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the slant mark were assigned to individual documents as they were accumulated on a specific subject. For example, a decimal file number taken from a document reproduced in this microfilm publication is 7606.7415/88. The number 15 following the country number for Bulgaria (74) signifies that the subject is boundary questions and the number after the slant mark indicates the number of documents on this subject.

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Other records relating to Yugoslavia are among the Records of the American Commission To Negotiate Peace, Record Group 256. The general records of the Commission are available as Microfilm Publication M820.

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ROLLS OF DOCUMENTS

1 760h.00 - 760h.942/4
   Brief abstracts that serve as a finding aid to the documents.

DOCUMENTS

RELATIONS; BILATERAL TREATIES BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND OTHER STATES

2 Relations With Other States in General
   760h.00/0-32  Feb. 19, 1921-Feb. 11, 1929
       Reports on the foreign policy of Yugoslavia; relations with neighboring countries; treaties between the United States and Yugoslavia, 1925; report on conversations between the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Mussolini in Rome, 1926; questions of reorientation of foreign policy because of fear of Italy, 1927.
   Estonia
   760h.6012/1-6
       Conclusion of a treaty of commerce and navigation with Estonia, 1928.
   Fiume
   760h.60q
       Tripartite negotiations with Italy and Fiume, 1922.
   Soviet Union
   760h.6170-10
   Germany
   760h.62 - 760h.622/4
       Translation of an article "Yugoslavia as Seen in a German Mirror," published in Zagreber Tagblatt, July 26, 1922; proposed treaty with Germany, 1927; conclusion of treaty of commerce and navigation, 1927-28.
   Austria
   760h.65/0-19
       Reports on effecting provisions of the Treaty of St. Germain, 1920; peasant disturbances in Austrian districts; occupation of Austrian Radkersburg and Spielfeld by Yugoslav forces, 1926; mixed arbitral tribunal between Yugoslavia and Austria, 1921; official visit of the Austrian Federal Chancellor to Belgrade, 1923;
alleged threat of Yugoslav raids into South Corinthia, 1923; Yugoslav policies and relations with Austria, 1929.

760h.63116
Illegal warfare, 1920.

Boundary Questions:

760h.6315/0-25
Austro-Serbian plan for plebiscite at Salzburg, 1921; work of the Austro-Serbian boundary commission; copies of communications received through the Secretary General of the Congress of Ambassadors, 1921; attribution of the Abstatt Basin (Serbo-Austrian frontier), 1922; reports on work of the Austro-Yugoslavian Boundary Commission, 1923-24 and 1926.

Commerce and Navigation

760h.632
Copies of an excerpt from Pravda relative to treaties of compensation with Austria and Czechoslovakia, 1920.

Naturalization

760h.634
Report regarding negotiation of a convention to determine question of option of nationality under the Treaty of St. Germain, 1924.

Hungary

760h.64/0-45
General relations.

760h.6411
Proposed treaty of amity submitted to Yugoslavia by Hungary, 1927.

760h.64115/0-4
Alleged removal from the Children's Home at Pecs of all children bearing Slavic names, 1920; alleged expulsion of Hungarian officials by Yugoslavia, 1920.

760h.64116/0-22
Protests by Hungary against certain atrocities and illegal acts allegedly committed by Yugoslav authorities, 1920-21.

Arbitration Treaties:

760h.6412/0-1
Text of a notice regarding the procedure to be followed by the Mixed Arbitral Tribunal between the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes and Hungary, established by Trianon Peace Treaty, 1924.

Boundary Questions:

760h.6415/0-33
Occupation by Yugoslavia and the communities of Benisdorf, Kalkgruben, and Krollendorf, 1921; monthly reports of the Serbo-Hungarian Boundary Commission for August and September 1921; situation of the Serbian population in the Baranya, 1921; allegations by the Hungarian Government regarding treatment of Hungarians in Yugoslavia, 1922;
proposed changes in the frontier; copy of the Yugoslav-Hungarian Convention of July 24, 1926, with a supplementary of Nov. 19, 1928.

Commerce and Navigation
760h.621/0-3
Treaties of commerce and navigation.

Italy
760h.65/0-220 Apr. 1920–Jan. 1922
Evacuation of Italian forces of occupation of the interior of Albania, 1920; Gabriele D’Annunzio’s coup at Fiume and the political effects thereof; formation of a committee in Rome to carry out revolutionary activity among Albanians in Yugoslavia; Yugoslav attack on Italian officers and marines at Spalato, July 11, 1920; retaliation by anti-Slav Italians; accusation of certain Roman newspapers against the American Red Cross in Albania; anti-Slav riots at Trieste on July 13, 1920; reports on presence of U.S. Naval forces in the Adriatic; negotiations at Rapallo for settlement of the Adriatic question; withdrawal of U.S. Naval forces from Spalato; conclusion of a treaty on the Adriatic question, 1920; boundary settlement by Treaty of Rapallo, 1920-22.

4 760h.65/221-400 Jan. 1922–June 1927
Negotiations for execution of the Treaty of Rapallo; the situation at Fiume; Yugoslav Government attitude towards Mussolini’s Fascist Cabinet, 1922; critical relations between Yugoslavia and Italy produced by rising power of the Fascisti, 1922; conventions adopted for application of the Treaty of Rapallo; ratification of the Treaty of Santa Margherita by the Italian Parliament, 1923; negotiations of the Yugoslav-Italian Joint Commission for the settlement of the Fiume matter, 1923; report on the economic clauses of the treaty signed at Rome, Jan. 27, 1924; treaty concluded between Italy and Serbia; report on conferences in Rome and Paris by Yugoslav Foreign Minister Dr. Mihntchitch, 1925; negotiations conducted at Florence for settlement of outstanding questions between Yugoslavia and Italy; convention signed between Yugoslavia and the Italian representative at Nattuno, 1925; Yugoslav resistance to Italian plan of economic absorption in Albania, 1927; Italian-Albanian relations regarding Albania.

5 760h.65/401-507 June 1927–Dec. 1929
Italian-Yugoslav relations over Italian interests in Albania; Italian-Yugoslav treaty relations; Mussolini’s attitude toward Yugoslav extension of the pact due to expire in January 1928; anti-Italian demonstrations in Yugoslavia and counter demonstrations in Italy, 1928; treaties and agreements between Yugoslavia and Italy; alleged organization in Yugoslavia of Komitadji activity
against neighboring countries, primarily Italy and Albania; publication of alleged Yugoslav military documents of an anti-Italian nature.

760h.6311-760h.65p81

Six-month extension of the Treaty of Friendship and Alliance between Yugoslavia and Italy, 1928; proposed new boundary between Italy and Yugoslavia in Flume region, 1922; Treaty of Commerce and Navigation signed at Belgrade, July 14, 1924; consular convention concluded between Yugoslavia and Italy, 1924; public comment concerning Italian-Yugoslav relations, 1920.

Papal States

760h.66/0-3

Relations between the Yugoslav Government and the Vatican, 1920 and 1925.

6 Turkey

760h.67/0-6

Serbian neutrality in case of hostility between Greece and Turkey, 1923; proposed alliance with England against Turkey; subject of the visit of Tewfik Ruchdy Bey, Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs, 1926; rumors of a rapprochement with Turkey, 1927; treaty negotiations, 1929.

760h.6711/0-4

Treaty of peace, friendship, and alliance, 1926-27.

760h.672/1-2

Negotiation of a treaty of commerce and navigation, 1929.

Greece

760h.68/0-42 Nov, 1920-June 1929

General.

760h.6811 - 760h.6812/1

Abrogation of treaty of war, peace, friendship, and alliance in 1924 and negotiation of a new treaty, 1925-29; treaty of friendship and arbitration signed on Mar. 17, 1929.

760h.6814

Decree regulating status of Serbian "free zone" at Salonika, 1922.

760h.6815/1-4

Boundary questions, Feb. - June 1927.

760h.682/0-4 Nov, 1927-Nov. 1928

Treaty of commerce and navigation signed in Athens, Nov. 2, 1927.

Balkan States

760h.70

Report by the U.S. military attache to Yugoslavia on proceedings of the council of ministers held under presidency of the King on Nov. 4, 1925.
Rumania
76Ch.71/0-30 July 1920-Apr. 1929
Rumors of possible alliance of Rumania and Hungary against Yugoslavia, 1920; controversy over school and church matters; negotiation of a treaty of political and military alliance, 1921; reports regarding the influence of the Queen of Rumania over the King of Yugoslavia, 1923; conference at Belgrade to settle pending questions between Rumania and Yugoslavia, 1929.
76Ch.7111/0-2
Treaty of defensive alliance, 1921 and 1928-29.
76Ch.7115/0-19
Delimitation of the frontier with Rumania, 1922-25 and 1929; delimitation of the Albanian frontier, 1922; conventions and protocols for establishing a common frontier between Rumania and Yugoslavia, 1922-24.
76Ch.71155/2
Boundary waters question, 1929.
76Ch.71317/2
Desire of Yugoslavia for a bridge over the Danube to Rumania, 1929.
Montenegro
76Ch.73116/0-13
Alleged Serbian atrocities in Montenegro, 1920-22.
Bulgaria
7 76Ch.74/1-245
General relations and efforts at rapprochement between Yugoslavia and Bulgaria; determination of Yugoslav-Bulgarian frontier by a boundary commission acting under the Treaty of Neuilly at Belgrade, 1921.
8 76Ch.7411/0-2
Treaty of war, peace, friendship, and alliance, 1928.
76Ch.74141
Bulgarian prisoners of war held in Serbia, 1921.
76Ch.74121/0-7
Jan. 1922-July 1928
Negotiation of arbitration treaties and proceedings of the Bulgaro-Serbian Mixed Arbitral Tribunal, 1926.
76Ch.7415/0-88
Nov. 1920-Dec. 1929
Boundary and territorial changes growing out of the Neuilly Treaty; work of the Yugoslav-Bulgarian Boundary Commission; reopening of the Yugoslav-Bulgarian frontier, 1929; conferences on frontier matters; and effect of border clashes on relations, 1929.
76Ch.74212/2
Commercial treaty negotiations, 1929.
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76Ch.75 - 76Ch.7521
Frontier problems and border clashes; Albanian proposals for a treaty of amity and security, 1927; boundary questions; treaty of commerce and navigation, a
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consular convention, and a convention on extradition of criminals, signed June 22, 1926.

China
76Gr.332
Treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, 1924.

Japan
76Gr.942/0-4
Treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, signed Nov. 6, 1923.
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DOCUMENTS

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BETWEEN
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Aug. 4, 1919-Apr. 17, 1929

Political Relations
711,600h12a - 711,600h12Antimar/19
Negotiation of a Treaty of Arbitration and Conciliation
between the United States and Yugoslavia, Apr. 25, 1928-
Dec. 3, 1929; negotiations for adherence of Yugoslavia to
treaty for renunciation of war, Apr. 20, 1928-Dec. 10,
1929.

Commerce and Navigation
711,600h2/0-12½
Negotiation of a treaty of commerce and navigation, 1921
and 1926-29.

Consular Functions:
711,600h21/0-32
Negotiation of consular treaties and discussion of spe-
cific cases demonstrating application of consular func-
tions, 1920-29.

Workmen's Compensation:
711,600h22/0-5
Workmen's compensation laws and treaty provisions appli-
cable to compensation laws of Yugoslavia and the United
States, 1924-25.

Naturalization
711,600h4/0-17
Negotiation of a naturalization treaty, 1920-29.