## Summary

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Biographical Note

Electorally one of the most successful radicals in U.S. political history, Vito Marcantonio was born the son of Italian immigrants in 1902 in the same East Harlem neighborhood of Manhattan that he represented in the U.S. House of Representatives for seven terms. He graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School, New York University, and New York University Law School. While still in high school he became active in the East Harlem community where he came to the attention of Fiorello LaGuardia, then president of the city’s Board of Aldermen.

He made his political debut in 1924 when he managed LaGuardia’s campaign for reelection to Congress from East Harlem. He became a law clerk in LaGuardia’s law firm and spent the rest of the 1920s mastering the complexities of New York City politics.

In 1930 he was appointed assistant U.S. Attorney, and in 1934, when LaGuardia became mayor of New York, Marcantonio ran as a Republican for LaGuardia’s old seat in Congress, defeating the Democratic incumbent. Two years later he was defeated in the Democratic landslide, but returned in 1938, running on both the Republican and American Labor Party tickets. By skillfully exploiting local political alliances and working indefatigably for his constituents, Marcantonio survived being read out of both the Republican and American Labor parties, and stayed in Congress until 1950.

In 1950 he successfully defended W.E.B. DuBois against the U.S. government’s charge that DuBois had failed to register as the agent of a foreign power. He also acted as one of the attorneys for the U.S. Communist Party in hearings before the Subversive Activities Control Board. In 1954 he announced his return to politics as an independent candidate for his old seat, but died before he could begin his campaign.
Series Descriptions

The papers consist of eleven series as follows:

I. **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1935-1936**, with relatives, friends, law associates, congressional colleagues, and others. **BOXES 1-5**

II. **CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS, 1935-1951**, relating to routine constituency matters, congressional committees, sponsorship of various bills. **BOXES 6-43**

III. **SUBJECTS CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS** includes the papers relating to the American Labor Party, 1939-1953, the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee, the International Labor Defense, and papers relating to civil liberties, housing, international relations, Puerto Rico, veteran’s affairs, labor and labor unions, and welfare projects. **BOXES 44-51**

IV. **RESEARCH FILES** on subjects of interest to Marcantonio such as the National Labor Relations Board, the Spanish Civil War, housing, antifascism, etc. **BOXES 59-66**

V. **POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS. Box 67**

VI. **SPEECHES AND PRESS RELEASES. BOXES 68-69**

VII. **LEGAL CASES, APPEALS, AND PRIVATE BILLS. BOXES 70-73**

VIII. **PERSONAL PAPERS. BOXES 74-77**

IX. **OBITUARIES OF MARCANTONIO. BOX 78**

X. **OFFICE CARD FILES. BOX 79**

XI. **AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS** contains photographs of Marcantonio, Dorothy Parker, Dashiell Hammett, East Harlem community activities, a motion picture film “Amigos de Wallace,” phonograph recordings and audiotapes of speeches, campaign dinners, press conferences, etc. **BOXES 80-86**
I. General Correspondence

Box 1

Ab-Ama
Administrative Practitioners Act
Agricultural Appropriations Act
Airlines
American ...
American Student Union
American Youth Congress
American Youth for Democracy
Amo-Az
Anonymous letters
Anti-vivisection
Antonini, Luigi
Associated Engineers and Naval Architects

Ba-Bz
Bankhead-Cannon bills
Bankhead-Pace bills
Belli, Lido
Bernard, John
Bianchi, William J.
Bilbo, Sen. T.G.
Boccia, Joseph A.
Bromfield, Louis
Bryson bill

Ca-C1
Christmas (1935; 1940-44; 1948; 1950)
Churches
Churches in district
Citizens for Victory
Civil Service Commission, re constituents' problems
Claiborne, Robert W., re disbar. & labor rel. in P.R.
Claims against the U.S. Govt.

Box 2

Co-Cz
Cookbook for constituents
Congressional Record, re mailing list
Conscription
Constituency problems (aid requests)
Consumer tax (proposed)
Corsi, Edward
Covello, Dr. Leonard (Benj. Franklin High School)
Da-Dz
Davier, Paul (press analysis)
Death condolences (sampling of those rec'd after V.M.'s death)
Demobilization, WWII

Ea-Ez

Fa-Fz
Farm Parity
Fast, Howard
Federal Amusement Tax
Frooks family

Ga-Gz
Gannon, Thomas C.
Goldman, Albert (postmaster)
Greek-Achilles Hellenic American Political Organization

Box 3

Ha-Hz
Harlem Center Civic Association
Harlem Legislative Conference
Harten, Rev. Thomas S.
Hispanic Progressive Club
House Lobby Investigation Committee

Ia-Iz
Immigration
In Fact
Independent Citizens’ Committee of the Arts, Sciences, & Professions
Independent Democrats of Virginia
Interstate and Foreign Commerce
Italian Associations (American)
Italy

J
Jefferson Park toilets
Jewish Organizations
Jewish Peoples Committee for United Action Against Fascism and Anti-Semitism
Judiciary Committee
Juncal, H.P., immigration of 1939
Justice, Dept. of

K
Kent, Rockwell

L
La Follia di New York
LaGuardia, Fiorello
La Prensa
League of Women Shoppers
Lidice Day
List of names and addresses
Ma-Mz
Mass meeting
Maverick, Maury
Meet the Press

Box 4

Na-Nz
National Council of Law Students
National Defense Contracts
National Youth Administration
Negro Nurses in Armed Forces
Negro Women in Naval Reserve
New Masses
New York League of Women Voters
New York State Legislature
Newspaper list
Nursery School Project - WPA

Oa-Oz
O'Brien-Mead Bill
O'Toole, Rep. Donald L., re ouster
Overtime Pay for Federal Workers

Pa-Pz
People's Council for Americanism
People's Lobby
People's Voice
Petitions
Piccirilli, Attilio
Playgrounds
Pope, Generoso
Popolo, Il
Powell, Adam Clayton, Jr.
Progressive Party
Prominent people, ltrs. from

Qa-Qz

Ra-Rz
Reclamation Clothing Center
Reed Bill
Requests for government documents
Robbins, Irving

Sa-Sz
St. Lawrence Seaway
Seamen deportation
Servicemen correspondence
Stacatti, Rev. Guido
Box 5

Ta-Tz
Tapp, Charles
Telegraph merger
Thanksgiving
Teachers' Union
Traffic
Transportation
Waterfront, killing of Pete Panto

Ua-Uz
U.N.R.R.A.
Utilities Holding Companies Bill

Va-Vz
Vinson Strike Bill

Wa-Wz
War Department
West Point/Annapolis appointments

Y-Z
II. Congressional Correspondence and Papers, 1935-1952

Box    Contents

Constituents' correspondence and papers

6      1935-1936
7      1937-1940
8-12   1939-1940
13     1939-1942
14-15  1940-1942
16     1941-1944
17     1939-1941
18     1940-1948
19     1947-1948
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21     1948-1949
22     1947-1948
23     1947-1948, 1948-1950 R-Sa
24     1949-1950 Sc-Vey
25-26  1947-1948
27-33  1948-1950
34     1950
35     1950-1952

Congressional Commission for Protection of Consumers
Constituency problems, 1942-1944

36-40  Aides' correspondence and reports
41     Bills sponsored by Marcantonio, 1935-1950
42     Office appointments and messages, 1937-1950
43     Card file of names relating to routing constituents' requests

III. Subjects Correspondence and Papers

44-45  American Labor Party, 1939-1953
46     American Tradition
Civil Liberties
    Alien Legislation – Campos file
47     Chicago Civil Liberties Committee – International Labor Defense
48     International Labor Defense – Wood/McCarran Act
49     Electoral Democracy
Housing
50     Housing
51     International Relations
MARCAN TIONO PAPERS

III SUBJECTS CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS (continued)

52, 53 Labor and Labor Unions
54 Peace
55 Puerto Rico
56 Veterans' Affairs
57 Welfare
58 Works Progress Administration

IV RESEARCH FILES

59 Anti-fascism - N.L.R.B.
60 Navy-Spanish Embargo
61 Steel-Wallender
62-66 Housing

V POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

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74-77 VIII PERSONAL PAPERS

78 IX OBITUARIES

79 X CARD FILES

XI PHOTOGRAPHS, MOTION PICTURE FILM, PHONOGRAPH DISCS, & AUDIO TAPES

Photographs
80 Marcantonio, Dorothy Parker, Dashiell Hammett, Puerto Ricans, community activities
81 Photographs taken for the Good Neighbor Party: scenes and people of East Harlem
82 Motion Picture film: "Amigos de Wallace"
83 Phonograph discs and audiotape (some items are available on master tapes at Lincoln Center - see mem. of Dec. 30, 1987)

American Labor Party dinner, 9-2-52, 3 tapes
"Political talk", 10-17-49, 6 discs
"I got a Ballot", 2 discs
"Mr. Hearst's Speech" 3-10-34
Italian song, 11-1-49
Labor; Special Spot; Veterans benefits; Price control, 2 discs
Ladies Garment Center-American Labor Party, 10-29-49, 2 discs
Marcantonio speech, CBS, 11-3-49
Use your ballot, 2 discs
WOR-TV press conference, 10-9-51, 2 discs
84 American Labor Party, Sept. 7-Nov. 9, 1949, 32 discs
85, 86 Unidentified discs
Marcantonio and Conlisa Lamont are among those who speak at this dinner held on Sept. 24th, 1952. Topics include: the cease fire in Korea, wide representation in the US's legal bodies, Negro representation in US government, politicians of the time, atomic energy and South Africa.

This tape continues from "A" and features a discussion on politicians running for office and segregation in the south.

The conclusion of the meeting begun in "A" and continued in "B." The conversation continues with politicians of the time running for office, the Korean War and atomic weapons.

This is a speech on politics in which the speaker discusses labor issues.
This is a political speech in Spanish on Puerto Ricans that live in New York who support Vito Marcantonio.

This is a political announcement endorsing Marcantonio.

This is a political announcement endorsing Vito Marcantonio for the American Labor party.

Marcantonio gives a speech in Spanish.
This is a political announcement endorsing Marcantonio with folk music playing in the background.

This is a political announcement endorsing Vito Marcantonio. The announcement is in Spanish and is geared toward Puerto Ricans.

This was the first part for a discussion with Marcantonio and the press about the issues of the day. The tape continues on 01652 and 01653.

This is the second part of Marcantonio's meeting with the press to discuss the issues.
This is the third and final part of Marcantonio's meeting with the press to discuss the issues on WOR.

This is a political speech delivered in Spanish by Dr. De Garcia endorsing Marcantonio.

Dr. De Garcia delivers a political speech in Spanish endorsing Marcantonio.

Marcantonio makes a speech in Spanish focusing on issues affecting Puerto Ricans in New York.
Marcantonio makes a speech in Spanish focusing on the issues of Puerto Ricans in New York.

Marcantonio makes a speech in Spanish focusing on the Puerto Ricans of New York.

Marcantonio makes a speech in Spanish focusing on the issues of Puerto Ricans in New York.

Marcantonio discusses how the press has handled the reporting of the elections.
Control # 01671
COLLECTION VITO MARCANTONIO
Series
Title "NIARCO AL POTERE, 11/1/49"
Contents This is a song in Italian about Vito Marcantonio.

Control # 01672
COLLECTION VITO MARCANTONIO
Series
Title "RADIO SPOTS FOR MARCANTONIO CAMPAIGN"
Contents This series of spots were produced for Vito Marcantonio's election campaign. They are:
   1 - Labor Position
   2 - Veteran's Spot
   3 - Special Spot

Control # 01674
COLLECTION VITO MARCANTONIO
Series
Title "ELECTION SONG"
Contents This is a short musical piece produced by the American Labor Party.

Control # 01679
COLLECTION VITO MARCANTONIO
Series
Title [POLITICAL SPEECH]
Contents This is a political speech delivered in Italian.
This is a speech denouncing fascism with a discussion following on Italy's future and what type of government the people of Italy will decide to go with.

This is a political speech delivered in Italian.

This is a political speech in Italian.

This is a reading of a letter written by Cristos Politos from jail to his wife and children.
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COLLECTION VITO MARCANTONIO
Series
Title "AMERICAN LABOR PARTY, PT 1, 11/7/49"
Contents Bob Dunnley and a Miss Inglesaw join Marcantonio in this discussion the day before election day and talk about "The Lucky Corner" on 160th St and Lexington Avenue. They also talk about the mayoral election that will take place the next day. This conversation continues on 01689.

Control # 01689
COLLECTION VITO MARCANTONIO
Series
Title "AMERICAN LABOR PARTY, PT 2, 11/7/49"
Contents Aired on WMCA radio, Vito Marcantonio discusses the welfare policy under the present mayor of New York City, Aguire. This is the second part of the talk that begun on 01688.

Control # 01690
COLLECTION VITO MARCANTONIO
Series
Title "AMERICAN LABOR PARTY, 11/6/49"
Contents Leo Asigan discusses Communism and racism and corruption in the city with Julian C. Trupin and Marian Angie Dickinson.

Control # 01691
COLLECTION VITO MARCANTONIO
Series
Title "AMERICAN LABOR PARTY, 11/5/49"
Contents Benjamin J. Davis discusses civil rights issues on behalf of the American Labor Party.
Paul L. Ross discusses rent control on behalf of the American Labor Party.

Rose Block engages in a discussion on the white collar workers of America.

The American Labor Party offers its views on the issues of the day in this full length radio spot for the party.

A Miss Ingrasal speaks on behalf of the American Labor Party.
This is a full length radio spot that ran on WJZ radio in New York for the American Labor Party. The Labor Party supported Paul L. Ross and the spots focused on his attempt to become mayor of New York. They talk about the poor job the current mayor was doing and target areas of the city in need of repair, including the

A Mister Ross criticizes the way ALP leader O'Dwyer has been running the party.

This political discussion was sponsored by the American Labor Party.

Anthony Fasco leads this political discussion sponsored by the American Labor Party.
Adda B. Jackson leads this political discussion sponsored by the American Labor party.

Leo Isaacson leads this political discussion criticizing Mayor O'Dwyer.

This political discussion was sponsored by the American Labor Party.

Mary Murphy leads this political discussion sponsored by the American Labor Party.
Henry A. Wallace leads this political discussion with a speech endorsing Marcantonio, who then steps up and delivers his own speech.

This political discussion focused on equality among the races and Negro representation.

Mineola Ingrasol leads this political discussion on housing for the poor.

This political discussion focuses on the taxi industry.
Control # 01711
COLLECTION VITO MARCANTONIO
Series
Title "AMERICAN LABOR PARTY, 10/12/49"
Contents This is a political discussion sponsored by the American Labor Party.

Control # 01713
COLLECTION VITO MARCANTONIO
Series
Title "AMERICAN LABOR PARTY, 10/10/49"
Contents This political discussion is led by Paul L. Ross.

Control # 01714
COLLECTION VITO MARCANTONIO
Series
Title "AMERICAN LABOR PARTY, 10/5/49"
Contents In this political discussion, Paul L. Rose talks about political candidate O'Dwyer.

Control # 01715
COLLECTION VITO MARCANTONIO
Series
Title "AMERICAN LABOR PARTY, 10/5/49"
Contents This is a series of 30 second spots, produced by the American Labor Party, urging people to vote.
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David Livingston discusses the American Labor Party.

Marcantonio delivers a political speech in Italian.

Marcantonio offers his views on the political scene at the time.

A woman from the Ladies Garment Center speaks in Italian about Marcantonio.
Marcantonio delivers this speech to the Ladies Garment Center in Italian.

Marcantonio leads this discussion in Italian.

Marcantonio delivers a speech in Italian.

Marcantonio discusses the breakdown of democracy in Europe and the rise for Hitler and fascism on radio station WJSV in Washington.
Control # 01731
COLLECTION VITO MARCANTONIO
Series
Title "VITO MARCANTONIO SPEECH"
Contents Marcantonio speaks on the issues of the city.

Control # 01732A
COLLECTION VITO MARCANTONIO
Series
Title "WOR TV PRESS CONFERENCE, PT 1, 10/9/51"
Contents This is first part of a press conference with the candidates for the City Council of New York.

Control # 01732B
COLLECTION VITO MARCANTONIO
Series
Title "WOR TV PRESS CONFERENCE, PT 4, 10/9/51"
Contents This is the fourth part of a press conference with candidates for City Council for New York.

Control # 01733A
COLLECTION VITO MARCANTONIO
Series
Title "WOR TV PRESS CONFERENCE, PT 2, 10/9/51"
Contents This is the second part of a press conference with the candidates for the City Council of New York. In this part, Clifford T. Macabay answers accusations of supporting Communism and Hitler.
This is the fifth part of a press conference with people running for city council of New York.

This is the third part of a press conference with the candidates for the City Council of New York. In this part, Clifford T. Macabay discusses his point of view on fascism.

This is the sixth part of a press conference for the people who were running for City Council of New York. In this part, Clifford T. Macabay explains how he will help the city by becoming a member of the City Council of New York.

This is a recording of a meeting of the Harlem Legislative Committee.
This is a speech delivered in Italian.

Mister Hearst discusses business and the NRA.

This is a series of songs used for political support of the Vito Marcantonio mayoral campaign.

This is a political speech, by an unidentified speaker for Marcantonio's mayoral campaign.
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**DUPLICATES**

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**OPTICAL/MAGNETIC** ?

**SPEED**

**LENGTH** 600 feet