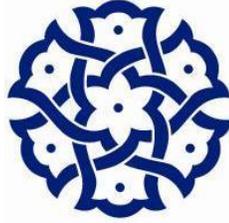


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Biography

The Rosemary Hakim reigned as the first “Miss Lebanon-America” in 1954, a pageant that continues to this day. Ms. Hakim’s title earned her a months-long trip to Lebanon as an official guest of the Lebanese government, serving as a cultural ambassador from the Arab American community. Her unpublished memoir details her journey to her homeland and the copious amounts of press coverage she received there. Her visibility and comfort in the spotlight, as well her ethnic background, landed her a vital role in the Arab States Delegation Office at the United Nations in the 1950s. Through her position as a clerk, she was privy to and worked diligently on some of the most important developments in the Arab world in the twentieth century, including the Algerian revolution, the Yemeni struggle against British colonialism, and the Suez crisis. In her personal life, she was involved romantically with Prince Fahad al-Sudairi of the Saudi royal family, and their relationship is documented in photographs and letters. She chronicled her life through written notes, journals, her unfinished memoir, and photo albums.

Scope and Content Note

- Letters from Lebanese government officials to Rosemary Hakim, detailing her state sponsored trip to Lebanon
 - Photographs and letters detailing Ms. Hakim’s relationship with Prince Fahad al-Sudairi of the Saudi royal family in the 1950s
 - Internal memos of the Arab States Delegations Office at the U.N.
 - Personal notes and an Algerian flag given to Ms. Hakim by Mohammad Yazid, a leading figure in the Algerian revolution
- written notes, journals, her unfinished memoir, and photo albums.