



Preliminary Guide to the Palestinian and Lebanese Poster Collection, 1960-1991 [bulk 1965-1979]

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Summary

Collection Title:

Palestinian and Lebanese Poster collection, 1960-1991 [bulk 1965-1979]

Creator:

Tracy, William (collector)

Abstract:

Posters and some brochures and pamphlets acquired by Bill Tracy during his time at the American University of Beirut. The majority of the collection consists of political posters from Palestine and tourism posters from Lebanon. Also included are some travel brochures and pamphlets about various sites in Jordan, Syria, Yemen, Egypt, and Lebanon. Materials largely date from the 1960s to the 1970s.

Extent:

5 Linear Feet
200 Items

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Language:

English

Language:

Material in English, German, French, and Arabic

Collection ID:

RL.00991

Permalink:

<http://library.duke.edu/rubenstein/findingaids/palestineposters/>

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Background

Scope and Content

The Palestinian and Lebanese Poster Collection is at Duke University on deposit by a faculty member. The majority of the collection consists of political posters from Palestine and tourism posters from Lebanon. Also included are some travel brochures and pamphlets about various sites in Jordan, Syria, Yemen, Egypt, and Lebanon. Materials largely date from the 1960s to the 1970s.

The posters from Lebanon are largely aimed at promoting tourism to the country and to Beirut in particular. Common themes are Lebanese art and history, including posters highlighting music concerts, art exhibits, temples, and mosques. Other posters focus on Lebanon's natural beauty, advertising its ski slopes, crops, and beaches.

The Palestinian posters attempt to raise awareness of the plight of the Palestinian people while simultaneously incriminating Israeli and American politics and violence. The majority encourage people to unite and take up arms to defend Palestine. Several posters insinuate and accuse the United States and Israel of murder and genocide. Many are from the Palestinian National Liberation Movement organization, also known as FATEH or FATAH, showing Palestinian freedom fighters, injured children, paintings of guns raised, and other images encouraging Palestinian resistance. Another organization represented is the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), which has similar themes of militantism against Israel and unity among Palestinians. The Arab Women's Information Committee posters are part of a set called "The Facts About the Palestine Problem," which have images of injured Palestinian children, bombed cities, and destroyed schools. About half of the Palestine posters do not appear to promote any particular organization or group, but instead convey more general pro-Palestine themes.

The rest of the collection consists of a few more posters, including three that are mounted on wood, as well as brochures and pamphlets from other Middle Eastern countries. There are a small number of pro-Israel posters encouraging tourism to Jerusalem or fundraising for Friends of Jerusalem. These are vastly outnumbered by the pro-Palestine posters and the Lebanon tourism posters.

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Arrangement

The materials are largely arranged by size. Most of the posters are in an oversize folder, and have not been sorted further. Descriptions below indicate the type of posters available in that folder. Posters in Box 1 are smaller, and have been sorted by their creating organization or by language. Posters mounted on wood are in Box 2, and tourism pamphlets are in Box 3.

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Administrative Information

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the Regulations and Procedures of the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

Acquisition Information

The Palestine and Lebanon Posters Collection were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a deposit in 2009.

Processing Information

Accessioned by Meghan Lyon, April 2009

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Names and Subjects

- Lebanon
- Palestinian National Authority
- Arab-Israeli conflict
- Tourism -- Lebanon
- Posters
- Tracy, William (collector)
- Stein, Rebecca, donor
- Fateh (Organization)

Collection Inventory

Posters, 1960s-1980s

Physical Description: 2 boxes, 1 oversize folder

Scope and Contents note

Chiefly political posters from Palestine and tourism posters from Lebanon. Materials largely date from the 1960s to the 1980s.

Posters

Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) (11 posters)	Box 1 > Folder 1
Jerusalem tourism	Box 1 > Folder 1
Friends of Jerusalem Christmas cards sales	Box 1 > Folder 1
Ski Liban	Box 1 > Folder 1
Palestinian National Liberation Movement (FATEH) (17 posters)	Box 1 > Folder 2
Pro-Palestine posters in Arabic and other languages (11 posters)	Box 1 > Folder 3
Pro-Palestine posters and maps in English (14 posters)	Box 1 > Folder 4
1969 calendar in English and Arabic with drawings of the Palestinian struggle	Box 1 > Folder 5
Oversize Posters	
Lebanon tourism (20 posters)	Oversize-folder 1
Palestinian National Liberation Movement (FATEH) (20 posters)	Oversize-folder 1
Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) (2 posters)	Oversize-folder 1
Pro-Palestine posters in Arabic and other languages (24 posters)	Oversize-folder 1
Pro-Palestine posters and maps in English (7 posters)	Oversize-folder 1
Arab Women's Information Committee (4 posters)	Oversize-folder 1
Posters mounted on boards	
Palestine Day of Solidarity: May 15 (OSPAAL)	Box 2
Solidarity Day: Gaza, June 6, PFLP. Support the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people...	Box 2
FATEH dove on a gun barrel	Box 2

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Tourism pamphlets and brochures, 1960s-1980s

Physical Description: 1 box

Scope and Contents note

Travel brochures and pamphlets about various sites in Jordan, Syria, Yemen, Egypt, and Lebanon, dated largely from the 1960s to the 1980s.

Tourism pamphlets and brochures

Egypt (Cairo)	Box 3
Jordan	Box 3
Lebanon	Box 3
Syria	Box 3
Yemen	Box 3

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