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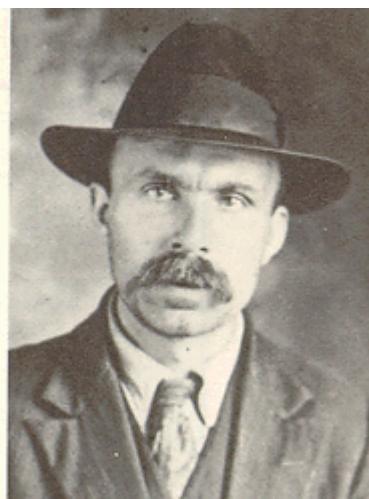
Prejudice at Work

The 1920s Case of Sacco and Vanzetti

On April 15, 1920, two men robbed and murdered a paymaster and his guard as they transferred \$15,776 from the Slater and Morrill Shoe factory. Three weeks later, Italian immigrants and known anarchists, Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, were accused and arrested for the crime, despite the little evidence against them. Following, a seven-week trial, Sacco and Vanzetti were convicted, on circumstantial evidence, of murder and sentenced to death. Seven years later, after numerous appeals, and immense public outcry, both men were executed for their "crimes."

Today there is still much controversy surrounding their convictions. Could two men of such Italian immigrant backgrounds receive a fair trial in light of the anti-immigrant social background of the 1920s? Did the events of the Red Scare and the Palmer Raids leading up to their convictions play a large role in their deaths? Based on such circumstantial evidence, as we shall present to you, how could such men be convicted?

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Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti!

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