DESCRIPTION:

Papers of the Obshchestvo Pomoshchi Russkim Detiam za rubezhom, also known as the Russian Children's Welfare Society, founded in the United States in 1926. The collection consists mainly of correspondence, financial records, and subject files. Also included are protocols of meetings and reports, photographs, membership and subscription lists, and printed materials. The cataloged materials include manuscripts sent by such authors as Aleksei Remizov and Boris Zaitsev for Den' Russkogo Rebenka (Day of the Russian Child) in the 1930s, as well as correspondence from Nikolai Vakar, Claire Boothe Luce, Aleksandra Tolstaia, and others. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence with and about beneficiaries, and financial records from the period 1926-57.

For history of the Society and Box List see REGISTER.
A Brief History of the Society

The Obshchestvo Pomoshchi Russkim Detiam za Rubezhem (Russian Children's Welfare Society Inc. Outside of Russia) was founded on 16 March 1926 in New York City, and was known officially as the Obshchestvo Pomoshchi Detiam Russkoi Emigratsii (The Russian Refugee Children's Welfare Society, Inc.) until 1940. At various times active branches existed in the following cities: St. Louis; Hollywood, California; San Francisco; Lakewood, New Jersey; Seattle; New Haven, Connecticut; Philadelphia; Montreal; Toronto; Calgary, British Columbia; Albany, New York; Cleveland; Chicago; and Schenectady, New York. From 1931 an annual fund-raising program, "Den' Russkogo Rebenka" ("Day of the Russian Child"), was held in many of these cities, as well as in New York. The society also sporadically published a journal of the same name in English and Russian versions, to which many prominent emigres contributed.

The primary goal of the Society at the time of its founding was to assist Russian emigre children in Europe with financial and material support. During the years prior to the Second World War, most assistance was concentrated on children in Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, France and China (Manchuria). As well as contributing to orphanages, schools, camps and hospitals for children, the Society sponsored a "god parent" program, whereby individual children were supported with monthly payments by American (usually Russian-American) individuals. From 1931 Nicholas Dolgopolov represented the Society in France and coordinated the distribution of assistance there. In other countries the Society relied mainly on representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church to make contacts and screen potential recipients.

During the war years virtually all shipments to Europe stopped, but the immediate post-war period was the Society's time of peak activity. At that time, and through the 1950s, most assistance went to Germany and Austria (primarily to Displaced Persons Camps) and France. The Society joined the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service and the Council of Relief Agencies Licensed for Operation in Germany (CRALOG), and was affiliated with American Overseas Aid (AOA), CARE, and a number of other authorized relief programs. Both before and after the war, small amounts of aid were sent regularly to children in other parts of the world as well, such as Latin America, North Africa, and occasionally in the United States.

The Presidents of the Society were: I. P. Dvoruchenko (1926-28); E. V. Ragozin (1929-31); I. V. Shestakovskii (1932-1937); V. I. Petropavlovskii (1938-40; 1943-45); A. P. Demidov (1941-1942); T. S. Lugovaia (1946-1951); and G. T. Novitskii (1952-1957).
Catalogued Correspondence and Manuscripts

Correspondence
Aldanov, Mark Aleksandrovich
Bakhmeteff, Boris Aleksandrovich
Denikina, Kseniia Vasil'evna (Mrs. Anton I.)
Dolgorukov, Petr Dmitrievich
Konovalov, Aleksandr Ivanovich
Luce, Clare Boothe
Panina, Sofiia Vladimirovna
Shakhovskoi, Dmitrii Andreevich
Shavel'skii, Georgii I.
Sorokin, Pitirim Aleksandrovich
Timashev, Nikolai Sergeevich
Tolstaiia, Aleksandra L'vovna
Vakar, Nikolai Platonovich
ZeN'kovskii, Vasilii Vasil'evich
Zenzinov, Vladimir Mikhailovich

Manuscripts
Bunin, Ivan Alekseevich, "Vozzvanie," (statement)
Grebenschchikov, Georgii Dmitrievich, "Ob-vu Pomoshchi Detiam R. Em.,”
Grebenschchikov, Georgii Dmitrievich, "Serdtse umnee razuma: Iz pisem s Pomperagna,” (statement)
Osorgin, Mikhail Andreevich, "Amerikanskому 'Obshchestvu pomoshchi detiam russkoi emigratsii” (statement)
Otsup, Aleksandr Avdeevich, "O nachikh detiakh (moe pokazanie),” (statement)
Remizov, Aleksei Mikhailovich, ["Mne ochen' zhalko byvaet detei...”] (statement)
Teffi, Nadezhda Aleksandrovna, ["Zhizn' russkoi emigratsii ochen' tiiazhela"] (statement)
Tsurikov, Nikolai Aleksandrovich, "O denatsionalizatsii russikh roditelei,” (statement)
Tyrkova-Williams, Ariadna Vladimirovna, "Cheterye stranitsy,” (essay)
Zaitsev, Boris Konstantinovich, "Deti izgannya,” (statement)
Zaitsev, Boris Konstantinovich, ["Komu prikhodilos' imet’...”], (statement)
ZeN'kovskii, Vasilii Vasil'evich, "Dalekim druz'iam,” (statement)

Boxes 2-50. Arranged Correspondence by Country
This series has been arranged only by country of origin and year, except for certain individuals and institutions with which there was a large volume of correspondence. Also, in the correspondence from Germany, letters for some years have been partially sorted alphabetically by author, and in the North American correspondence, some years are partially sorted by month.

2. Austria
Bachmanov, M. P., 1948-51; 1953-54
"Columb” Publishers, 1947

Shelved off-site
2. continued
Greek Orthodox Dean, Salzburg, 1947
Kellerberg D. P. Camp, 1947-48
Kufstein D.P. Camp, 1947-48; 1953
Parsch D.P. Camp Secondary School, 1947-48
Pio-Ulisky, A., Kellerberg D.P. Camp, 1947-51
Russian Orthodox Church, Linz, 1949-51
St. Martin D. P. Camp, 1947-48; 1950-51
Stephen, Archbishop, 1949-50
Trushnovich, A., 1948-1951

3. Austria (cont.) Shelved off-site
Individuals, 1945-48

4. Austria (cont.) Shelved off-site
Individuals, 1949-56

5. Bulgaria Shelved off-site
Benevolent Society of Russian Women, 1930
Cossack Organizations, 1926-1939
Krylov, D., 1928-30
Kuzmin School, Sofia, 1928-40
Russian Red Cross, Old Organization, 1926-30
Shumen-"Moia Malen'kaia Rossiia," 1929-36
Sofia-Secondary Schools, 1934-39
Varna Summer Colony, 1926-34
"Zemgor," Sofia, 1928-41

6. Bulgaria (cont.) Shelved off-site
Individual, Undated
Miscellaneous years, 1929-48

7. China-Finland Shelved off-site
China, Individual, 1929-41
Czechoslovakia
Grey, Father Nikon (Kindergarten), 1929-31
Tsurikov, N., 1927-1932
Individual, 1930-1941
Estonia, 1920-1940
Finland
Ianushkevich, P., 1939-41
Perk Tarvi Otdelenie, Petrograd Gimnasiu, St. Alexei, 1926-38
Terioki Real'noe Uchilishche
Individual, 1929-48

8. France Shelved off-site
Dolgopolov, Nikolai Savvich, 1931-42; 1945-56
L'Ecole Russe "Empereur Nicolas II," Versailles, 1944-56
Medonsk Shelter, 1936-39
Preventorium (Alpes-Maritimes), 1928-40
Russian Red Cross, Old Organization, 1928-36, 1945
9. France (cont.)

- St. Germer de Fly (Oise), Nechaiaannaia Radost' Orphanage, 1926-34
- Tomilov, N., 1955-56
- Voskhod Fellowship, 1926-40
- "Zemgor," 1927-32
- Individual, 1926-40; 1945-50

10. France (cont.)

- Shelved off-site

11. Germany

- Arensburger, Konstantin, Wurttemberg, 1947-50
- Benevskii, N., Prior of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Lande/Weser, 1948-49
- Fil, Andrei, 1950-51
- Gartong, Marianna, Berlin, 1952-54
- Greek Orthodox Church, Lübeck, 1948-51
- Greek Orthodox Church, Marburg, 1948-49
- Greek Orthodox Community, Regensburg, 1947-51
- Latysheva, E., 1950-51
- Martino, Boris, Russian Scouts, 1948-1956
- München-Feldmoching D. P. Camp, 1948-50
- München-Feldmoching Secondary School for Stateless, 1948
- Northwestern Orthodox Union/Beneficent Society of Baltic Orthodox Religious Community, 1947-50
- "Omgus" Manpower Division, Berlin, 1948-51

12. Germany (cont.)

- Shelved off-site

13. Germany (cont.)

- Shelved off-site

14. Germany (cont.)

- Shelved off-site
15. Germany (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1948-49

16. Germany (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1950-52

17. Germany (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1953

18. Germany (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1954

19. Germany (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1954 (cont.); 1955

20. Germany (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1956

21. Greece-Latin America Shelved off-site
   Greece, 1937-48
   Italy, 1948
   Latin America, 1926-56

22. North America Shelved off-site
   Ariadna, Abbess, Russian Convent, San Francisco, 1948-51
   Bank Correspondence, 1941-51
   Department of State (U.S.), 1941-42
   The President's War Relief Control Board, 1943-46
   Russian Organizations, 1946-55

23. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Russian Organizations, 1956
   Russian Orthodox Church of Christ the Savior, 1941-52
   Tikhon, Archbishop, San Francisco, 1946-51
   Individual, 1926-28

24. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1929

25. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1930

26. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1931-32

27. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1932 (cont.); 1933

28. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1933 (cont.); 1934-35

29. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1936-1945

30. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1946-48
31. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1948 (cont.); 1949

32. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1949 (cont.)

33. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1950

34. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1950 (cont.)

35. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1951

36. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1951 (cont.)

37. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1951 (cont.); 1952

38. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1952 (cont.)

39. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1953

40. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1953 (cont.); 1954

41. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1954 (cont.)

42. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1954 (cont.)

43. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1955

44. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1955 (cont.)

45. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1955 (cont.); 1956

46. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1956 (cont.)

47. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1956 (cont.)

48. North America (cont.) Shelved off-site
   Individual, 1957 and undated
49. Philippines-Yugoslavia
Philippines, 1938-40
Poland
Russian Aid Society and Children's Shelter in Korets, 1926-31
Russian Benevolent Society (Warsaw, Brest), 1926-29
Russian Committee in Kleban, 1926-28
Russian Gymnasium in Warsaw, 1925-28
Dubno, 1927-30
Vilnius, 1932-40
Warsaw, 1926-30
Rumania, 1926-31
Senegal, 1931
Turkey, 1926-30
Yugoslavia
Ledneva, S., Russian School, Belgrade, 1926-30
Orphanages, 1927-40
Sanatorium for Children, 1929-32
Individual, 1929-53

50. Yugoslavia (cont.)-Miscellaneous copies of outgoing correspondence
Yugoslavia (cont.)
Individual, 1954-56
Country of origin not identified
Miscellaneous countries
Excerpts of letters from Europe, 1947-48
Miscellaneous copies of outgoing correspondence

Boxes 51-52. Correspondence with Regional Branches of the Society

51. Regional Branches
California, 1931-36; 1942-48
Chicago, 1930-37
Detroit, 1929-41
Hollywood, 1932-50
Lakewood, N. J., 1939-48
Montreal and Toronto, 1932-40

52. Regional Branches (cont.)
N. Y. Capital District (Albany)
Philadelphia, 1932-41
St. Louis, 1932-48
Seattle, 1932-48
Washington, D. C., 1940-48

Boxes 53-57. Protocols, Minutes, Reports, Charters, Etc.

53. Protocols of Meetings, March 1926-March 1932
54. Protocols of Meetings, April 1932-December 1938
55. Protocols of Meetings, March 1943-Nov. 1944
Protocols of Annual Meetings with Related Materials, 1928-30; 1934; 1935; 1947
Miscellaneous Protocols and Related Materials, 1944-46; 1949; various other years
56. Annual Reports, 1926-41/42 Shelved off-site

57. Annual Reports, 1942/43-1956 Shelved off-site
Miscellaneous materials for the Preparation of Annual Reports

Box 58. Weekly News Releases, 1940-41; 1946; 1947-49 Shelved off-site

Box 59. Weekly News Releases (cont.), 1950-53; Miscellaneous Shelved off-site

Boxes 60-81. Financial Records Shelved off-site

60. Cash Books, April, 1926-Oct. 1939 Shelved off-site

61. Cash Books (cont.), Oct. 1939-March 1941 Shelved off-site
Donations to Beneficiaries, 1927-1953


63. Expenditures, Jan. 1936-Dec. 1939 (by month) Shelved off-site

64. Expenditures, Jan. 1940-Oct. 1941 (by month) Shelved off-site

65. Expenditures, Nov. 1941-Dec. 1943 (by month) Shelved off-site

66. Expenditures, Jan. 1945-Sept. 1946 (by month) Shelved off-site


68. Expenditures, Jan. 1948-Dec. 1948 (by month) Shelved off-site

69. Expenditures, Jan.-Dec. 1949 (by month) Shelved off-site

70. Expenditures, Jan. 1950-April 1951 (by month) Shelved off-site

71. Expenditures, May 1951-Aug. 1952 (by month) Shelved off-site

72. Expenditures, Sept. 1952-Dec. 1953 (by month) Shelved off-site

73. Financial Accounts of Special Events Ticket Sales, 1933-52 (Incomplete) Shelved off-site

74. Financial Documents-Federal Reserve Bank Licensing Shelved off-site
Financial Reports to Department of State, 1941-42
Financial Reports to President's War Relief Control Board, 1942-45

75. Income, 1929-Sept. 1941 Shelved off-site

76. Income, Nov. 1941-May, 1948 Shelved off-site

77. Income, June 1948-Dec. 1953; Miscellaneous Lists of Contributions Shelved off-site
78. Income/Expenditures Balance Sheets, 1926-51 (Incomplete)  
   Receipts from Abroad, 1933-48; Undated  
   Miscellaneous financial documents  
   Miscellaneous receipts

79. Miscellaneous Receipts from Beneficiaries

80. Miscellaneous Receipt Books and Stubs

81. Miscellaneous Receipt Books and Stubs (cont.)

Boxes 82-92. Subject Files

82. American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service  
   AFSC Relief and Reconstruction Excerpts, 1945  
   Circular Letters, 1944-49  
   Committee on Child Welfare, 1945-46  
   Committee on Displaced Persons, 1944-49  
   Committee on Displaced Russians, 1944-45  
   Committee on France, 1944-49  
   Committee on Material Aid and Shippers/Purchasers, 1945-49  
   Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe (CARE), 1945

83. American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service (cont.)  
   Council of Relief Agencies Licensed for Operation in Germany (CRALOG), 1946-47  
   Joint Procurement Mission, 1945-50  
   Minutes of General Meetings, 1944-48  
   News abstracts, 1945-46  
   Miscellaneous

84. American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service (cont.)
   Miscellaneous (cont.)

85. American Overseas Aid (AOA)  
   Allocations Committee, 1947-48  
   Campaign Chairmen, 1948

86. American Overseas Aid (AOA) (cont.)  
   News Releases, Dec. 1947-1948  
   Quota Lists  
   Radio Programs  
   Special Projects List  
   Miscellaneous, 1946-48

87. Christmas Bazaars, 1949-51  
   Citizens' Committee on Displaced Persons, 1945-48  
   Commission for International Educational Reconstruction  
   Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe (CARE), 1949-54

88. "Den' Russkogo Rebenka" (Day of the Russian Child), Journal  
   "Den' Russkogo Rebenka", 1932; 1947-50
89. Federation of Russian Charitable Organizations
   Fresh Air Fund Camp Program, 1932-37
   The Golden Rule Foundation, 1940-45
   Handicrafts Made by Displaced Persons
   Kulaev Fund
   Manufacturers' Offerings of Goods, 1946-51

90. Miscellaneous Benevolent Organizations, 1946-52
    Obshchestvo Fund-Raising Flyers
    Ration Board, 1945
    Russian-American Society "AID" (Pomoshchi), 1930

91. Russian Organizations (Miscellaneous), 1941-53
    Tolstoy Foundation

92. Unitarian Service Committee
    United National Clothing Collection, 1945
    United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)
    United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA)
    U. S. War Bonds
    World Health Organization (WHO)

Box 93. Materials on Shipments Abroad, 1945-49

Box 94. Materials on Shipments Abroad, (cont.) 1950-54; Miscellaneous

Box 95. Lists

   Address Lists
   Lists of Beneficiaries
   Information Cards on Beneficiaries
   Lists of Requests for Aid
   Membership Lists

Box 96. Subscription Lists, 1928-46

Box 97. Photographs and Picture Postcards

Note: Many photographs have been left in correspondence where they were found with specific letters

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Miscellaneous

Boxes 98-104. Printed Materials

98.Bulletins, Newspapers, Journals
   Biulleten', Oct. 1948; Feb.-June, 1949
   Bog, trud, edinstvo (Munich), 1948-49
   Department of State Bulletin, April-June, 1946
   Izvestia mysli', (Munich), Feb.-July 1949
   Izvestia Vysshego Monarkhicheskogo Soveta, Jan. 1948; March-Oct. 1949
   Lagernyi vestnik, Feb.-March 1949
   Obozrenie, May-Dec. 1948
   Obshchestvo Pomoshchi Bulletin, 1944-45; Current Reports, 1946-47
98. continued
Otchet (Hamburg) March-July 1949
Posev, March 1949
UNRRA Monthly Review, 1945-46
Volia, Nov. 1952-Aug. 1953

99. Bulletins, Newspapers, Journals (cont.) Shelved off-site
Za pravdu, May 1949-Feb. 1951
Znamia Rossii, Sept. 1949-June 1953
Miscellaneous Printed Bulletins
Miscellaneous Emigre Journals
Miscellaneous Newspapers

100. Harbin Russkii Dom Shelved off-site
Miscellaneous American Benevolent Organizations - Publications
Miscellaneous Russian Benevolent Organizations - Publications
Miscellaneous Russian Organizations - Publications

101. Obshchestvo Special Events (Flyers, etc.) Shelved off-site
The President's War Relief Control Board - Publications
United Nations - Publications
U. S. Foreign Economic Administration - Publications

102. U. S. Government Publications on Post-WWII Reconstruction Shelved off-site
U. S. Government Publications - Miscellaneous
Miscellaneous Printed Materials
Clippings

103. Clippings (cont.) Shelved off-site

104. Books Shelved off-site
Opis* muzeia, Fourth Pamiatka of First Russian Prince Konstantin Konstantinovich Kadet Corps
Shestiaia kadetskaiia pamiatka iubleinaia, Sixth Pamiatka of First Russian Prince Konstantin Konstantinovich Kadet Corps.
Signed and inscribed by A. Popov
Zarubezhnaia russkaia shkola, 1920-1924, Signed by Prince L'vov
Two books on Post-WWII emigration (U. S. Government reports)
Two booklets on Russkii Dom/School, Harbin

Box 105. Miscellaneous Shelved off-site
Colored charts of organization and contributions, 1926-40
Miscellaneous hand-painted cards
Miscellaneous handwritten notes
Miscellaneous manuscripts
Musical scores
Material acquired after 1957 (Flyers and reports)
Loose-leaf calendars

Oversized
Three scrapbooks on Den' Russkogo Rebenka, 1932-1934
One scrapbook of clippings, 1948
One scrapbook of color plates
Two scrapbooks of photographs: Bulgaria, Estonia, Yugoslavia
One scrapbook of hand-lettered cards
One scrapbook of letters and manuscripts by noted emigres