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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Dallin, David J., 1889-1962
Title:	David J. Dallin Collection of Soviet Displaced Persons manuscripts
ID:	4077439
ID:	BA#0083
Date [inclusive]:	1947-1951
Physical Description:	21 items 1 half manuscript box
Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); David J. Dallin Collection of Soviet Displaced Persons Manuscripts; Box and Folder; Bakhmeteff Archive, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical sketch

David J. Dallin (1889 – 1962; aka David Iul'evich Dalin, Давид Юльевич Далин, born David Iul'evich Levin), Menshevik leader, writer and lecturer on Soviet affairs, author of numerous works on the Soviet Union.

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Biographical / Historical

While studying at the University of St. Petersburg in 1907 to 1909 became involved in anti-tsarist political activity faced arrest and imprisonment for anti-tsarist political activity. After

two years of imprisonment, he fled Russia to Germany. He studied at the University of Berlin and obtained his doctorate in Economics from the University of Heidelberg in 1913. Returned to Russia after the February Revolution of 1917. He won election to the central committee of the Menshevik group of the Russian Social Democratic Labour Party and represented the group on the Moscow City Soviet from 1918 to 1921. Was arrested by Bolsheviks in 1920; in 1922 avoiding a second arrest he fled to Germany where he stayed until the Nazis forced him to leave in 1935. Then he settled in Poland and stayed there until the outbreak of World War II in 1939, when he moved to the United States. In New York he joined the staff of the left-wing anti-communist paper "New Leader," wrote numerous articles on economic and political subjects.

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Summary

Manuscripts collected by David J. Dallin consists of autobiographical essays in English and Russian by Soviet displaced persons, discussing their lives in the USSR and why they chose not to return there. There are also essays in English telling the stories of Soviet displaced persons from the point of view of another unidentified narrator. Also included is a letter dated 2 Aug. 1943 from Povilas Zadeikis, a representative of Lithuania in the United States in 1934 – 1957.

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Publication Statement

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Restrictions on Access

This collection is located off-site. You will need to request this material at least three business days in advance to use the collection in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Manuscripts: Method of acquisition--Purchase; Date of acquisition--1952.

Location of Originals Note

Holder of originals: Bakhmeteff Archive. Rare Book and Manuscript Library. Columbia University.

Processing Information

Manuscripts Accessioned 1952.

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Manuscripts Processed 02/--/79.

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Related Materials

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Dallin' correspondence, photographs, manuscripts, publications and other materials see also in Leopold Haimson Papers.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Refugees, Political -- Soviet Union
- Soviet Union -- History -- 1917-1936
- Autobiographies (literary works)
- Essays
- Soviet Union -- Displaced persons
- Memoirs

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Essays	box 1