COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: OSOBYI KOMITET PO DELAM RUSSIKH V FINLIANDII Papers

SOURCE: Purchase, 1976

SUBJECT: Revolution and Civil War - Northwest Front; Emigration - Finland

DATES COVERED: ca. 1881-1964

NUMBER OF ITEMS: ca. 2500

STATUS: (check appropriate description)
- Cataloged: x
- Listed: x
- Arranged: x
- Not organized: 

CONDITION: (give number of vols., boxes, or shelves)
- Bound: 
- Boxed: 8
- Stored: 

LOCATION: (Library) BAR

CALL-NUMBER: Ms Coll/Osobyi komitet v Finliandii

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: None

DESCRIPTION:

Papers of the Osobyi komitet po delam russikh v Finliandii (Special Committee on Russian Affairs in Finland), which was founded to assist Russian refugees in Finland after the Finnish announcement of independence in December 1917. The committee gave support to General Iudenich's White Army on the northwest front during the Civil War. The collection consists of correspondence, reports, minutes of meetings, financial records, subject files, bulletins, news announcements, and printed materials (including a detailed history of the Committee); the majority of the collection dates from 1919.

Correspondents include Anton Kartashev, president of the Committee in 1919-1920, and Iudennich. There are materials on the northwest front, reports on the status of Russian refugees in Finland, the proposed takeover and rehabilitation of Petrograd, and records of the Committee's financial activities. Substantial materials concern its Political Committee and Iudenich's Northwest Government.

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For a more detailed history of the Committee, see last page of this description.

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The Committee was founded after the Finnish declaration of independence from Russia in December 1917 and the liquidation of all Russian institutions in Finland. It was established as an organization to assist Russian refugees in Finland and later gave financial assistance to Iudenich's Northwest Government during the Civil War. The Committee selected Viipuri (Vyborg) as its base of operations and held its first official meeting on November 29, 1918. Aleksandr F. Trepov was elected first president of the organization, and succeeding presidents included Anton V. Kartashev, Ernest K. Grube, and Aleksandr N. Fenu (Fenoult). General Nikolai Iudenich acted as starshii voennyi nachal'nik (senior military commander) of the Political Committee, the executive body of the organization. Besides the Political Committee, the organization had a number of departments including Finance, Internal Affairs, Communications, Supply and others. These various departments prepared reports and made plans for the revitalization of the economy and government of Petrograd after a planned White Army takeover in late 1919. The collection contains materials on the Committee's activities from 1918-1923, and mostly concerns 1919. There is a detailed mimeographed history of the organization among the printed materials, and membership lists of the officers and members of the organization in the Osobyi Komitet subject file.
OSOBYI KOMITET V FINLIANDII BOX LIST

Box 1. Cataloged Materials; Arranged Correspondence, A-K

Cataloged Correspondents
Hoover, Herbert
Iudenich, Nikolai Nikolaevich
Kartashev, Anton Vladimirovich
Maklakov, Vasilii Alekseevich
Miller, Evgenii Karlovich
Nabokov, Vasilii Alekseevich
Roerich, Nikolai Konstantinovich
Romanov, Kirill Vladimirovich, Grand Duke of Russia (with related materials)

Cataloged Documents
Iudenich, Nikolai Nikolaevich
Romanov, Kirill Vladimirovich, Grand Duke of Russia

Arranged Correspondence, A-K
American Relief Administration
British Foreign Office
On Expenditures (includes bills, orders and lists of persons receiving financial assistance)
Fenu (Fenoult), Aleksei Nikolaevich
On Financial Questions and Cash on Hand
Girs, M.I. (with related materials)
Grimm, David Davidovich
Gul'kevich, Konstantin N. (includes materials on expected seizure of Petrograd in October 1919)
Iudenich, Nikolai Nikolaevich (copies of outgoing correspondence)
Kartashev, Anton Vladimirovich (carbons of outgoing letters)
Kemskaiia uezdnaia militsiia

Box 2. Arranged Correspondence, L-Z

Lianozov, Stepan Georgievich
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Russian embassy in Paris)
On Offers of Provisions, Projects and Labor
Osobyi Komitet in Finland
Predsedatel' osobogo komiteta
Russian P.O.W.s in Germany
Sovet predstavitelei russkoi promyslennosti i torgovli v Finliandii
Trotskii-Seniutovich, V.N.
A-Z
Unidentified
Coded Telegrams
Lists of Incoming and Outgoing Communications of the Osobyi Komitet Political Committee
Lists of Incoming and Outgoing Communications of the Political Committee of General Iudenich
Box 3. Manuscripts

Reports
Ivanov, S.V. (on Petrograd)
Kuz'min-Karavaev, V.D. (on takeover of Petrograd and conditions in Finland)
Lianozov, S.G. (on finance)
On Military Wages
"Ob 'osobom otdele' pri otdele inostrannykh snoshenii upravleniia
severo-zapadnogo fronts (dlia kontroli v'ezda v Rossiiu)"
On Political Committee's Trade-Industry Department
On Russian Refugees in Finland
Suvorov, M.N. (on northwest front, transportation, communications)

Memoirs by Eduard F. von Mend, "Kadet--iunker--ofitser"

Memoranda
Instructions for Application of Provisional Regulations for Entering the Borders
of the N.W. Oblast of Russia
Statutes of the Government of the N.W. Oblast

Box 4. Minutes of Meetings

"Ob"edinennyi sovet politicheskogo soveshchaniia pri Gen. Iudeniche"
Political Committee (with related reports and other materials)
Supplements to Minutes of Meetings
Excerpted Resolutions of Political Committee
Sovet finansov, promyshlennosti, i torgovli
List of Incoming and Outgoing Communication of the Soviet finansov, promyshlennosti,
i torgovli
Soviet of General Iudenich in Viipuri (Vyborg)
Sovet predstavitelei russkoj promyshlennosti i torgovli v Finliandii
Miscellaneous Minutes

Box 5. Applications for Employment with Osobyi Komitet; Financial Records

Financial Records
Account Book for Dissemination of Salaries to the Office Workers of the
Political Committee
Communications Department
Department for Organization of the City Government in Petrograd
Finance Department
Foreign Relations Department
Fuel Department
Industry and Finance Commission
Information Bureau
Internal Affairs Department
Fuel Department
Kassa i tekushchie scheta
Ministry of Supply of the N.W. Russia Oblast
Orders to Transfer Funds to Gen. Iudenich
Osobyi komitet po delam russkich v Finliandii
Political Conference Department
Provisions Department
Sovet predstavitelei russkoj promyshlennosti i torgovli v Finliandii
Box 6. Subject Files

- Formation of the N.W. Government
- Formation of the Political Committee Office of the Osobyi Komitet
- General Wrangel
- International Russian Relief Committee
- Meetings of Transport Committee
- Osobyi komitet (includes membership lists, reports, correspondence, diagrams)
- Plans to Revitalize the Government and Economy of Petrograd (1919)
- Soviet predstavitelei russkoi promyshlennosti i torgovli v Finliandii
- Trade-Industrial Union in Finland

Box 7. Bulletins and News Announcements of Osobyi Komitet

Box 8. Printed Materials; Miscellaneous

Printed Materials
- "Osobyi komitet po delam russkich v Finliandii. 1918-1923 g."
- Russian General Consulate Key (for code deciphering; 1920)
- "Sudebnoe delo o zlodeianii 1 marta"
- Clippings on Osobyi Komitet
- Pamphlets
- Newspapers
- Miscellaneous