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Summary Information

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Title:	Ignat Arkhipovich Bilyi Papers
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Biographical sketch

Ignat Arkhipovich Bilyi (1887-1973), Supreme Ataman of the Cossacks in Exile, was born on January 1, 1887 in a family of poor cossacks in Kuban region of Russian Empire. As many Kuban cossacks, he considered himself to be ethnic Ukrainian and was a fervent supporter of political unity between Ukraine and Kuban region.

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Biographical / Historical

In 1918, he became an active member of the government of the Kuban Peoples Republic, which was an anti-Bolshevik state established by Kuban cossacks and comprised the territory of the modern-day Kuban region in Russia. Before the republic was defeated by Bolsheviks, he was appointed its ambassador to Ukraine and Poland.

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Biographical / Historical

He never came back home to Kuban and lived first in Poland and then in the Czech republic where in 1922 he founded the first Cossack newspaper abroad entitled *Voice of Cossacks*. In 1923, he graduated from the Politechnic Institute in Prague and soon after started the *Free Cossacks*, a new magazine published twice a month in Ukrainian and Russian.

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Biographical / Historical

In the U.S. where Ignat Bilyi immigrated in 1958, he was very active in many anti-Communist groups, namely ABN (Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations) and KNOD (Cossack National Liberation Movement in the U.S.).

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Biographical / Historical

He died on March 28, 1973 and has been buried at Saint Vladimir Russian Cemetery in Jackson, New Jersey.

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Summary

The papers consist of correspondence, manuscripts, documents, subject files, newspaper clippings, printed materials, photographs, and drawings. Most of the correspondence concerns Bilyi's activities as Ataman, and the journal "Kazak"; other correspondence is personal or relates to the activities of anti-Communist groups (such as the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations - ABN). The manuscripts include articles, reminiscences, drafts of appeals and proclamations, and speeches mostly concerning the Cossack movement, Cossack history, and the anti-Communist movement. The documents mostly concern KNOD and related organizations for the period ca.1955-1970; a few relate to the Cossacks in 1919-1945. The subject files contain newspaper clippings, printed materials, notes, and correspondence relating to KNOD, ABN, "Kazak", Ukrainian-Cossack relations, and the Vlasov Movement. The newspaper clippings are mostly from Russian and Ukrainian emigre publications. Printed materials include a set of "Kazak" and ephemera of KNOD, ABN, and similar organizations. There are a few photographs showing Bilyi in Cossack dress and also various Cossack emigre organization activities. The paintings and drawings include portraits of Bilyi and his wife, Tatiana Iurievna Bilyi, in national dress (his Cossack, hers Czech), other Cossack leaders, Cossack heraldry, and a map of "Cossackia."

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Arrangement

The papers are arranged in seven series.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Cossacks
- Soviet Union -- History -- Revolution, 1917-1921
- Soviet Union -- History -- 20th century
- Articles
- Clippings (Information Artifacts)
- Drawings (visual works)
- Journals
- Letters (correspondence)
- Maps (documents)
- Notes (documents)
- Paintings (visual works)
- Proclamations
- Speeches (documents)
- Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations
- Kazach'e natsional'no-osvoboditel'noe dvizhenie

Collection Inventory

Series I: Correspondence, 1920-1973

Scope and Contents

Series mostly consists of the correspondence related to Bilyi's activities as Ataman, and the journal "Kazak". There is also correspondence related to the activities of anti-Communist groups (such as the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations - ABN), and some personal correspondence. Arranged chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances
1920-1964	box 1
1965-1969	box 2
1969-1973	box 3
Envelopes	box 5

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Series II: Manuscripts and Notes

Scope and Contents

Series includes articles, reminiscences, drafts of appeals and proclamations, and speeches mostly concerning the Cossack movement, Cossack history, and the anti-Communist movement.

Title/Description**Instances**

Articles, reminiscences, appeals, proclamations, speeches

box 4

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Series III: Documents, 1919-1970**Scope and Contents**

Series mostly consists of documents regarding KNOD and related organizations for the period ca. 1955-1970; a few documents relate to the Cossacks in 1919-1945.

Title/Description**Instances**

Documents of interest from the period 1919-1949 include the following:

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(in chronological order)

Prikaz Kubanskogo Voiskovogo Atamana (po Kubanskomu Kraiu) no. 65, Ekaterinodar, 6 Dec. 1919	box 5
Report to "Pan Golovnyi Otaman", 10 Aug. 1920 <u>Physical Description:</u> (typescript)	box 5
Posluzhnyi spisok podkhorunzhago 2 Umanskoi Sotni 2 Svodno-Kubanskogo Polka K. K. V. Prisiagi, 1921 <u>Physical Description:</u> (manuscript)	box 5
Report to General Weygand about Kuban Cossacks and Volunteer Army, ca. 1920 <u>Physical Description:</u> (manuscript)	box 5
Otkrytoe pis'mo glavnokomanduiushchemu vooruzhennymi silami komiteta osvobozhdeniia narodov Rossii gen.-leitenantu A. A. Vlasovu, by Gen. P. N. Krasnov, nachal'nik glavnogo upravleniia kazach'ikh voisk, 15 March 1945 <u>Physical Description:</u> (typed copy)	box 5
Sekretnoe soobshchenie Min. Pol'sk. Pravitel'stva o besede pol'skogo predstavitelia Ponikevskogo s prem'erom Ukrainского Pavitel'stva Prof. Mazepoi, 14 May 1949	box 5

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(handwritten translation from Polish)

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Title/Description	Instances
Bilyi in Cossack dress	box 5
Various Cossack emigre organization activities	box 5

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Title/Description	Instances
Portraits of Ignat Bilyi and his wife, Tatiana Iur'evna, in national dresses (his Cossack, hers Czech)	mapcase 14-K-1
Cossack leaders	mapcase 14-K-1
Cossack heraldry	mapcase 14-K-1
Map of "Cossackia"	mapcase 14-K-1

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Series contains clippings, printed materials, notes, and correspondence related to KNOD, ABN, "Kazak", Ukrainian-Cossack relations, and the Vlasov movement. Arranged in alphabetical order.

Title/Description	Instances
A-B	box 6
D-Kap	box 7
Kaz	box 8
Kaz-M	box 9

N-Ne	box 10
Ne-R	box 11
S	box 12
T-V	box 13

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Series VII: Printed Materials

Scope and Contents

Series includes newspaper "Kazak", printed ephemera, and newspaper clippings mostly from Russian and Ukrainian emigre publications.

Title/Description	Instances
"Kazak" newspaper; ephemera of KNOD, ABN, and similar organizations	box 18-51
Newspaper clippings	box 14-17

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