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Dana Gardner Munro Papers, 1906-1981: Finding Aid

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Abstract:	Dana Gardner Munro (1892-1990) was an American diplomat to Latin America and a professor of history and director of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. His papers document segments of his scholarly and diplomatic work, and include Department of State press releases, subject files, lectures, correspondence, and articles relating to United States-Latin American relations and Latin American history.

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Biography of Dana Gardner Munro

Dana Gardner Munro was a leading authority on Latin America relations in the mid-twentieth century. He was actively involved with the United States Department of State as a diplomat and was also a professor at Princeton University for more than thirty years.

Munro was born in Providence, Rhode Island on July 18, 1892. He earned bachelor's degrees from both Brown University and the University of Wisconsin, and went on to receive a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Pennsylvania. Munro then spent two years studying economic and political conditions in Central America for the Carnegie Peace Foundation. After serving in the U.S. Army's Air Service during World War I, the State Department hired him as an economist in 1919; during the 1920s, he was the acting chief, and later chief, of its Latin American Division. Among his diplomatic positions, he was a secretary of legation in Panama and Nicaragua, charge d'affairs in Managua, a special envoy to Haiti, a consul to Chile, and minister to Haiti (1930-1932).

Munro's career as an educator began in 1930 when he was hired as a professor of Latin American History at Princeton University. Nine years later, he became director of the University's School of Public and International Affairs. After his retirement from academia in 1961, Munro returned to an earlier role as president of the Foreign Bondholders Protective Council, a component of the State Department intended to advise in the protection of American investors.

Munro contributed to journals such as the *Hispanic American Historical Review* and *The American Political Science Review*, and authored several monographs including *The Latin American Republics: a History; A Student in Central America, 1914-1916; Intervention and Dollar Diplomacy in the Caribbean, 1900-1921; and The United States and the Caribbean Republics, 1921-1933.*

He died in June 1990 at the age of 97.

Description

The Dana Gardner Munro Papers document segments of the scholarly and diplomatic work of Munro. Included in the collection are drafts of articles, book chapters, book reviews, and lectures. Munro's time as a diplomat is reflected in subject files and State Department Press Releases chronicling United States relations with individual Latin American countries as well as larger regional themes. The papers also include correspondence written by Munro's wife Margaret Munro, documenting their time in the Nicaraguan capital of Managua, as well as letters from Munro's children regarding his publications.

Please see the series descriptions in the contents list for additional information about individual series.

Series 1: Department of State Press Releases, 1916-1961

The Department of State Press Releases series is composed of press releases published by the Department of State regarding Latin America. The press releases relate economic, social, political, and military events, as well as United States relations with individual Latin American countries. Some folders are supplemented with reports.

Series 2: Subject Files, 1906-1967

The Subject Files series is comprised of clippings, working papers, reports, and research materials relating to the Latin American countries British Honduras, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, and Nicaragua, as well as general issues affecting the region. The topics are not covered exhaustively and copies of academic studies and reports comprise much of the series.

Series 3: Articles and Book Reviews, 1915-1967, undated

The Articles and Book Reviews series contains drafts and copies of articles written by Munro. Most items deal with United States relations with Latin America. Some lectures appear to have been incorporated into this series, however most can be found in Series 4: Lectures. Some publication-related correspondence is included.

Series 4: Lectures, 1924-1971, undated

The Lectures series contains typewritten speeches given by Munro on topics relating to Latin America, often including handwritten corrections and notes. In rare instances press clippings accompany the lectures. Some lectures also appear to be in Series 3: Articles and Book Reviews. The materials found in this series are not lectures presented to Princeton students, but rather are lectures given around the country and in Latin America.

Series 5: Correspondence, 1913-1981

The Correspondence series begins with letters written by Munro to his mother during his travels to Europe in 1913 and Latin America in 1916. Munro's correspondence from the 1930s and 1940s deals mainly with Foreign Bondholders Protective Council matters. The series also contains letters written by Munro's wife, Margaret, (regarding their time living in Managua, Nicaragua), his children (regarding preparation of Munro's publications), and letters from President Hoover and Henry Stimson upon Munro's resignation as Minister of Haiti.

Arrangement

Organized into the following series:

- Series 1: Department of State Press Releases, 1916-1961
- Series 2: Subject Files, 1906-1967
- Series 3: Articles and Book Reviews, 1915-1967, undated
- Series 4: Lectures, 1924-1971, undated
- Series 5: Correspondence, 1913-1981

Access and Use

Access

The collection is open for research use.

Restrictions on Use and Copyright Information

Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from the collection must be requested from the Curator of Public Policy Papers. Researchers are responsible for determining any copyright questions.

Acquisition and Appraisal

Custodial History

The collection was transferred to the Mudd Manuscript Library, Public Policy Papers in 1991.

Provenance and Acquisition

Gift of Professor Dana Gardner Munro to the Manuscript Division of the Princeton University Library on March 3, 1986.

Appraisal

Appraisal has been conducted in accordance with Mudd Library guidelines. Loose published articles not written by Munro have been removed from the collection.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Other material at the Mudd Manuscript Library relating to Dana Gardner Munro includes his faculty file in the Office of Dean of the Faculty Records (AC118), the Department of History Records (AC049), his writings in the Alumni and Faculty Offprint Collection (AC121), and the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs Records (AC129)

Processing and Other Information

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Works Cited

The following sources were consulted during the preparation of the biographical note:

Obituary, *The New York Times*, 19 June 1990.

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Processing Information

This collection was processed by Diann Benti in July 2007. Finding aid written by Diann Benti in July 2007.

Encoding

Machine-readable finding aid encoded in EAD 2002 by Diann Benti on July 16, 2007.

Descriptive Rules Used

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Subject Headings

These materials have been indexed in the [Princeton University Library online catalog](#) using the following terms. Those seeking related materials should search under these terms.

- Foreign Bondholders Protective Council, Inc.
- Organization of American States.
- Diplomatic and consular service, American -- Latin America -- 20th century.
- Diplomats -- United States -- 20th century.
- United States -- Foreign relations -- 20th century.
- United States -- Foreign relations -- Latin America.
- Correspondence.
- Lectures.
- Press Releases.
- American history/20th century
- American politics and government
- Diplomacy
- Latin American history

Contents List

Series 1: Department of State Press Releases, 1916-1961

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Arrangement

Folders arranged alphabetically by country.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>
Cuba, 1920-1921	1	1
Cuba, United States Mission to the United Nations, 1961	1	2
Dominican Republic, 1922	1	3
Dominican Republic, 1960	1	4
Haiti, 1923-1927	1	5
Haiti, 1939-1933	1	6
Haiti, 1947	1	7
Honduras, 1919-1931	1	8
Nicaragua		
1916-1923	1	9
1924-1926	1	10
1927	1	11
1928-1933	1	12
Panama, 1920-1924	2	1

Series 1: Department of State Press Releases, ... (Continued)

Panama, 1927-1933	2	2
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Series 2: Subject Files, 1906-1967

Series Description

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Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>
British Honduras, 1960	2	3
Central America, 1922-1965	2	4
Communism, 1954-1959	2	5
Cooperation in Education, 1960	2	6
Council on Foreign Relations Study Group on the Role of Military in Latin America Working Papers, 1957-1958	2	7
Cuba Press Clippings, 1933	3	1 to 2
Dominican Bonds, 1940	3	3
Dominican Republic, 1922-1967	3	4
Economic Development, World Banks, 1944, 1960	3	5
Foreign Aid, 1956-1962	3	6
Guatemala, 1949-1959	3	7
Haiti, 1919-1964	3	8
Haiti, 1915-1932	3	9
Investments, 1919-1960	4	1
Labor, 1952	4	2

Series 2: Subject Files, 1906-1967 ... (Continued)

Nicaragua, 1906, 1927, 1953-1954	4	3
Organization of American States, 1950-1960	4	4
Panama, 1940-1966	4	5
United States Policy, 1928-1961	4	6
United States Relations, 1943-1961	4	7

Series 3: Articles and Book Reviews, 1915-1967, undated**Series Description**

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Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>
Articles		
"The American Financial Intervention in Santo Domingo," 1915	5	1
"Our Economic Policy in the Caribbean Region," 1919	5	1
"Origin of the American Intervention," 1923	5	1
"Conditions in Central America Up to January, 1923" compiled by Edward S. Crocker, 2d., 1923	5	2
Untitled, Haiti, 1932	5	3
"A New Regime in Nicaragua," 1933	5	3
"Manuel Estrada Cabrera," 1938	5	3
"Some Thoughts on Freedom of the Press in Spanish America," 1954	5	3
"Democracy and Dictatorship in Latin America," 1955	5	3
Untitled, Diplomatic Representation in Latin America, 1956	5	3

Series 3: Articles and Book Reviews, 191 ... (Continued)

Untitled, Latin American Relations, 1956	5	3
"Dollar Diplomacy in Nicaragua, 1909-1913," 1957	5	4
"Recent Events in the Caribbean," 1959	5	4
"The Basis of American Intervention in the Caribbean," undated	5	5
Untitled, Caribbean, undated	5	5
Untitled, Caribbean intervention, undated	5	5
"Chapter II: The Liberation of Cuba," undated	5	6
"The American Withdrawal From Haiti, 1929-1934," undated	5	6
"The Foreign Bondholders Protective Council," undated	5	7
"Economic Nationalism in Latin America," undated	5	7
"What is the Future of the Good Neighbor Policy," undated	5	7
"Our Relations with Latin America," undated	5	7
"Insular Possessions of the United States," undated	5	7
"Latin American Relations with the United States," undated	5	7
"Treaties with Foreign Nations," undated	5	7
Book Reviews		
1920-1939	6	1
1940-1944	6	2
1945-1947	6	3
1948-1950	6	4
1951-1967	6	5

Series 4: Lectures, 1924-1971, undated

Series Description

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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>
"Some Problems of the Smaller Caribbean Republics," 1924	6	6
"Central America," 1929	6	6
Untitled, Caribbean Relations, 1929	6	6
"Our Relations with Central America," 1933	6	7
"El 'New Deal' :La Reforma Politica De Roosevelt," 1933	6	7
Untitled, Cuba, 1933	6	7
"American Investments and American Policy in the Caribbean," 1933	6	7
"The Monroe Doctrine," 1934	6	7
"International Economic Rivalries in Latin America," 1939	6	7
Untitled, Latin American Policy of United States, 1940	6	8
"Economic Nationalism in Latin America," 1940	6	8
Untitled, Manpower Conference, Princeton, 1942	6	8
"Latin America in the War and Afterward," 1943	6	8
"Post-War Economic Cooperation with Latin America," 1944	6	8
"The Proposed Petroleum Monopoly," 1953	6	9
"Dollar Diplomacy in Nicaragua, 1909-1913," 1957	6	9
Untitled, Latin American Relations, 1959	6	9
Untitled, Latin American Relations, 1960	6	9
Untitled, Latin American Relations, 1961	6	9

Series 4: Lectures, 1924-1971, undated ... (Continued)

Untitled, Panama Relations, 1961	6	9
Untitled, Central America, 1965	6	9
Untitled, U.S. Policy Towards Latin America, 1971	6	9
"[Los Aspectos Politicos Y Sociales del 'New Deal']," undated	6	10
"La Agricultura Bajo El 'New Deal,'" undated	6	10
"El 'New Deal' Y El Comercio Internacional," undated	6	10
"Solidaridad Interamericana Y El Restablecimiento Del Comercio Mundial," undated	6	10
"La Nueva Politica Economica Y Social En Los Estados Unidos," undated	6	10
"La Nueva Politica NorteAmericana En Relacion Con El Comercio Internacional," undated	6	10
"La Vida Universitaria En Los Estados Unidos," undated	6	10
"La Ley Nacional De Rehabilitacion Industrial," undated	6	10
"Strategic Problems in the Caribbean Area," undated	7	1
"Revolutions and Elections in the Caribbean," undated	7	1
"Recent Events in Nicaragua," undated	7	1
Untitled, Panama Canal, undated	7	1
Untitled, Cuba and Castro, undated	7	1
"Imperialism and the Spanish American War," undated	7	1
"The National Industrial Recovery Act," undated	7	2
"Agriculture Under the New Deal," undated	7	2
"Foreign Trade," undated	7	2
Untitled, Creation for Post-War World Organization, undated	7	2
"Some Problems of Central American Republics," undated	7	2
Report, Mexican Oil, undated	7	2
"Our Relations with Central America," undated	7	3

Series 4: Lectures, 1924-1971, undated ... (Continued)

"Free Government Institution," undated	7	3
Untitled, International Development in Central America and in the West Indian Republics, undated	7	3
Untitled, Latin American Relations, undated	7	3

Series 5, Correspondence, 1913-1981**Series Description**

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Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent or subject.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>
General		
1913-1916	7	4
1935-1946	7	5
Hoover, Herbert and Stimson, Henry, Regarding Munro's Resignation, 1932	7	6
Munro, Margaret, 1927-1928 (Written from Managua, Nicaragua)	7	7
Publications, 1981 (Correspondence mostly by Munro's children)	7	8