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Collection Summary

Title: Silvano Arieti Papers

Span Dates: 1914-1981

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1940-1981)

ID No.: MSS85566

Creator: Arieti, Silvano

Extent: 12,400 items

Extent: 42 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 16.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English and Italian

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Psychiatrist and psychoanalyst. Correspondence, articles, publication drafts, lectures, and various materials related primarily to Arieti's work in psychiatry and schizophrenia.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Arieti, Silvano.

Bacciagaluppi, Marco--Correspondence.

Edel, Leon, 1907-1997--Correspondence.

Holbrook, John, 1923-1980.

Levi, Primo--Correspondence.

Oswald, Lee Harvey.

Ruby, Jack--Trials, litigation, etc.

Organizations

Milan Group for the Advancement of Psychotherapy.

Subjects

Psychiatry.

Psychoanalysis.

Psychotherapy.

Schizophrenia.

Titles

American handbook of psychiatry.

Journal of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis.

World biennial of psychiatry and psychotherapy.

Occupations

Psychiatrists.

Psychoanalysts.

Provenance

The papers of Silvano Arieti, psychiatrist, were given to the Library of Congress by the Abraham A. Brill Library of the New York Psychoanalytic Society and Institute in 2010. The New York Psychoanalytic Society and Institute received the papers in 1983 through a donation from Silvano Arieti's son, James Arieti.

Transfers

Two cassette tapes containing musical pieces inspired by schizophrenia have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Silvano Arieti is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

Restrictions apply governing the use, photoduplication, or publication of items in this collection. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division for information concerning these restrictions. In addition, many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Silvano Arieti Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1914, June 28	Born, Pisa, Italy
1932	B.A., Lyceum Gallileo, Pisa, Italy
1938	M.D., Medical School of the University of Pisa, Pisa, Italy
1939	Immigrated to the United States
1939-1941	Fellow in Neuropathology, New York State Psychiatric Institute
1941-1944	Residency in Psychiatry, Pilgrim State Hospital, New York, N.Y.
circa 1942	Married Jane Jaffe (divorced in 1965)
1944	Diplomate, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
1947-1952	Clinical training in psychoanalysis, William Alanson White Institute, New York, N.Y.
1954-1961	Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry, State University of New York College of Medicine, New York, N.Y.
1955	Published <i>Interpretation of Schizophrenia</i> . New York: Brunner
1959-1966	Editor, <i>American Handbook of Psychiatry</i> . 3 vols. New York: Basic Books
1961-1981	Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, New York Medical College, Valhalla, N.Y.
1964	Gold Medal Award, Milan Group for the Advancement of Psychotherapy
1965	Married Marianne Thompson
1967	Published <i>The Intrapsychic Self: Feeling, Cognition and Creativity in Health and Mental Illness</i> . New York: Basic Books
1968	Frieda Fromm-Reichmann Award, American Academy of Psychoanalysis
1970	Editor, <i>World Biennial of Psychiatry</i> . New York: Basic Books
1972	Published <i>The Will to Be Human</i> . New York: Quadrangle Books
1973-1981	Editor, <i>Journal of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis</i>
1975	National Book Award for second edition of <i>Interpretation of Schizophrenia</i> . New York: Basic Books
1976	Published <i>Creativity: The Magic Synthesis</i> . New York: Basic Books

1978	Sigmund Freud Award, American Association of Psychoanalytic Physicians
1979	Published <i>The Parnas</i> . New York: Basic Books
1981, Aug. 7	Died, New York, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Silvano Arieti (1914-1981) span the years 1914-1981, with the bulk from the period 1940-1981. The collection primarily documents Arieti's work as an author and editor of scholarly works relating to psychoanalysis and schizophrenia. The papers are arranged into the following series: [Correspondence](#), [Speeches and Writings](#), [Subject File](#), [Restricted](#), and [Oversize](#). Educated in Italy, Arieti immigrated to the United States in 1939, where he continued his education in psychoanalysis, eventually becoming a psychiatrist and expert on schizophrenia. His numerous publications and articles cover a variety of topics in the field of psychoanalysis, and the second edition of his work, *Interpretation of Schizophrenia*, won the National Book Award for science in 1975.

The [Correspondence](#) series contains personal and professional correspondence covering a variety of interests. Correspondents of special note include Leon Edel, Primo Levi, Arieti's protégé, Marco Bacciagaluppi, and members of the Milan Group for the Advancement of Psychotherapy, a collective of notable Italian psychoanalysts. Correspondence has been kept in Arieti's original order, and correspondents may be represented in both an alphabetical and a chronological file.

The [Speeches and Writings](#) series contains articles, publications, peer reviews, and lectures written by Arieti throughout his career. The publications include drafts, reviews, correspondence and other material related to his books.

The [Subject File](#) series contains personal records and professional material falling outside the scope of Arieti's writings. This includes records from his time spent as editor of the *American Handbook of Psychiatry*, *World Biennial of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy*, and the *Journal of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis*, as well as conferences and lectures where Arieti was invited to speak. Another notable subject is Arieti's assistance to John Holbrook in evaluating Jack Rubenstein (Jack Ruby) for his trial for murdering Lee Harvey Oswald. Other topics in the [Subject File](#) include personal documents, finances, education, and publishing information.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in five series:

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