

COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: SOIUZ BYVSHIKH, RUSKIKH SUDEBNYKH DEIATELEI VO FRANTSII PapersSOURCE: Purchase, ~~1957-1969~~ 1956-63, 1965, 1967-70SUBJECT: Law and Legal Profession; Emigration-FranceDATES COVERED: 1918-1970NUMBER OF ITEMS: ca 4000

STATUS: (check appropriate description)

Cataloged: Listed: Arranged: Not organized:

CONDITION: (give number of vols., boxes, or shelves)

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DESCRIPTION: The records of the Association of Former Russian Magistrates in France (Soiuz byvshikh russkikh sudebnykh deiatelelei vo Frantsii) from its inception in 1925 through 1970. The bulk of the collection is arranged chronologically by year, and, when volume warrants, by type of material within each year. The most frequently recurring materials are: correspondence, both general and specifically related to membership drives and fund-raising activities; minutes and organization memoranda; legal briefs on behalf of clients settling disputes before arbitration panels; and mimeo and printed materials, especially clippings. Included among the correspondence are several letters from Generals Denikin, Miller and Wrangel.

The collection also includes biographical and autobiographical sketches, primarily of "soiuz" members, as well as the memoirs of Sergei N. Gorodetskii, the organization's first head, and of Vladimir V. Popov, one of its last directors. Both memoirs portray legal education and the practice of law in pre-revolutionary Russia. In addition, the collection contains one folder of mostly unidentified photographs, primarily portraits, and two folders of pre-1925 materials, chiefly personal documents belonging to Nikolai N. Tagantsev, one of the presidents of the association.

For historical sketch and Box List see verso and following pages.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Association of Former Russian Magistrates in France (Soiuz byvshikh russkikh sudebnykh deiatelei vo Frantsii, also known as Soiuz byvshikh deiatelei russkago sudebnago vedomstva vo Frantsii) was founded in Paris in 1925 to provide its members, former judges, public prosecutors and examining magistrates with social, legal and material assistance. To that end the association sponsored lectures and informal social gatherings, engaged in fund raising activities, distributed pension payments to needy members or their families, and provided certification of identity to French Government authorities. The membership of the organization was small; it reached a peak of 104 persons in 1934, after which it declined steadily as older members died without being replaced.

The organization's first head was Sergei N. Gorodetskii. In the 1930s Nikolai N. Tagantsev assumed that post, followed in the 1940s by Petr F. Smirnov and in the 1960s by Vladimir V. Popov.

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BOX 1. Catalogued Correspondence, Arranged Manuscripts and Photographs

Catalogued Correspondence

Denikin, Anton I.
Miller, Evgenii K.
Wrangel, Petr N.

Arranged Manuscripts

Biographical and Autobiographical Sketches
Memoirs of Sergei Nikolaevich Gorodetskii (6 folders)
Memoirs of Vladimir Vladimirovich Popov
Miscellaneous

BOX 2-8 Chronological Files

2. Pre-1925 -- Nikolai N. Tagantsev documents
Miscellaneous
1925 -- Correspondence
Correspondence, Memberships
Constitution and Minutes
Arbitration Court Cases
Mimeo and Printed Materials
1926 -- Correspondence
Correspondence, Memberships
Minutes and Memoranda
Clippings
3. 1927 -- Correspondence
Correspondence, Memberships
Minutes and Memoranda
Arbitration Court Cases, Israelianets vs.
Giul'msirianets (2 folders)
Clippings
1928 -- Correspondence
Minutes and Memoranda
Printed Material
1929 -- General
1930 -- Correspondence
Arbitration Court Cases
1931 -- Correspondence
Correspondence, Annual Ball
Minutes and Memoranda
Arbitration Court Cases
4. 1932 -- Correspondence
Correspondence & Accounts, Annual Ball
Minutes and Memoranda
Arbitration Court Cases
Printed Material
1933 -- General
1934 -- Correspondence
Minutes and Memoranda

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1935 -- Correspondence
Accounts, Annual Ball
Minutes and Memoranda
1936 -- Correspondence
Minutes and Memoranda
1937 -- Correspondence
Minutes and Memoranda
1938 -- Correspondence
Minutes and Memoranda
1939-1940 -- General

5. 1941-1944 -- General
1945 -- General
"Initsiativa" benefit program
1946 -- Correspondence
Minutes and Memoranda (through 1951)
1947 -- Correspondence
Correspondence, Memberships
Minutes and Memoranda
1948 -- Correspondence
Minutes and Memoranda
Mimeo Material

6. 1949-1950 -- General
1951 -- Correspondence
Minutes and Memoranda (through 1952)
1952-1956 -- General

7. 1957-1958 -- General
1958 -- Clippings
1959 -- General
Clippings
1960 -- General
Clippings
1961 -- General
Clippings

8. 1962 -- General
Clippings
1963 -- General
Clippings
1964-1965 -- General
1966 -- General
Clippings
1967 -- General
Clippings
1968-1970 -- General
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