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Summary Information

Repository: M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Creator: Kortner, Fritz
Creator: Thompson, Dorothy, 1893-1961
Title: Kortner, Fritz and Dorothy Thompson Manuscript
ID: ger052
Date [inclusive]: 1937
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Language of the Material: English

Abstract: This collection contains photocopies of corrected manuscript drafts and revisions of "Spell Your Name: A Play in Five Scenes" (later titled "Another Sun"), written in New York City by Fritz Kortner, Hollywood actor and writer, and American journalist Dorothy Thompson.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows: Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Fritz Kortner and Dorothy Thompson Papers, 1937. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Kortner and Thompson Papers).

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Biographical / Historical

Fritz Kortner was born on May 12, 1892 in Vienna. Krotner studied at the Vienna Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. After moving to Berlin, Kortner became an actor and was known for being in a variety of films and plays. Krotner was known for his role in Dreyfus (1930). Kortner fled Germany in 1933 and made his way to the United States in 1937. While in the United States he was an actor and director. In 1949, Kortner moved back to Germany and directed Shakespeare plays. Kortner died on July 22, 1970 in Munich, Germany and was survived by his wife, actress Johanna Hofer and his two children.

Dorothy Thompson was born on July 9, 1893 in Lancaster, New York. Thompson attended Lewis Institute in Chicago, and eventually transferred to Syracuse University where in 1914, she obtained a degree in politics and economics. Thompson moved to Buffalo, New York and was active in the women’s suffrage campaign. Thompson moved to Europe in 1920 and became a correspondent for the Philadelphia Public Ledger in Vienna. Thompson was then appointed the head of the Berlin Bureau of the New York Times. Thompson interviewed Hitler in 1931, and in 1934 after writing a book against Hitler, she was expelled from Germany.

Thompson went on to write for the New York Tribune and the Ladies Home Journal, and eventually became a news commentator for NBC in 1936. Thompson was married to Sinclair Lewis, Joseph Bard, and Maxim Kopf and had one son. Thompson died on January 30, 1961 in Lisbon, Portugal and is buried in the Town cemetery in Barnard, Vermont.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains photocopies of corrected manuscript drafts and revisions of "Spell Your Name: A Play in Five Scenes" (later titled "Another Sun"), written in New York City by Fritz Kortner and American journalist Dorothy Thompson.

Arrangement

The collection is unprocessed and is likely disorganized. Individual items may be difficult to find.
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