, manuscript and typed, Hubert Jannach. circa 1938-1978. |
| Box 1, Folder 16 | Research notes, manuscript, Hubert Jannach; and photocopied excerpts from the National Union Catalogue. circa 1978, undated. |