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**The Randall B. Smith Collection  
of Spanish Civil War Material  
1936 - 1985**

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## **SUMMARY**

**Title:** The Randall B. Smith Collection of Spanish Civil War Material, 1936 - 1985

**Size:** 3 linear feet (2 RC, 2 card file boxes, 1 map folder)

**Access:** The two original posters are unavailable for use, but copies are available in box 2. The original audiotapes can be viewed, but audio cassette service copies of the tapes must be used for listening.

**Source:** Gift of Randall B. Smith, 1986

**Biographical Note:** Veteran of the International Brigades during the Spanish Civil War and active member of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

**Description:** The collection contains seventy-three audiotapes (c.1975-1985) relating to the Spanish Civil War, including interviews with veterans, radio programs, conferences and classes. In addition, the collection holds lists of veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, printed matter and photographs and slides of Spanish Civil War posters, and two original posters.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Randall B. ("Pete") Smith (1916-1989) was born in Warren, Ohio in 1916. In the early 1930s he moved to New York City, where he joined the Communist Party. In 1936, he volunteered to serve in the International Brigades that were organized by the Communist Party to defend the government of Spain during the Spanish Civil War. He returned to the United States in 1938. During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy, and after the war he worked as a longshoreman. He was an active member of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade (VALB). This was an organization formed by veterans of the Spanish Civil War, which took its name from the Abraham Lincoln Battalion, an American unit in one of the International Brigades. In the late 1970s and early 1980s Smith spearheaded efforts of veterans to collect and preserve material documenting the history of the Spanish Civil War and the VALB. Randall Smith died in October 1989.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of materials collected by Randall B. Smith relating to the Spanish Civil War and the veterans of the International Brigades. It includes audio cassette tapes, photographs and slides of Spanish Civil War posters, lists of veterans of the Spanish Civil War and printed matter, dating from 1936-1985. The bulk of these items date from 1969-1985.

These materials document the experiences of Americans who fought in the Spanish Civil War. They also provide information on the history of organizations and movements in which these individuals were active before and after that conflict, such as the Communist Party and the labor movement. Some of the audiotapes chronicle the experiences of Spanish Civil War veterans who fought in World War II, including some who participated in Office of Strategic Services (OSS) operations in Europe. A number of the audiotapes, especially the interviews, also document American social movements of the 1960s and 1970s, such as the opposition to U.S. foreign policy in Vietnam and Central America.

## **ARRANGEMENT**

The collection has been organized into the following series and subseries:

1. Photographs, VALB lists, bibliographies and printed ephemera
2. Audiotapes
  - 2.1 Oral History Interviews
  - 2.2 Meetings of Spanish Civil War Veterans
  - 2.3 Personal Communications of Randall Smith
  - 2.4 Lectures on the Spanish Civil War
  - 2.5 Radio, Television and Film Productions
  - 2.6 Music, Poetry, and Literature

Most of the photographs from Randall Smith Collection have been transferred to the Photography Collection (Rm. 308).

## **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Series 1. Photographs, VALB lists, bibliographies, and printed ephemera, 1936-1985**

2.0 Linear Feet

Arranged by type of material.

This series consists of a variety of materials, which document the history of the Spanish Civil War and the VALB, and provide biographical information on Spanish Civil War veterans. There are several lists of members of the VALB. A computerized list (c.1969) includes the age, occupation, place of residence, and ethnic background of many of the volunteers. Other lists include the names of the dead and the missing.

Printed matter includes scattered issues of publications of the International Brigades (1937) and several issues of the *Volunteer for Liberty* (a VALB publication). A binder containing copies of newsclippings about veterans and a few copies of letters make up part of the printed matter.

The series also includes a card file of bibliographic citations for pamphlets, monographs and periodicals relating to the Spanish Civil War and the minutes of a meeting of an International Brigade in Spain in 1937.

### **Series 2. Audiotapes, 1975-1985, n.d. 1.0 Linear Foot (73 items)**

Arranged in subseries by type of material. Must be requested by item number.

This series consists of sound recordings of veterans meetings, lectures, documentaries, interviews, personal communications, and other recordings relating to the history of the Spanish Civil War and the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. These tapes document the battlefield experiences of Americans who fought in the Spanish Civil War, their relationships to the Communist Party, their lives after the war, and the activities of the VALB. They also provide information on various efforts to document the history of the Spanish Civil War and the VALB that were undertaken in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

#### **Subseries 2.1 Interviews, 1976-1985**

Consists mostly of interviews with individual veterans of the Spanish Civil War in which they discuss their experiences in the civil war. There are also interviews with groups of veterans (tapes #A00075 and A00103); an extended interview with two veterans, Edward Lending and Vincent Lossowski (see list below); and an interview with Gloria Steinem (see list below). Some of the interviewees describe their combat experiences in World War II, which in two instances included involvement in operations of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). The interviews also provide information on experiences of Spanish Civil War veterans during the McCarthy Era and the internal developments in the Communist Party from the 1930s to the 1950s. The individuals who are represented in these interviews are as follows:

- Marly Carlow (tape #A00069)
- George Cullinan (tape #A00057)
- William Herrick (tape #A00065)
- Edward Lending (tapes #A00109, A00116, A00117, A00118, A00119, A00120, A00121, A00122)
- Vincent Lossowski (tapes #A00116, A00117, A00118, A00119, A00120, A00121, A00122)
- Tom Page (Tape #A00113)
- Stanley Posteck (Tape #A00075)
- Kenneth Shaker (#A00060)
- Randall B. Smith (Tapes #A00075, A00082, A00087, A00091, A00112)
- Mr. Ross (Tape #A00075)
- Robert Steck (Tape #A00075)
- Gloria Steinem (Tape #A00090, A00098)
- David Thompson (Tape #A00063)
- Greg Williams (Tape #A00064)
- Milton Wolff (tape #A00013)

#### Subseries 2.2 Meetings of Veterans, 1978-1983

Consists of recordings of meetings of Spanish Civil War veterans' organizations and meetings held to honor veterans. These recordings document the internal structure and politics of the VALB; the political activities of the members of the veterans in the period 1978-1983, such as their opposition to the government of El Salvador; and their efforts to document the history of the Spanish Civil War. They also provide biographical information on a number of veterans, which can be found especially on the recordings of memorial meetings. One of the recordings (Tapes #A00098 and A00104) includes a speech by Gloria Steinem before a group of veterans.

The meetings represented on these recordings are as follows:

- Memorial Meeting, January 1983 (Tapes #A00107, A00108)
- Spanish Civil War Historical Society (Tapes #A00070, A00099)
- VALB Executive Committee (Tapes #A00083, A00084, A00085)
- VALB Historical Commission (#A00094)
- VALB Meetings, New York (Tapes #A00098, A00104, A00068, A00080, A00085, A00093)
- Volunteer in Spain Memorial Conference at the City College of New York (Tapes #A00100, A00102, A00103)

#### Subseries 2.3 Personal Communications of Randall Smith, 1980-1981, n.d.

Consists mostly of recordings of conversations between Randall Smith and persons conducting research for documentaries on the Spanish Civil War for PBS, EMI, and Granada Television. The individuals who are represented in these recordings are as follows:

- Victor Berch, audio letter from Randall Smith (Tape #A00115)
- Deborah Bernhardt (Tape #A00079 side A)
- Mr. Borgos (Tape #A00061 side B)
- Richard Bozack (Tape #A00110)
- Andros Camonoto [Sp?] (Tapes #A00081, A00086, A00112 side B)
- Peter Webb (#A00087 side B)
- Jane Wellesley (Tapes #A00088, A00089)
- Irving Workoff (Tape #A00079 side A)
- Unidentified conversation (Tape #A00079 side A)

#### Subseries 2.4 Lectures on the Spanish Civil War, 1981

Consists mostly of recordings of lectures from a course on the Spanish Civil War given by Albert Prago at the New School for Social Research in the fall of 1981 (Tapes #A00054, A00055, A00056, A00058, A00059, A00072, A00096). This class had a number of guest lecturers, such as historian Dante Puzzo, and covered global political issues relating to the civil war, as well internal developments in Spain before and after the conflict. There is also a recording of a lecture on the Spanish Civil War given by Gabriel Jackson at the Spanish Institute in 1981 (Tapes #A00071, A00092).

#### Subseries 2.5 Radio, Television and Film Productions, 1981-1983, n.d.

Consists of audio recordings of radio, television, and film documentaries about the Spanish Civil War and about the veterans of that war. These productions are as follows:

- "As it Happens," (Tape #A00123)
- "Between the Wars" (Tape #A00095)
- "Echoes of the Spanish Civil War" (Tape #A00051)
- "The Good Fight" (Tape #A00111)
- Granada Television documentary (Tape #A00014)
- "Last Great Cause" (Tape #A00073, A00074)

#### Subseries 2.6 Music, Poetry, and Literature

Consists of a recording of songs from the Spanish Civil War (tapes #A00066, A00067), a poetry reading in honor of veterans of the Spanish Civil War (tapes #A00105, A00106), and an oral translation of the book, "Extranjeros en la guerra civil española," [Foreigners in the Spanish Civil War] (Tapes #A00076, A00077, A00078).

## **CONTAINER LIST**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	Original Cassette Tapes <i>(Not for listening. Listening copies may be requested by the tape numbers. See list below)</i>
2	Photographs and slides of posters
3	VALB Lists, Printed Matter, Miscellaneous
4	Card file of bibliographic citations
Map Case	Posters

## **AUDIOTAPE LIST**

(Arranged in numerical order)

### #A00051: "Echoes of the Spanish Civil War"

An audio docudrama on the Spanish Civil War produced by Bill Howell, entitled "Echoes of the Spanish Civil War," which uses interviews with Spanish Civil War veterans from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Archives.

Time: 62 minutes.

### #A00054: Albert Prago Class, 10/27/81

A lecture delivered on October 27, 1981, apparently for Albert Prago's class on the Spanish Civil War at the New School for Social Research. The lecturer, identified as Mr. Marzani, discusses the rise of fascism in different parts of the world prior to the Spanish Civil War.

Time: 63 minutes.

### #A00055: Albert Prago Class, 11/10/81

A lecture given by Dante Puzzo on November 10, 1981, as part of Albert Prago's class on the Spanish Civil War at the New School for Social Research. He discusses the role of the Soviet Union in the Spanish Civil War.

Time: 30 minutes.

### #A00056: Albert Prago Class, 1981

A lecture delivered in 1981 as part of Albert Prago's course on the Spanish Civil War at the New School for Social Research. The speaker, identified as Mr. Rabinowitz, discusses the roots of U.S. isolationism and its impact on the outcome of the Spanish Civil War.

Time: 60 minutes.

#A00057: George Cullinan Interview, 3/26/81

An interview with George Cullinan, a veteran of the Spanish Civil War, conducted on March 26, 1981. Cullinan discusses his experiences in the Madrid area, and describes the internal structure of the international brigades.

Time: 63 minutes.

#A00058: Albert Prago Class, 10/20/81

Part of a lecture given by Albert Prago for his course on the Spanish Civil War, offered at the New School for Social Research. In this lecture, dated October 20, 1981, Prago discusses some of his personal experiences in the Civil War.

Time: 54 minutes.

#A00059: Albert Prago Class, 1981

A lecture delivered in 1981 as part of Albert Prago's course on the Spanish Civil War at the New School for Social Research. Prago discusses the aid Franco received from the U.S. and European nations.

Time: 48 minutes.

#A00060: Ken Shaker Interview, 7/2/81

An interview with Ken Shaker conducted on July 2, 1981. Shaker a veteran of the Spanish Civil War, discusses his experiences fighting in the Madrid area, including his disputes with Communists in the international brigades.

Time: 58 minutes.

#A00061: Unidentified Interview; Mr. Borgos Interview

Side A: An interview with an unidentified individual concerning a chess tournament. Side B: An interview conducted by Randall Smith with a man identified only as Mr. Borgos, who was a member of one of the international brigades and arrived in Spain in 1937.

Time: 63 minutes.

#A00062: David Thompson Interview

Part 2 of an interview with David Thompson concerning his experiences in the Spanish Civil War. In this segment of the interview Thompson primarily discusses materials relating to veterans of the Spanish Civil War that have been deposited at Brandeis University and the Bancroft Library. This recording begins on tape #A00063.

Time: 45 minutes.

#A00063: David Thompson Interview

Part 1 of An interview with David Thompson, a veteran of the Spanish Civil War from the San Francisco Bay area. He discusses his reasons for volunteering for the international brigades, activities of the veterans after the war, and sources that document the history of Spanish Civil War veterans. The interview is continued on tape #A00062.

Time: 61 minutes.

#A00064: Greg Williams Interview, c. 1980

An interview with Greg Williams conducted circa 1980. Williams relates his experiences in the Communist Party in the 1940s and the role of Spanish Civil War veterans in the Party during that period.

Time: 31 minutes.

#A00065: William Herrick Interview, 8/1/81

An interview with William Herrick conducted on August 1, 1981. Herrick relates how he was wounded in the Spanish Civil War, discusses the role of specific individuals in the international brigades; and describes the Battle at Jarama.

Time: 63 minutes.

#A00066: "Himnos y Canciones"

Part 1 of a tape recording of a phonodisc entitled "Himnos y Canciones de La Guerra Civil" (Hymns and Songs of the Civil War). The Songs listed on the original cassette are as follows:

- En el Barranco
- Marineros
- Ay Carmela
- Menita
- Copcas de la Defensa
- Sardana de los Monles
- Himno de Riega
- El Segador
- Fuerte de San Cristobal
- Euzico Gudariail
- Que Sera
- Os Pinos (Obregon)

The recording is continued on tape #A00067.

Time: 30 minutes.

#A00067: "Himno y Canciones"

Part 2 of a tape recording of a phonodisc recording entitled "Himnos y Canciones de La Guerra Civil" (Hymns and Songs of the Civil War). The songs listed on the cassette are as follows

- En la Plaza de mi Pueblo
- El Perden Morado
- Los Reyes de la Balaja
- El Tragala
- El tren Blindado
- Si Te Quieres Escribir
- La Santa Espana
- El Quinto Regimmiento
- Quartermaster Store
- La Plaza de Tetuan

- Jaram Valley
- Sin Pan
- Einheits Front
- En el Pozo Maria Luisa

Time: 30 minutes.

#A00068: VALB Meeting, 11/29/81

A recording of a meeting of Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade held in New York City on November 29, 1981. On side A of the tape, Randall Smith reports on the of the Spanish Civil War Historical Society. Side B is a recording of audience discussions at that meeting, which focuses on the collection and preservation of historical materials relating to the veterans of the Spanish Civil War.

Time: 61 minutes.

#A00069: Marly Carlow Interview, c. 1980

A recording that is labeled as an interview with Marly Carlow, a veteran of the Spanish Civil War. The recording, which appears to have been made at a conference of Spanish Civil War veterans about 1980, includes brief recollections from a number of veterans, one of whom seems to be Marly Carlow. One of the individuals featured on this tape is an unidentified Polish Jew, who served in one of the international brigades, was captured at the battle of Brunete, and was sent to Germany as part of a labor battalion.

Time: 63 minutes.

#A00070: SCWHS Meeting, 2/2/82

A recording of a meeting of the Spanish Civil War Historical Society held at the Spanish Institute of New York on February 2, 1982. One of the speakers (beginning at 5:00) is identified as Victor Berg.

Time: 15 minutes.

#A00071: Gabriel Jackson Lecture, 12/11/81

A lecture delivered by Gabriel Jackson at the Spanish Institute in December 11, 1981. Jackson describes the social reforms initiated in Republican Spain.

Time: 62:00

#A00072: Albert Prago Class, 12/8/81

A lecture delivered on December 8, 1981, as part of Albert Prago's course on the Spanish Civil War at the New School for Social Research. The speaker relates some of his own experiences in the Spanish Civil War during the Spring of 1939.

Time: 62:00

#A00073: "Last Great Cause"

Part 2 of an audio recording of the sound track of "The Last Great Cause," a documentary film about the MacKenzie-Papineau Battalion. This recording is a continued from tape #A00074.

Time: 47:00

#A00074: "Last Great Cause"

Part 1 of an audio recording of "The Last Great Cause," a film about the MacKenzie-Papineau Battalion made for Canadian television in the mid-1970s. The film includes interviews with veterans of the Spanish Civil War, two of whom are identified by Randall Smith on this recording as Edward Barsky and Larry Cane [Lawrence Cohen]. The recording is continued on tape #A00073  
Time: 63 minutes.

#A00075: Group Interview on WBAI, 1981

A group interview with several veterans of the Spanish Civil War, which was aired on radio station WBAI in 1981. Participants are identified as Mr. [Robert] Steck, Mr. Ross, Mr. [Stanley] Posteck, and Mr. [Randall] Smith. Much of the discussion centers on the U.S. Communist Party in the 1930s and ideological disagreements among those who volunteered for the international brigades.  
Time: 64 minutes.

#A00076: Translation of "Extranjeros en la guerra.."

Part 1 of an oral translation of portions of "Extranjeros en la guerra civil espanola" (by Gino F. Baumann, Lima: 1979). The translation is by Michael L. Perna. The recording is continued on tape #A00077.  
Time: 62 minutes.

#A00077: Translation of "Extranjeros en la guerra.."

Part 2 of an oral translation of "Extranjeros en la guerra civil espanola." This recording begins on tape #A00076, and is continued on tape #A00078.  
Time: 62 minutes.

#A00078: Translation of "Extranjeros en la guerra.."

Part 3 of an oral translation of "Extranjeros en la guerra civil espanola." This recording begins on tapes #A00076 and #A00077.  
Time: 63 minutes.

#A00079: Smith, Bernhardt, Workoff Conversation

Side A of this recording is a discussion between Randall Smith, Deborah Bernhardt, and Irving Workoff about a PBS documentary on the Spanish Civil War. Side B of the tape is a recording of a phone conversation between Smith and an unidentified individual, concerning a judicial hearing.  
Time: 63 minutes.

#A00080: VALB Meeting 10/23/82

A recording of a meeting of the New York post of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade held on October 23, 1982. The proceedings include a report on the VALB Historical Commission by Randall Smith; a discussion of VALB member involvement in anti-nuclear campaigns; a discussion of "Corpus Duende," a radio documentary on the Abraham Lincoln Battalion; and a discussion of money that had been willed to the VALB.  
Time: 49 minutes.

#A00081: Smith/Camonoto Conversation, 11/23/81

A phone conversation between Randall Smith and Mr. Andros Camonoto (sp?) of EMI, on November 23, 1981. The conversation is about photographs that Smith is providing to Andros Camonoto for a film documentary on the Spanish Civil War.

Time: 9 minutes.

#A00082: Randall Smith Interview, 2/10/82

A brief interview with Randall Smith conducted by scriptwriter Horton Foote on February 10, 1982. The subject of the interview is an EMI film documentary on the Spanish Civil War.

Time: 4 minutes.

#A00083: VALB Executive Committee Meeting, 1/16/82

Part 1 of a recording of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade held in New York City on January 16, 1982. The major topic of discussion on this tape is the editorship of *The Volunteer*, the VALB newsletter. The recording is continued on tapes #A00084 and A00085.

Time: 31 minutes.

#A00084: VALB Executive Committee Meeting, 1/16/82

Part 2 of a recording of VALB Executive Committee held of January 16, 1982. On this tape, there is discussion of the organizational structure of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln brigade, its relationship with other organizations, the autonomy of local VALB posts, and the finances of the organization.

Time: 64 minutes.

#A00085: VALB Executive Committee Meeting, 1/16/82

Part 3 of a recording of meeting of the VALB Executive Committee held in New York City on January 16, 1982. The discussion centers on efforts by institutions such as Brandeis University and Vanderbilt University to document the history of the Spanish Civil War.

Time: 63 minutes.

#A00086: Smith/Camonoto Conversation, 9/29/81

A recording of a phone conversation between Randall Smith and Andros Camonoto [sp?] of EMI, in London, which took place on September 29, 1981. The subject of the conversation was materials that might be used in a film documentary on the Spanish Civil War that EMI was producing.

Time: 24 minutes.

#A00087: Unidentified interview; Smith/Webb Conversation, 12/19/80

Side A is a conversation between Randall Smith and an unidentified individual concerning an oral history project on the Spanish Civil War. Side B is a recording of a phone conversation between Randall Smith and Peter Webb, that took place on December 19, 1980. The subject of the conversation is a film project on the Spanish Civil War that is being produced by EMI.

Time: 44 minutes.

#A00088: Wellesley/Smith Conversation, n.d.

Part 1 of a recording of a conversation between Jane Wellesley, of Granada Television, and Randall Smith. They discuss individuals who might be interviewed for a documentary she is producing. During the conversation, Smith plays a recording of Ernest Hemingway reading a passage from his writings concerning the Spanish Civil War. The recording is continued on #A00089.

Time: 66 minutes.

#A00089: Wellesley/Smith Conversation, n.d.

Part 2 of a recording of a conversation between Jane Wellesley and Randall Smith. The subject of the conversation is persons who might be interviewed for a film documentary. This recording begins on tape #A00088.

Time: 31 minutes.

#A00090: El Salvador News Coverage; "Profile"; Gloria Steinem Speech

The tape begins with a recording of television news coverage of demonstration against U.S. support of the government of El Salvador, which ends at 3:30. This is followed by an audio recording of an interview with an unidentified woman that was broadcast on the PBS program "Profile." She describes her appearance before the House Un-American Activities Committee, and discusses the impact of Richard Nixon and Watergate on U.S. society. This interview ends at 21:00. This followed by recordings of television news coverage of the civil war in El Salvador, which end at 23:45. The remainder of the tape is a recording of a television interview with Gloria Steinem, who discusses the Reagan Administration, the politics of abortion, and marriage. There are also brief excerpts from this interview at 0:30 and 22:00.

Time: 37 minutes.

#A00091: Randall Smith Interview, 7/22/85

A phone interview with Randall Smith. According to the label on the original tape, this was conducted on July 22, 1985, by Leonard Lopate, and broadcast on radio station WBAI. This tape, however, has only Smith's voice; the interviewer was not recorded. Smith discusses the types of people who volunteered to serve in the international brigades in Spain, the difficulties of getting to Spain, the varied political attitudes of Spanish Civil War veterans, and the support of veterans for the Nicaraguan revolution.

Time: 15 minutes.

#A00092: Gabriel Jackson Lecture, 12/11/81

A lecture delivered by Gabriel Jackson on December 11, 1981 at a symposium at the Spanish Institute. Jackson describes the fascist movement in Europe in the 1930s and the response of democratic nations to it.

Time: 62 minutes.

#A00093: VALB Meeting, 4/16/82

A recording of a VALB meeting held on April 16, 1982. The proceedings include speeches about the state of the world in general, the civil war in El Salvador, hunger and poverty in the United

States, and U.S. foreign policy.  
Time: 92 minutes.

#A00094: VALB Meeting, 5/10/78

Report of the VALB Historical Commission given by Randall Smith at a VALB meeting in New York on May 10, 1978. Most of the report is on a conference about the history of the Spanish Civil War. He also discusses various efforts to collect material relating to the veterans of the Spanish Civil War, including those at Brandeis University.  
Time: 46 minutes.

#A00095: "Between the Wars"

An audio recording of "Between the Wars," a television documentary narrated by Eric Sevareid about the rise of fascism in Spain and the Spanish Civil War. The film documents the experiences of Canadian and American volunteers who fought in the Spanish Civil War. Randall Smith identifies many of the veterans who were interviewed in the program.  
Time: 57 minutes.

#A00096: Albert Prago Class, 11/14/81

A lecture delivered by Dante Puzzo on November 14, 1981 for Albert Prago's class on the Spanish Civil War at the New School for Social Research. The lecture is on the role of diplomacy in the origins and outcome of the Spanish Civil War.  
Time: 63 minutes.

#A00097: Albert Prago Class, 10/27/81

A lecture delivered on October 27, 1981 for Albert Prago's class on the Spanish Civil War at the New School for Social Research. The subject of the talk is difficult to discern as the tape is barely audible.  
Time: 51 minutes.

#A00098: VALB Dinner, c. 1980

Part 1 of a recording of an annual dinner for the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. The program begins with three musical performances by Chet Washington. This is followed by a speech by Gloria Steinem, beginning at 10:15 (Side A). This tape was recorded from a broadcast on radio station WBAI. The recording is continued on tape #A00104.  
Time: 31 minutes.

#A00099: SCWHS Meeting, 2/22/80

A recording of a luncheon meeting of the Spanish Civil War Historical Society held on February 22, 1980. The members discuss various efforts to document the history of the Spanish Civil War. The recording of the meeting ends at 23:46. The remainder of the original tape is a recording of an unidentified television drama; this portion of the tape was not recorded on the service copy of the tape.  
Time: 24 minutes.

#A00100: CCNY Conference, 4/13/80

Part 1 of a recording of the Volunteer in Spain Memorial Conference held at the City College of New York on April 13, 1980. The purpose of the conference was to honor alumni who had fought in the Spanish Civil War. The recording is continued on tape #A00101.

Time: 105 minutes.

#A00101: CCNY Conference, 4/13/80

Part 2 of a recording of a conference held at the City College of New York in 1980 to honor CCNY alumni who had fought in the Spanish Civil War. On this tape, there is a discussion of a scholarship fund in honor of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and a recording of a talk given by Ernest Hemingway about the Lincoln Brigade. The recording begins on tape #A00100.

Time: 109 minutes.

#A00103: Group Interview on WBAI, n.d.

A group interview with several veterans of the Spanish Civil War, one of whom is Randall Smith, which was broadcast on radio station WBAI. Much of the discussion focuses on their experiences in the United States during the McCarthy Era. One of the interviewees also describes the involvement of some Spanish Civil War veterans in the OSS during World War II. Side B of the original tape was a recording of an unidentified television drama; this was not recorded on the service copy of the tape.

Time: 32 minutes.

#A00104: VALB Dinner, n.d.

Part 2 of a recording of an annual dinner for the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, recorded from a broadcast on radio station WBAI. The tape begins with a continuation of a speech given by Gloria Steinem as part of this program, which ends at 17:45. This is followed by phone calls from listeners, one of whom was Randall Smith, which were part of the radio program. This recording begins on tape #A00098.

Time: 31 minutes.

#A00105: VALB Poetry Reading

Part 2 of a recording of readings of poetry and prose in honor of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. This recording begins on tape #A00106.

Time: 54 minutes.

#A00106: VALB Poetry Reading

Part 1 of a professional recording of readings of poetry and prose in honor of the veterans of the Spanish Civil War. This recording continues on tape #A00105.

Time: 43 minutes.

#A00107: VALB Memorial Meeting, January 1983

Part 1 of a recording of a national memorial meeting for the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade held in January 1983. The recording includes a number of tributes and updates on missing members. This recording is continued on tape #A00108.

Time: 62 minutes.

#A00108: VALB Memorial Meeting, January 1983

Part 2 of a recording of a memorial meeting for members of the Lincoln Brigade held in January 1983. Various speakers give testimonials about deceased veterans of the Spanish Civil War. These talks provide biographical information on a number of veterans, and document their involvement in social causes after the Spanish Civil War. This recording begins on tape #A00107.

Time: 43 minutes.

#A00109: Edward Lending Interview, 1985

An interview with Edward Lending, a veteran of the Spanish Civil War, conducted by Randall Smith in 1985. The main topic of discussion is a novel Lending is writing.

Time: 105 minutes.

#A00110: Bozack/Smith Conversation, n.d.

An undated recording of a phone conversation between Randall Smith and Richard Bozack concerning Smith's disability benefits.

Time: 18 minutes.

#A00111: "The Good Fight"

Apparently an audio recording of the documentary film, "The Good Fight," produced by Sam Sills in 1983. The film is about the North Americans who fought in the Spanish Civil War, and includes interviews with surviving veterans. The original cassette is labeled "Sills Film 1983."

Time: 49 minutes.

#A00112: Randall Smith Interview, n.d.; Smith/Camonoto Conversation, 10/31/81

Side A of this tape is an interview with Randall Smith that seems to have been conducted by Studs Terkel. Smith discusses his upbringing in Warren, Ohio; his life as a hobo; his involvement with the American League against War and Fascism; his membership in the Communist Party in the 1930s; his experiences in an international brigade in the Spanish Civil War; and his professional and political activities after the war. Side B of this tape is a recording of a phone conversation between Randall Smith and Andros Camanoto (sp?), an employee of EMI, which took place on October 30, 1981. The subject of the conversation is a film documentary on the Spanish Civil War that EMI was producing.

Time: 42 minutes.

#A00113: Tom Page and Milton Wolff Interviews, n.d.

This tape begins with a song written and performed by Sy Kahn, entitled "Bleeding Hearts." This followed (beginning at 2:45) with interviews with Tom Page and Milton Wolff, members of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, who were interviewed for a documentary.

Time: 42 minutes.

#A00114: Granada Television Documentary, 1983

An audio recording of a television documentary on the Spanish Civil War produced by Granada Television in 1983. The program documents the prelude to the civil war, and the social and political conditions inside Spain during the struggle.

Time: 52 minutes.

#A00115: Randall Smith to Victor Berch, May 1981

An audio letter from Randall Smith to Victor Berch, dated May 1981. Smith discusses the current activities of individual Spanish Civil War veterans, especially those involved in documenting the history of the VALB. He criticizes remarks made by William Herrick, another veteran, which were broadcast on National Public Radio.

Time: 32 minutes.

#A00116: Lossowski/Lending Interview, 1/26/76

Parts 1 and 2 of an interview with Vincent Lossowski and Edward Lending conducted by David M. Miller at the home of Edward Lending on January 26, 1976, which documents their personal experiences in the Spanish Civil War. In this segment of the interview they discuss how they were affected by the Depression, and explain their reasons for volunteering to fight in the international brigades. The interview is continued on tapes #A00117, A00118, A00119, A00120, A00122, and A00121 (in that order).

Time: 63 minutes.

#A00117: Lossowski/Lending Interview, 1/26/76

Parts 3 and 4 of an interview with Vincent Lossowski and Edward Lending, conducted by David M. Miller on January 26, 1976. In this segment of the interview, they discuss the uniforms and equipment issued by the Republican Army of Spain, and battlefield casualties.

Time: 60 minutes.

#A00118: Lossowski/Lending Interview, 1/26/76

Parts 5 and 6 of an interview with Vincent Lossowski and Edward Lending, conducted by David M. Miller on January 26, 1976. In this segment of the interview they discuss their battlefield experiences in the Spanish Civil War. This interview begins on tape #A00116 and continues on tape #A00119.

Time: 62 minutes.

#A00119: Lossowski/Lending Interview, 1/26/76

Parts 7 and 8 of an interview conducted by David M. Miller with Vincent Lossowski and Edward Lending in 1976. In this segment of the interview one of the interviewees describes his experiences at an International Brigade rehabilitation center, where he was sent after he was wounded. Another subject of discussion is the development of an artillery battalion in the Madrid area. They also discuss tensions within the international brigades over the hierarchical structure created by the Communist Party. This recording is continued from tape #A00118, and continues on #A00120.

Time: 64 minutes.

#A00120: Lossowski/Lending Interview, 1/26/76

Parts 9 and 10 of an interview conducted by David M. Mille with Vincent Lossowski and Edward Lending. In this segment they discuss their experiences in the Spanish Civil War and their activities in the Office of Strategic Services in World War II. This recording is continued from tape #A00119, and continues on #A00122.

Time: 61 minutes

#A00121: Lossowski/Lending Interview, 1/26/76

Parts 13 & 14 of an interview conducted by David M. Mille with Vincent Lossowski and Edward Lending in 1976. In this segment, they describe OSS operations in Germany and the activities of the Italian underground. This recording is continued from tape #A00122.

Time: 65 minutes.

#A00122: Lossowski/Lending Interview, 1/26/76

Parts 11 and 12 of an interview conducted by David M. Mille with Vincent Lossowski and Edward Lending in 1976. In this segment, they describe their battlefield experiences in the Spanish Civil War and their involvement in the OSS during World War II. This recording is continued from tape #A00120, and is continued on tape #A00121.

Time: 61 minutes.

#A00123: "As It Happens," 1981

A documentary on the Spanish Civil War done for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's radio series "As It Happens." The program, which was recorded in 1981, focuses on the involvement of Canadian citizens in the Spanish Civil War. It includes interviews with several members of the MacKenzie-Papineau Battalion.

Time: 36 minutes.