

## THE DEARBORN INDEPENDENT COLLECTION, 1926-1927

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### ABSTRACT

Henry Ford purchased his relatively small hometown newspaper, *The Dearborn Independent*, in 1918. He added "Chronicle of Neglected Truth" to the magazine's name. By May 1920, Ford was using the publication to promote his anti-Semitic, anti-immigrant, and anti-labor union beliefs. His paper circulated widely, since it was sold by subscription, available in Ford dealerships across the country, and because anything related to Ford was newsworthy. He eventually published his articles and essays in a book called "*The International Jew: The World's Foremost Problem.*"

The paper reached its peak circulation of around 700,000 readers in the mid-1920s, amidst increased Ku Klux Klan membership and discriminatory immigration policies throughout America. Publication of *The Dearborn Independent* was halted in 1927, following a defamation lawsuit filed against Ford by Aaron Sapiro, a Jewish lawyer and farm cooperative organizer. Ford refused responsibility for the articles, but with the ensuing bad publicity from the lawsuit, settled privately and issued a public apology. The final issue of the periodical was published on December 31, 1927.

This collection includes publications.

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### ACQUISITION

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### REFERENCES

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Dearborn Independent Collection is a small collection formerly from the Ephemera Collection. It consists of publications from 17 April 1926-8 October 1927, and the collection is incomplete.

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