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OBJECT NAME Photograph

MEDIUM Photo Paper

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A black-and-white photographic print. The photo depicts a group of men standing in a room. Most of them are wearing military uniforms and various kinds of military caps. Many have medals on their chests. There are two rows of men, but the ones in back are mostly obscured by the men in front of them. Seven of the men in back are holding flags, including an American flag, a British flag, and a flag that bears the words "American Yugoslav Legion". There is a painting visible in the upper left. There are windows in the back and right walls, with some kind of furniture, possibly a piano in front of the back window. There are a few men in suits standing on a raised area behind the rest of the men. One of the men is sitting at the piano and there is a microphone stand in front of another one.

ORIGIN

This picture was donated by Daisy Agres. The second man from the left appears to be John Agreostathes. Agreostathes (or Agriostathis) was born in 1879 and apparently served as an officer in the Greek army before immigrating to the United States. In the lead-up to the Balkan Wars, he organized and trained young Greek men in Chicago. In 1912, it is recorded that they were preparing to travel to Greece to take part in the conflict. This picture appears to be from an event for veterans, although it is unclear when or where. The flags suggest that the participants are of various national origins, particularly the far right flag for the American Yugoslav Legion, which is likely a group for Slavic veterans.

CITATION

Photograph, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/23/24.