

SACCO & VANZETTI (CO)

Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were arrested for armed robbery and murder in Massachusetts, United States, in 1920.

Although they claimed their innocence, these two Italian-born anarchists were convicted and sentenced to die on the electric chair.

Script de l'enregistrement

Part 1

Beginning with the First World War, an alliance at the Departments of Justice, Labour and Immigration initiated a campaign of oppression.

Agents broke into the homes of suspected radicals, arrested them and seized their possessions. Many were deported.

Most of the victims were foreigners, usually Russians, Italians and Jews.

Part 2

Two men stand out as targets of the anti-radical campaign. They were Italian-born, residents of Boston for many years, respectable workers and dedicated anarchists. They were attempting to dispose of some anarchist leaflets when they were arrested on the charge of armed robbery and murder. Their names were Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti.

Part 3

Ohoh Sacco, Vanzetti, Ohoh Sacco, Vanzetti, Sacco, Sacco, Vanzetti, I just want to sing your name.

The State's evidence was flimsy and the witnesses for the prosecution gave confused and contradictory testimonies.

Sacco and Vanzetti proclaimed their innocence, but they were convicted and sentenced to death. Appeal after appeal was denied. Their case became an international cause. Marches and defense efforts organized worldwide.

But on August 23rd 1927, the State of Massachusetts, which had condemned Sacco and Vanzetti as violent and dangerous men, mobilized 500 heavily-armed policemen to suppress protests, and electrocuted the two Boston anarchists.