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Rose Pesotta
Papers, 1916-1969

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Summary

Main Entry: Pesotta, Rose

Title: Rose Pesotta Papers, 1916-1969

Size: 47 boxes; 23.5 linear feet

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Abstract: Rose Pesotta was a Russian-born American anarchist, garment worker, key organizer during the 1930s and 1940s for the International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union (ILGWU) in New York, Montréal, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and other cities in the United States and Canada; and organizer for the CIO in strikes in Flint, Michigan and Akron, Ohio. Pesotta was also a vice-president of ILGWU from 1934 until her resignation in 1942 from the office in protest against the union hierarchy’s failure to include more women at the higher levels of leadership, and a fund-raiser for Israel. Pesotta was very active as well on behalf of Emma Goldman, Sacco and Vanzetti, the Spanish Republic, and displaced anarchists. She also was a fine writer, with two published auto-biographies, and numerous published articles on the labor movement, anti-Semitism, anarchism, and other subjects.

Description: Correspondence and papers, 1916-69, reflecting Pesotta’s long career as a garment industry and CIO labor organizer in the United States and Canada, and as a union official, anarchist, and writer. Included are general correspondence dealing with Pesotta’s activities as a garment worker, general labor organizer, and union official; letters by Emma Goldman, love letters of Powers Hapgood (with a few copies of Pesotta’s letters), letters of the anarchist refugees, Molly Steimer Flechine and her husband, Simin Flechine; and family letters and papers. There are also financial accounts; diaries; papers relating to Pesotta’s involvement in the anarchist movement and her activities on behalf of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, Spanish Republicans; writings, notes and speeches by Pesotta and others, pamphlets, periodicals, and newspapers; photographs; subject papers; clippings; and Spanish Civil War, anarchist, anti-fascist, and Polish revolutionary posters.
Biographical Note

Rose Pesotta was a celebrated and archetypal labor organizer. She was also a union official, garment worker, and writer. She was born in 1896 in the Jewish ghetto of the Ukrainian town of Derazhynia, and died in Miami, Florida in 1965. Pesotta was the daughter of Itsaak Peisoty, a grain merchant who was murdered by an anti-Semitic mob when she was a child. Pesotta’s mother, Masyas was one of the intellectual and cultural leaders of the ghetto. Pesotta attended private elementary school in Derazhynia, and also studied at home with a private tutor who introduced her to the works of social critics as well as writers such as Leo Tolstoy, Feodor Dostoyevsky, and Harriet Beecher Stowe. At a very young age she joined the radical underground and began studying the works of revolutionary writers and social theorists.

In 1913 the seventeen year old Pesotta emigrated to New York City to avoid an arranged marriage. She went to work as a shirtwaist maker and joined Local 25 of the International Ladies Garment Workers’ Union (ILGWU). By day she worked in the sweatshops of lower-Manhattan, and at night attended school. In 1920 Pesotta was elected to Local 25’s executive board, and in 1925 she started ILGWU’s first education department. She also became active in the anarchist movement and worked on behalf of Sacco and Vanzetti. After attending the Bryn Mawr School for Women in Industry, the Brookwood Labor College, and the Wisconsin School for Workers, Pesotta became a paid organizer for ILGWU.

In the early 1930s ILGWU assigned her the task of organizing Chinese and Mexican garment workers in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Her fruitful work on the West Coast gained her a national reputation as a resourceful and charismatic labor organizer. In need of such qualities in their first tests of strength in 1936, the fledgling Committee of Industrial Organizations (CIO) borrowed Pesotta from ILGWU to work alongside three of its best organizers, Powers Hapgood, Adolph Germer, and Leo Krzycki. Because of their tenacity and leadership in the rubber-workers sit-down strike in Akron, Ohio, and the auto-workers strike of 1937 in Flint, Michigan, the four organizers were given the nickname, “Four Horsemen of the CIO”.

As a result of her experiences in these strikes, including being beaten by hired goons, Pesotta became an outspoken champion of the rank and file. She reproached the officers of ILGWU for their failure to include more women (who composed close to 90% of the union’s membership) at the higher levels of leadership. These reproofs caused a rift in her relationship with the predominantly male ruling officials. The feeling of remoteness from the union hierarchy increased with time and led to Pesotta’s decision in 1942 not to seek reelection to the office of vice-president in which she had served since 1934. Afterward Pesotta returned to the rank and file where she worked as a sewing machine operator until her terminal illness.

During the late 1930s Pesotta labored in vain to have her friend, Emma Goldman, readmitted into the United States. Pesotta was also a staunch supporter of the Spanish
Republic during the civil war of 1936-1939, and organized aid for refugees interned in French camps and in danger of being returned to Spain. Much of her time in later years was given to liberal support-groups such as the New York Chapter of the League for Industrial Democracy, the Workers’ Defense League, and the Jewish Labor Committee, and worked in support of the State of Israel. Pesotta was a prolific writer. She published two autobiographical books, *Bread Upon the Water* (1945), based on her experiences as a union official and labor organizer, and *Days of Our Lives* (1958), about her Russian childhood. She also published numerous articles in labor and radical periodicals.
Scope and Content Note

The papers of Rose Pesotta span the years, 1916-1969, and document her life and work chiefly during the Depression Era as a sewing machine operator in the garment industry, as an organizer for the International Ladies’ Garment Worker’s Union and the Congress of Industrial Organizations; as a philosophical anarchist; and on behalf of Sacco and Vanzetti, Emma Goldman, the Spanish Republic, and political refugees, particularly two anarchist colleagues and friends, Mollie and Simin Flechine.

Series Arrangement

The collection is arranged in fifteen series as follows:

Series I. Correspondence, 1921-1965
   a. General, 1922-1965
   b. Emma Goldman, 1927, 1940
   c. Powers Hapgood, 1936-1945
   d. Molly and Simin Flechine, 1938-1941
   e. Family, 1921-1963

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Series III. Diaries, 1934-1949

Series IV. Union Activities – ILGWU, 1934-1965
   a. Pacific Coast Office, Los Angeles
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Series V. Sacco and Vanzetti

Series VI. Spain, 1936-1937

Series VII. Puerto Rico

Series VIII. Histadrut

Series IX. Writings, speeches, and notes
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      iii. Notes
   b. Others
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      ii. Speeches

Series X. Subjects Papers

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   a. Pamphlets
   b. Newspapers and periodicals

Series XII. Photographs

Series XIII. Clippings

Series XIV Miscellaneous

Series XV. Artifacts
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Series I. Correspondence, 1921-1965

A. General
Arranged chronologically and dealing with Pesotta’s activities as a garment worker, general organizer for ILGWU, vice-president of ILGWU, and as an organizer for the CIO. This sub-series also throws light on her involvement in the anarchist movement and her efforts with others on the left to prevent the execution in Massachusetts of Nicola Sacco, and Bartolomeo Vanzetti; her support for Republican Spain; her activities as a spokeswoman for the union rank and file; and her fund-raising activities on behalf of the State of Israel. Among the notable correspondents in this section are Luigi Antonini (a dress presser and a key figure in the history of ILGWU and the development of the union’s organizing strategy), Alexander Berkman (anarchist ideologist), Fannia Cohn (ILGWU organizer and official), David Dubinsky (long-time ILGWU official, and co-founder of the American Labor Party), and Nicolo Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti.

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1 1922-1935, Feb. 23
2 1935, Feb. 25-1937, June
3 1937, July-1940, Dec. 2
4 1940, Dec. 5-1943, April 3
5 1943, April 4-1945, Aug.
6 1945, Sept. 5-1949, May 12
7 1949, May 14-1952, May 11
8 1952, May 14-1962, April
9 1962, May-1965; n.y., incomplete

B. Emma Goldman 1927-1940
Reflects the struggles of anarchists in Europe (especially Spain), and Pesotta’s efforts to help Goldman return to the United States; the death of Alexander Berkman; Pesotta’s doubts about the Labor and Anarchist movements and her work as an organizer. This sub-series is also concerned with Goldman’s activities as a writer and spokeswoman for the international Anarchist movement and on behalf of the Spanish Republic.

Box
10 Letters, 1934-40; lectures and speeches; letters and papers related to, 1927-1940

C. Powers Hapgood, 1936-1945
The letters of the socialist, Powers Hapgood, to Pesotta (and copies of a few letters to Hapgood from Pesotta) contain a wealth of information concerning vital period in the history of the labor movement in the United States. They also form a narrative of ten years in the lives of two dedicated labor organizers who forged a lasting friendship in spite of fundamental differences in social class and political ideology. Among the the historical events recorded in these letters are
the strikes at Flint, Michigan, and Akron, Ohio, in 1936 and 1937, in which Hapgood and Pesotta (on loan from ILGWU) joined Adolph Germer and Leo Krzycki to form the celebrated “Four Horsemen of the CIO”. Also reflected are Hapgood’s involvement in the 1937 strike of shoemakers in Maine which resulted in his brief imprisonment for contempt of court, his work for the CIO as representative of the farm equipment workers in their strike against the International Harvester Company, and his efforts as an organizer of shipbuilders on the East Coast and in the Great Lakes area.

Box 10 1936, March-1937, March
11 1937, April-1940
12 1941, Jan.-1945; n.d.

12 **D. Mollie and Simin Flechine, 1938-41**

These letters deal with the plight of two refugees, Molly Steimer Flechine, and her husband, the photographer, Simin Flechine. Molly Flechine was an anarchist and friend of Emma Goldman. She was born in Russia in 1894 and her original name was Marthe Alperine. She emigrated to the United States, but was deported back to the Soviet Union because of her political activities, and later was deported from the Soviet Union. Thanks to the efforts of Pesotta and others, she and her husband made a narrow escape to Mexico from Vichy France. There also are letters dealing with the efforts of Pesotta, the New World Resettlement Fund, and others (including, most notably, Carlo Tresca) to establish a colony in Ecuador for refugee Spanish Republicans.

13 **E. Family Correspondence and Papers, 1921-1963**

Consists of correspondence in Yiddish of Masyas Peisataya, Pesotta’s mother, and her daughters, relatives, and friends. Many of the letters were written from various parts of the Soviet Union during the eventful years, 1922-1934.

**Series II. Accounts**

14 Invoices, vouchers, sales statements for Pesotta’s books *Bread Upon the Water* and *Days of Our Lives*, canceled checks, rent book, convention expenses, and insurance certificates.

**Series III. Diaries, 1934-1949**

15 1934-42
16 1943-49
Series IV. Union Activities-ILGWU

Includes Minutes of the General Executive Board, 1934-1943; reports on labor conditions in Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, and Canada; reports to the General Executive and to the National convention; report of the Pacific Coast Convention; financial statements; resolutions; list of shops visited and complaints adjusted; receipts for strike pay; budgets, etc. There also are miscellaneous papers dealing with Los Angeles Locals 96, 266, and 384.

17 Report by Pesotta on conditions in Boston, 1938.
Report by Pesotta to the National Convention, 1940.
Statements by Pesotta on resignations, 1940, 1942.
Guide on agreement provisions.
Daily proceedings, 28th Convention, 1953.
Daily proceedings, 32nd Convention, 1965.
Reports to the 32nd Convention, 1965.
Minutes, General Executive Board, 1934-35.
Minutes, General Executive Board, 1936-37.
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Minutes, General Executive Board, 1940-41.
Minutes, General Executive Board, 1942-43.

18 Boston, Mass.
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Cooperative housing.
Wage survey, 1941.
Ephemera.
Miscellany.

46 Illustrated history of ILGWU, 1937

A. Pacific Coast Office, Los Angeles

Conference with jobbers and contractors.
Dress organization fund drive, 1940.
Minutes, Executive General Strike Committee, Dressmakers’ Strike, 1941.
Financial statements, 1941- July 1-1942, January.
List of shops visited and complaints adjust, c.1941.
Office expenses, 1940, Jan. 12-May 3.
Report by Pesotta to National Convention, 1940.
Report by Pesotta to General Executive Board, ILGWU, 1941.
Report of the Pacific Coast International Locals to the 22nd Bi-annual Convention of the ILGWU, 1934.
Resolution suggested by the Pacific Coast office for adoption by the National Convention, ILGWU, 1940.
Reports of staff meetings, 1941.
Staff meeting, Feb. 6, 1942 (Rose Pesotta’s resignation).
Education Department, tentative budget, c.1940-42.
Ephemera.
Miscellany.

**B. Los Angeles Locals**

19 Local 96, list of dress shops whose employees were represented by Local 96.
Local 266, financial statements, 1941, July 1-1942, Jan.
Local 266, lease for premises in Cabrillo Hotel Building.
Local 384, by-laws of Mode O’Day.
Local 384, financial statements, 1941-42.
Local 384, meeting, 1944, Aug. 11.
Local 384, Mode O’Day News.

**Series V. Sacco and Vanzetti**

Chronology of the Sacco-Vanzetti case; financial report of Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Committee; bulletins, broadcast, newspapers, pamphlets, and clippings; memorabilia; and miscellany.

20 Chronology of the Sacco-Vanzetti case.
Financial report of the Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Committee, 1920, May 5-1925 Jul 31
The Condemned. Poem by Witter Bynner.
Bulletins and ephemera.
Contracorrente, 1963 Apr
Freedom, 1927 Sep-Oct
Labor Leader, 1936 Aug
Lantern, 1929 Aug
The Nation, 1969 Apr 20
Road to Freedom, 1927 May, Sep
Memorabilia.

**Series VI. Spain, 1936-1937**

Papers relating to La Confederación Nacional de Trabajo y La Federación Anarquista Ibérica; Boletins de Infomacion; Las Mujeres Libres; and photographs of the funeral of Buenaventura Durruti, Emma Goldman in Barcelona, and bomb damage in Barcelona; newspaper clippings; and miscellany.

21 La Confederación Nacional de Trabajo y La Federación Anarquista Ibérica CNT-FAI).
Las Mujeres Libres (CNT-FAI).
Boletins de Infomación de CNT-FAI, 1936-37. Two folders.
Photographs of Buenaventura Durruti and his funeral; Emma Goldman [in Barcelona]; bomb damage in Barcelona.
Newspaper clippings. Two folders.
Miscellany.
Series VII. Puerto Rico

Message from President Truman; articles; pamphlet; abstracts of addresses made at the Institute on Puerto Rican Problems; excerpts concerning Puerto Rico from the Congressional Record; Senate hearings on proposed Bill S. 981; Congressional hearings on political, economic, and social conditions in Puerto Rico; proposed resolutions and bills; speeches; school attendance statistics; and El Organizador: Boletín Informativo por la Union International de Trabajadoras de Aguja.

22 Message from President Truman, 1945, Oct. 16.
Newspaper clippings.
Abstracts of addresses made at the Institute on Puerto Rican problems, 1940, March 8-9
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Extension of remarks of Jesús Pinero, June 5.
Speech of Bolívar Pagá, 1943, April 20.
Hearing held before the Committee on territories and Insular Affairs, U.S. Senate, on proposed Bill S. 981, 1943, April 22.
Memorandum on proposed Bill S.1002.
Proposed Resolutions and Bills.
Statement of R.G. Tugwell, Governor or Puerto Rico, 1943.
Map of Puerto Rico.
Notes on Puerto Rico.
Pamphlets on Puerto Rico.
Newspaper clippings.
Statistics for school attendance for persons 5 to 20 years old in 1951. El Organizador. Boletín por la Union International de Trabajadoras de Aguja.
Series VIII. Histadrut
Articles, bills and vouchers; ephemera; magazines; memoranda; minutes; pamphlets; report of the United Nations Committee on Palestine; and miscellany.

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Series IX. Writings, speeches, and notes

A. Pesotta
Included are manuscripts and typescripts of articles and essays including Anarchism and the Youth Movement, Anti-Semitism in Russia, Boston, August 28, 1927 (March of sorrow for Sacco and Vanzetti); Emma Goldman, the Humanitarian, Powers Hapgood - A Tribute, and, Libertarian Program of Social Change, Strikers’ Headquarters (Flint, Michigan), War and Fascism; book reviews including Confessions of a Congressman by Jerry Voorhis, No Place to Hide, by David Bradley, and Ernest Hemingway’s, Wings over Africa; her two published autobiographies, Bread Upon the Water, Days of Our Lives, an unfinished novel, The Unconquerables, and incomplete autobiographical drafts, Family Album, and From My Left-hand Pocket, and research notes, newspaper clippings, press releases relating to her published books. Also in this sub-series are speeches relating to the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti, the Southern Tenant Farmers’ Union, Carlo Tresca, and other subjects; notes on various subject including anarchism, the individualism of the American worker, the demography and geography of various towns and areas in Russia, the general strike at Los Angeles in 1933, and organizing the steel industry Boxes 24-33.

1. Writings

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Emma Gold, the Humanitarian, n.d.
End of a perfect day, n.d.
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Garment Center, n.d.
Garment worker’s diary, n.d.
Powers Hapgood - A Tribute
Her first triumph, 1931?
[Joe Hill]?, 1933
Human life is cheaper than steel, n.d.
Louis Hyman. Obituary and memorial, 1963
If a suicide could talk, 1930
Homestead, Pennsylvania, n.d.
In the shop, n.d.
Obituary of Clara Krasnofsky, 1943
Labor leader get a medal, [1931]
Labor movement, 1935
Libertarian program of social change, n.d.
Life goes on amid the ruins. Working title of an account of a trip to Europe in 1946
Life in these United States, n.d.
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Meditation (on the raft at Madison, Wisconsin), 1930
Men ahead of their times, n.d.
Memento, 1871-1921 (The Paris commune and the Kronstadt Rebels) 1932
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My log, 1930
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Our women will not fail, 1943
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Poems, 1932-1933. [By Pesotta?)
Presser’s big day. n.d. Two versions
Psychological test, n.d.
Puerto Rico, n.d.
Puerto Rico, n.d.
Puerto Rico funerals, n.d.
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28 Bread Upon the Water. Typescript

29 Bread Upon the Water. Press releases and reviews
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*Days of Our Lives.* Chapters [14-20]
*Days of Our Lives.* Drafts of proposed additional chapters

31  *Days of Our Lives.* Additional material
*Days of Our Lives.* Promotional material
*Days of Our Lives.* Press releases, reviews, advertising material
*Days of Our Lives.* Notes, inserts, research
*Days of Our Lives.* Additional edited typescript

32  *Days of Our Lives.* Draft version titled, *Jews are a Prolific Lot*
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*An Industrial Worker between Two Wars*
*In Memoria di due Martiri - Il XX aniversario dell’esecuzione di Sacco e Vanzetti,* 1947
Labor movement in Israel. Radio address given at Religion and Labor Foundation Conference, 1949
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Cohn, Fannia M. Workers’ Education and the Social Studies
Critique of Pesotta’s Bread Upon the Water, written by students in a class on labor relations
Galton, Lawrence. A Primer for Tolerance
Havel, Hippolyte. What is communist anarchism?
Hurley, Gene. Franklin d. Roosevelt; George W. Norris, and Joseph Goldberger. Radio scripts for Lest We Forget these Great Americans
Monosson, Fred. Russia - As I saw it, 1958
Negrete, Jorge. Poems
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Radio scripts
Riesel, Victor. Edited copies of his column in the New York Post
Rudome, Jack. Biographical sketch of Helen Goldblatt Rudome
Smith, Hilda W. Poems
Starr, Mark. Workers and the Arts
Unidentified. A Sign of the times
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Series X. Subjects papers

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   League for Industrial Democracy
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