

Guide to the Ernst Jackh Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 467

CREATOR: Jäckh, Ernst, 1875-1959

TITLE: Ernst Jäckh papers

DATES: 1908-1921

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.75 linear feet

LANGUAGE: The papers are in German.

SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, reports, and other material relating to political and diplomatic affairs in Turkey and the Middle East from 1908 to 1921, particularly in relation to interests of the German Foreign Office in that area. Papers of the naval attache Hans Humann form the bulk of the material. Included are his correspondence with Ernst Jäckh (1911-1918) and reports from Constantinople (1914-1916), many in the form of telegrams and extracts of official correspondence, to the chiefs of the German admiralty and of the naval administration. Humann, friend and foster brother of Enver Pasha, was in contact with him regarding Turkish national and international issues. Enver Pasha's letters from the Tripolitanian war (1912-1913) and a draft of his unpublished autobiography accompany these papers. Other papers include the Grand Vizier Talât Pasha's unpublished autobiography as well as some correspondence with Ernst Jäckh; Baron Oppenheim's designs for the Holy War of the Islamic world from India to Morocco, 1915; information about native Moslems used by the German Intelligence Service; the "Armenian Massacres" of 1915-1917, as reported to the German Ambassador, Baron Wangenheim, in Constantinople, by observers in Asia Minor, and by him to the Foreign Office in Berlin; and a collection of political posters of the Young Turkish Revolution of 1908.

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- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Ernest Jäckh, 1949.

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Preferred Citation

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Existence and Location of Copies

Entire collection is also available on microfilm (1 reel, 35 mm.) from Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library, at cost. Order no. HM250.

Biographical / Historical

Ernst Jäckh was born in 1875 in Urach, Germany. He studied at the Universities of Breslau, Geneva, Munich, and Heidelberg, becoming an expert on Turkish and Middle Eastern matters. A journalist and academic, he promoted the German-Turkish alliance (1908-1914), founded the German-Turkish Association (1912), and became professor of Turkish history at the University of Berlin (1914).

During World War I Jäckh served as a member of the diplomatic service attached to the general head quarters, and afterwards was a member of the German delegation to Versailles, Genoa, Locarno, and Geneva.

Jäckh was an organizer of the liberal movement of Friedrich Naumann (1902-1912). In Berlin after World War I he helped found the German League of Nations Union and the Hochschule für Politik. As a result of his advocacy of German democracy and of German-British understanding it was necessary for him to emigrate to Britain when Hitler came to power. There he held the position of international director of the New Commonwealth Institute until 1940, when he became a professor at Columbia University. While at Columbia he helped found the Columbia Near and Middle East Institute, and in 1946 became a consultant to the Columbia School of International Affairs.

Jäckh died in New York City on August 17, 1959. He was the author of over twenty-one books and numerous articles, many of them dealing with Turkey and the Middle East.

Scope and Contents

These papers, purchased from Ernst Jäckh in 1949, consist of correspondence, reports, and other materials dealing with political and diplomatic affairs in Turkey and the Middle East from 1908 to 1921, particularly in reference to the interests of the German Foreign Office in that area.

Papers of the German naval attache Hans Humann form the bulk of the material. Included are his correspondence with Jäckh (1911-1918) and reports from Constantinople (1914-1916), many in the form of telegrams and extracts of official correspondence, to the chiefs of the German admiralty and of the naval administration. Humann was a close friend and foster brother of the Ottoman general and commander-in-chief Enver Pasha, a member of the Young Turkish Revolution of 1908 and one of the triumvirate that virtually ruled the Ottoman Empire from 1913 to 1918. Enver played a key role in allying the Ottoman Empire with Germany in World War I, and Humann was in constant contact with him regarding Turkish national and international issues, especially the preparation of Ottoman war policy.

Other materials included in the Ernst Jäckh Papers are extracts of Enver Pasha's letters from Albania (1911), from the Tripolitanian War (1911-1912) in Libya where he successfully organized and led Arab resistance to the Italian invasion, and from the Second Balkan War (1912-1913) where he was chief of staff. In addition, the papers contain part of his unpublished autobiography. Some correspondence of grand vizier Mehmed Talât Pasha and his unpublished autobiography accompany these papers, as do a manuscript describing Baron Oppenheim's designs for an Islamic holy war from India to Morocco and information about native Moslems used by the German intelligence service (1914). Finally, also included are reports to German ambassador Baron Wangenheim in Constantinople on the "Armenian Massacres" of 1915-1917 from observers in Asia Minor and from Wangenheim to the Foreign Office in Berlin, and a collection of political drawings relating to the Young Turkish Revolution of 1908.

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Humann, Hans

Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1reel 1U	1911-1912	1911-1912
b. 1, f. 2reel 1U	1913 April-July	1913 April-July
b. 1, f. 3reel 1U	1913 August-December	1913 August-December
b. 1, f. 4reel 1U	1914	1914
b. 1, f. 5reel 1U	1915 January-August	1915 January-August
b. 1, f. 6reel 1U	1915 September-November	1915 September-November
b. 1, f. 7reel 1U	1916 January-March	1916 January-March
b. 1, f. 8reel 1U	1916 June-November	1916 June-November
b. 1, f. 9reel 1U	1917-1918	1917-1918

Reports

b. 1, f. 10-17reel 1U	1914 August-November 4	1914 August-November 4
b. 1, f. 18-28reel 1U	1914 November 17-1915 November 8	1914 November 17-1915 November 8
b. 1, f. 29-35reel 1U	1915 November 27-1916 September	1915 November 27-1916 September

Enver Pasha

b. 1, f. 36reel 1U	Correspondence	1915-1918
b. 1, f. 37reel 1U	Extracts from letters concerning Albania	1911 March-August
b. 1, f. 38-39reel 1U	Extracts from letters concerning the Tripolitanian War	1911 September-1912 November
b. 1, f. 40reel 1U	Extracts from letters concerning the Second Balkan War	1912 December-1913 September

Enver Pasha (continued)

b. 2, f. 41reel 1U	Autobiography	Undated
b. 2, f. 42reel 1U	Newspaper clippings	1912-1916
Mehmed Talât Pasha		
b. 2, f. 43reel 1U	Correspondence	1914, 1919
b. 2, f. 44reel 1U	Autobiography	Undated
b. 2, f. 45reel 1U	Newspaper clippings	1915-1921
Oppenheim, Max A. S., Freiherr von		
b. 2, f. 46reel 1U	Correspondence	1914
b. 2, f. 47reel 1U	"Die Revolutionierung der islamischen Gebiete unserer Feinde,"	1914 [Oct?]
"Armenian Massacres": Reports		
b. 2, f. 48-52reel 1U	1915-1917	1915-1917
b. 2, f. 53reel 1U	Young Turkish Revolution: Political drawings, with explanatory letter and map	1908, 1911
b. 3, f. 22reel 1U	Oversize	

Selected Search Terms

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Subjects

Armenian question
Jihad
Ordinance
Panislamism
Religion -- 19th century
Temperance
Turco-Italian War, 1911-1912

Geographic Names

Europe
Germany -- Foreign relations -- Turkey
Middle East -- Politics and government
New York (State) -- Economic conditions
Tripolitania
Turkey -- Foreign relations -- Germany
Turkey -- Politics and government -- 1909-

Occupations

Political scientists

Names

Enver Paşa, 1881-1922
Humann, Hans
Jäckh, Ernst, 1875-1959
Talât Paşa, 1874-1921

Corporate Body

American Party