

COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: Mark Aleksandrovich ALDANOV Papers

SOURCE: Gift of M.A.Aldanov, 1953-54; purchase, 1954, 1957; gift of Ida Romanovna Movshovich, 1958.

SUBJECT: Emigre literature; Emigration -- France, United States

DATES COVERED: 1926-1957 NUMBER OF ITEMS: ca. 6700

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

CONDITION: (give number of vols., boxes, or shelves)  
Bound:        Boxed: 37 Stored:       

LOCATION: (Library) BAR CALL-NUMBER Ms Coll/Aldanov

RESTRICTIONS ON USE Restrictions lifted, 1/10/2008  
Boxes 34-37 closed to all use until 1 Jan. 2008 (see letter of Tat'iana Aldanova to the Archive, 26 August 1957). IA. Bunin letters (Box 2 and part of 13) on **MICROFILM**  
Nachalo kontsa on **MICROFILM**

DESCRIPTION: Papers of Mark A. Aldanov (pseud. of M. A. Landau; 1886-1957), Russian emigre writer in France and the United States. The collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts, documents, a photograph, and printed material, primarily from the period 1941-1957. Included are letters from Ivan Bunin, Marc Chagall, Mikhail Karpovich, Vasilii Maklakov, W. Somerset Maugham, Vladimir Nabokov, Il'ia Repin, Edmund Wilson, Boris Zaitsev and many others. Manuscripts of his works include Istoki, Nachalo kontsa, Zhivi, kak khochesh', and The Escape (English translation of Begstvo), such shorter tales as Noch' v terminale, Povest' o smerti, and Ul'mskaia noch', as well as numerous articles, book-reviews and essays. There are financial records for Novyi Zhurnal, which Aldanov helped found, and the clippings are mainly articles about Aldanov. There is one late photograph of Aldanov.

For biographical sketch and list of collection, see REGISTER.

Mark A. Aldanov (né Landau) was born on 26 October 1886 in Kiev into an affluent Jewish family. Although a chemist by education, Aldanov was active in political and literary circles in pre-Revolutionary and Revolutionary Russia. His first published work, a literary essay entitled Tolstoj i Rollan, appeared in 1915. It was followed by publications of a political and historical nature: Lénine (1919), Deux révolutions: la révolution française et la révolution russe (1920), La politica estera dei Soviets (1921), and by various shorter pieces. A collection of his aphorisms was published in 1918 under the title Armageddon, but was subsequently confiscated by the Bolsheviks.

An opponent of the Bolsheviks, Aldanov left Russia ~~for~~ for Berlin where he wrote for the Russian language dailies Golos Rossii and Dni while serving as the latter's literary editor. When Dni moved its editorial offices to Paris, Aldanov and his wife Tat'iana (née Zaitseva), whom he had married in 1922, moved to Paris where they remained until their emigration to the United States in 1939.

During his years in Germany and France, Aldanov dedicated himself to the writing of fiction and historical essays and portraits. His fictional works were primarily historical novels; Sviataia Elena, malen'kii ostrov (1923), Deviatoe Termidora (1923), Chortov most (1925) and Zagovor (1927) comprise the French Revolution cycle which he entitled Myslitel'; Kliuch (1930), Begstvo (1932) and Peshchera (1934, 1936) revolve around the Russian Revolution; and Nachalo kontsa (1938) is set in the time of the Spanish Civil War. During this time Aldanov also wrote a symbolic tale, Desiataia simfonia (1931) and a short story, Bel'vederskii tors (1938). Aldanov's historical pieces from this period are: Sovremenniki (1928), Portrety (1931), Zemli, liudi (1932), Iunost' Pavla Stroganova i drugie kharakteristiki (1934) and Novye portrety (1936).

Aldanov resided in New York from the end of 1939 until 1946. Here also his activities revolved around the writing and publication of literature. Together with M. Tsetlin he founded in 1942 the Russian language journal Novyi Zhurnal where many of his own literary works were first published. In 1946 he returned with his wife to France, this time to Nice, where he lived until his death on 25 February 1957. His wife died eleven years later in Paris.

Aldanov's fictional writings during the last two decades of his life included short stories, several longer symbolic tales--Punchevaia vodka, skazka o vsech piati schast'iach (1940), Mogila voina, skazka o mudrosti (1940), Povest' o smerti (1952-1953), Ul'mskaia noch' (1949)--and four historical novels: Istoki (1950), Zhivi, kak khochesh' (1952), Bred (1954-1957) and Samoubiistvo (1958).

For a listing of Aldanov's writings, including articles and book reviews, published after he left Russia, see Foster, Ludmila A., Bibliography of Russian emigré literature, 1918-1968 (1970). See also: Lee, C. Nicholas, Bibliographie des oeuvres de Marc Aldanov (1976).

For information on his life and work see:

Lee, C. Nicholas, "Aldanov, Mark" in The Modern encyclopedia of Russian and Soviet literature, Vol. I (1977).

Lee, C. Nicholas, The Novels of Mark Aleksandrovich Aldanov (1969).

Grabowski, Yvonne, The Problems of historical destiny in the works of Mark Aldanov unpub. dissertation, University of Toronto (1969).

Struve, Gleb, Russkaia literatura v izgnanii (1956).

ALDANOV BOX LIST

Boxes 1-9. Catalogued Correspondence

1. Abramovitch, Raphael  
Adamovich, Georgii Viktorovich  
Aldanov, Mark Aleksandrovich  
Aronson, Grigorii Iakovlevich  
Bakhmeteff, Boris Aleksandrovich  
Beard, Mary Ritter (Mrs. Charles A.)  
Berlin, Pavel Abramovich  
Bitsilli, Petr Mikhailovich
2. Bunin, Ivan Alekseevich (undated, 1941-1950)
3. Bunin, Ivan Alekseevich (1951-1953)  
Bunina, Vera Nikolaevna
4. Canby, Henry Seidel  
Chagall, Marc  
Chekhov, Mikhail Aleksandrovich  
Cohen, Gustave  
Dalín, David Iul'evich  
Damanskaia, Avgusta Filippovna  
Dan, Lidiia Osipovna  
Darrow, Whitney  
Demidov, Igor' Platonovich  
Denikina, Kseniia Vasil'evna (Mrs. Anton I.)  
Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich  
Eastman, Max  
El'kin, Boris I.  
Evangulov, Georgii S.  
Fedotov, Georgii Petrovich  
Gazdanov, Georgii Ivanovich  
Gessen, Iosif Vladimirovich  
Goldenweiser, Alexis  
Grebenshchikov, Georgii Dmitrievich  
Grechaninov, Aleksandr Tikhonovich  
Grégoire, Henri  
Grynberg, Roman ~~Mikhailovich~~  
Gul', Roman Borisovich  
Gurvich, Georgii Davidovich  
Ivanov, Georgii Vladimirovich  
Johnson, Alvin Saunders  
Kalashnikov, Nikolai Sergeevich  
Karpovich, Mikhail Mikhailovich
5. Kaun, Alexander Samuel  
Kerenskii, Aleksandr Fedorovich  
Knopf, Alfred A.  
Knut, David Mironovich  
Konovalov, Aleksandr Ivanovich

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5. continued  
Konovalov, Sergei Aleksandrovich  
Kovarskii, Il'ia Nikolaevich  
Krasnov, Vasilii Mikhailovich  
Krovopuskov, Konstantin Romanovich  
Kusevitskii, Sergei  
Kuskova, Ekaterina Dmitrievna  
Lednicki, Wacław  
Levine, Isaac Don  
Lyons, Eugene  
MacDonald, Dwight  
McNeil, Virginia Haggard  
Maklakov, Vasilii Alekseevich
6. Mann, Klaus  
Manning, Clarence A.  
Maugham, William Somerset  
Mayfield, John S.  
Mel'gunov, Sergei Petrovich  
Miliukov, Pavel Nikolaevich  
Nabokov, Nikolai Dmitrievich  
Nabokov, Vladimir Vladimirovich  
Nabokova, Vera Evseevna  
Niebuhr, Reinhold  
Nikolaevskii, Boris Ivanovich  
Novitskii, Georgii Isakievich  
Obolenskii, Vladimir Andreevich  
Odoevtseva, Irina  
Osorgina, Tat'iana (Mrs. Mikhail A.)
7. Panina, Sofiia Vladimirovna  
Panteleimonov, Boris Grigor'evich  
Perel'man, Osip Isidorovich  
Perkins, Maxwell E.  
Petrishchev, Afanasii Borisovich  
Pierre, André  
Poliakov, Aleksandr Abramovich  
Potresov, Sergei Vasil'evich  
Rakhmaninov, Sergei Vasil'evich  
Remizov, Aleksei Mikhailovich  
Repin, Il'ia Efimovich  
Repina, Vera Il'inishna  
Roosevelt, Eleanor (Mrs. Franklin D.)  
Roshchina-Insarova, Ekaterina Nikolaevna  
Rostovtsev, Mikhail A.  
Rothschild, Guy de, Baron  
Ryss, Petr Iakovlevich  
Sazonova, Iuliia Leonidovna  
Scribner, Charles  
Shakhovskoi, Dmitrii Alekseevich  
Shpolianskii, Aminad Petrovich

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7. continued  
Sorokin, Pitirim Aleksandrovich  
Stavrov, Perikl Stavrovich  
Straus, Roger W., Jr.  
Strunsky, Simeon  
Struve, Gleb Petrovich  
Tabori, Paul  
Tavernier, René  
Teffi, Nadezhda Aleksandrovna  
Tolstaia, Aleksandra L'vovna  
Trubetskoi, Iurii Pavlovich  
Tsvibak, Iakov Moiseevich  
Tyrkova-Williams, Ariadna Vladimirovna  
Varshavskii, Vladimir Sergeevich  
Vasil'ev, Aleksandr Aleksandrovich  
Vel'min, Anatolii Petrovich  
Vishniak, Mark Veniaminovich  
Von Mohrenschildt, Dimitri Sergius  
Wardwell, Allen  
Weinbaum, Mark Efimovich  
Wheelock, John Hall  
Wilson, Edmund  
Wreden, Nicholas and Sophie

8. Zaitsev, Boris Konstantinovich  
Zeeler, Vladimir Feofilovich  
Zenzinov, Vladimir Mikhailovich  
Zurov, Leonid Fedorovich

Catalogued Manuscripts

Bunin, Ivan Alekseevich, [Quotations from and comments on Russian poetry]  
Ivanov, Georgii Vladimirovich, ["Drug druga otrazhaiut zerkala..."] (poem)  
Kovarskii, Il'ia Nikolaevich ["Ia znaiu Veru Kovarskuiu..."] (statement)  
Trubetskoi, Iurii Pavlovich, "Zapisnyiia Knizhki" (poem)

Catalogued Photographs

Aldanov, Mark Aleksandrovich  
Repin, Il'ia Efimovich

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Boxes 9-11. Arranged Correspondence

9. A-B  
C-F  
Frumkin, Jacob  
G-H  
Gabrilovich, L. E.  
I-L  
M-O  
P-R  
Rognedov, Aleksandr P.
10. S  
Soloveichik, S.  
T-Z  
Titov, A.  
Unidentified

11. Outgoing correspondence (carbons and drafts by Aldanov)

Boxes 12-30. Arranged Manuscripts, Documents, Miscellaneous

- 12-18. Istoki (The arrangement of the Istoki manuscripts within the collection follows the sequence given to the material in the 1950 YMCA edition of the book. In this publication several chapters have been misnumbered, and the incorrect chapter numbers appear also on the folders.)  
Boxes 17-18 also contain page proofs.
19. "Abbatstvo Pontini i Andrei Zhid"  
"V. A. Anri"  
"Astrolog"  
Before the Deluge (Chapters 1-7)  
Before the Deluge (Chapters 8-15)  
Before the Deluge (Chapters 16-25)  
Before the Deluge (Chapters 26-35)  
Before the Deluge (Chapters 36-45)  
Before the Deluge (Chapters 46-56)
20. "Berlin"  
"Bogochelovecheskaia kommuna v S. Sh. A."  
"Dongo"  
"Eksterminator"  
"The End of the Pontigny Group"  
The Escape  
"Fel'dmarshal"  
"V. N. Figner"  
"La France, est-elle une grande puissance?"  
"Graf Vitte"  
"Greta and Tank"; "Tank"  
"L'homme qui a decouvert le Piron"  
"Hostages"  
"Inside Russia. How Good are Stalin's Generals"  
"Ivan Bounine"  
"Ivan Bunin"
21. The Lie Detector  
"Lozovsky and the Art of Propaganda"  
"A Masonic Tragedy in 1801"  
"Mikrofon"  
"Mussoliniana"  
Nachalo kontsa - folder 7 on MICROFILM
22. Night at the Airport  
Noch' v Terminale  
La nuit d'Ulm
23. "O russkom narode"  
"Osvobozhdenie"  
"Ot redaktsionnoi gruppy"  
"Pamiati P. N. Miliukova"  
"Pamiati M. O. Tsetlina"  
"Pervoe interv'iu v istorii"  
"Pontini"

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23. continued  
"Les possibilités russes"  
Povest' o smerti (folders 1-2)
24. Povest' o smerti (folders 3-9)
25. Povest' o smerti (folders 10-16)
26. Povest' o smerti (folders 17-18)  
"Predislovie" (re: M. A. Osorgin)  
"Predskazanie P. N. Durnovo"  
"Priamoe deistvie; Poliana Borgeze"  
"Rachmaninoff joue"  
"S. V. Rakhmaninov"  
"Review of The Balkan Firebrand"  
"Review of P. N. Miliukov, Na Perelome"  
"Review of P. N. Miliukov, Outlines of Russian Culture"  
"Rubin"  
"Russkaia kommuna v Kanazase"  
"Rytsar' svobody"
27. "70-letie A. I. Konovalova"  
"Sovremennaia russkaia literatura"  
"Strana politicheskogo ubezhishcha"  
Sur les possibilités de nouvelles conceptions en chimie  
"Svastika - serp i molot"  
"Tolstoi i masonstvo"  
"Tenèbres"  
"Ubiistvo Trotskogo"  
"Vinston Cherkhil"  
"Ul'mskaia noch'"
28. "The War for the Preservation of Oases"  
"Zhenshchina s udavom"  
Zhivi, kak khochesh' (folders 1-5)
29. Zhivi, kak khochesh' (folders 6-11)
30. Miscellaneous manuscripts (folders 1-8)
31. Miscellaneous manuscripts (folders 9-12)
- Documents: Accounts for Novyi Zhurnal
- Miscellaneous printed items
- Miscellaneous

Boxes 32-33. Clippings

32. Clippings about Aldanov (folders 1-10)
33. Clippings about Aldanov (folders 11-14)

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Clippings by Aldanov

Boxes 34-37. Closed correspondence



Publications based on the Mark Aleksandrovich ALDANOV Papers

Byckling, Liisa. "Mikhail CHEkhov v KHollivude: Razmyshleniia i pis'ma Marku Aldanovu." Studia Slavica Fennica tomus VIII (1991): pp. 1-26.

Chernyshev, Andrei. "'Etomu cheloveku ia veriu bol'she vsekh na zemle': Iz perepiski I.A. Bunina i M.A. Aldanova. Vstuplenie, publikatsiia, podgotovka teksta i primechaniia Andreia CHernysheva." Oktiabr' 3 (Mart 1996); p. 115-156.