



Theodore Andrica

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Introduction

Theodore Andrica (1900-1990) was born in Radna, Romania. Andrica was the Nationalities Editor for the *Cleveland Press* beginning in 1927 and continuing for 46 years. He wrote the column "100 Years of Nationalities in Cleveland" for the *Press* after having previously written a similar column in the *Canton Daily News*. Andrica also travelled through Europe, reporting on the countries represented in Cleveland, before and after World War II. For his column and travels for news, Andrica learned six languages and claimed to have attended 14,000 banquets. Following his retirement from the *Press*, Andrica edited a Romanian quarterly and wrote the book, *Romanian Americans and their Communities of Cleveland*.

Important Dates

- August 9, 1900: Theodore Andrica is born in Radna, Romania.
- 1920: Andrica immigrates to the United States; he becomes a naturalized citizen in 1928.
- 1927: Andrica is hired by Louis B. Seltzer to write Romanian news for the *Cleveland Press*.
- 1929: Andrica marries Mary P. Patrilla of Cleveland.
- 1932: Having expanded from just Romanian news, Andrica convinces Seltzer to send him on yearly visits to the homelands of the *Press's* readers.
- 1943: Andrica spends a year at Harvard on a Nieman Fellowship.
- 1945: After World War II, Andrica resumes his travels around Europe for the *Press*.
- 1950: Andrica helps form the Cleveland Folk Arts Association.
- 1956: Andrica is thrown out of Romania by the Communist government; he helps fly clothing to Austria after the Hungarian uprising.
- 1973: Andrica retires from the *Press*.
- 1977: Andrica writes *Romanian Americans and their Communities of Cleveland*.
- March 1, 1990: Andrica dies. He is buried in Brooklyn Heights Cemetery in Cleveland.

Suggested Search Strategies

- Try the following terms in combination (as an "all" word search), proximity or as phrases: Theodore Andrica, Cleveland Press, Cleveland Folk Arts Association.
- Limit your search by date to find information about specific trips Andrica took.
- Search newspapers in all states, not just Ohio.

Sample Articles from Chronicling America

- ["Yugoslavs Seem Mite Better Off"](#) *Zajedničar* (Allegheny, PA), November 24, 1954, Image 8, col. 7.
- ["Cleveland Proud Of Folk Festival"](#) *Zajedničar* (Allegheny, PA), March 5, 1958, Image 8, col. 3.
- ["Theodore Andrica poroča iz Trsta!"](#) *Enakopravnost* (Cleveland, OH), September 19, 1945, Image 1, col. 3-5.
- ["Sorodniki Clevelandčanov v Sodražici"](#) *Enakopravnost* (Cleveland, OH), November 20, 1945, Image 1, col. 2.
- ["Urges United Slovenia as Part of New Yugoslavia for Lasting Peace"](#) *Enakopravnost* (Cleveland, OH), June 12, 1943, Image 4, col. 1-2.