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Summary Information

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Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The collection documents American attorney Marshall MacDuffie's work as chief of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration's Mission to the Ukraine, and his trip to the Soviet Union in 1953.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Marshall MacDuffie Papers, 1945-1962; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical sketch

Marshall MacDuffie was born in 1909 to Marshall and Wilhelmina Helmar MacDuffie. He attended Philips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, graduating in 1927. He attended Yale Law School, graduating in 1935, and then joined the law firm Sullivan & Cromwell, where he practiced until 1941. MacDuffie married Rose Keane Shumlin in 1953.

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Biographical sketch

MacDuffie moved to Washington, DC in 1941 and served on several wartime commissions and boards, including the Board of Economic Warfare in the Middle East. He also served as a director of the European branch of the Foreign Economic Administration Deputy Foreign Liquidation Commissioner (State Department).

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In 1945, New York Governor Herbert Lehman appointed MacDuffie to the position of chief of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) Mission to the Ukraine. The region had been hit with heavy losses and destruction during the war, and was also facing drought. Along with deputy Paul F. White and reporter John S. Fischer, MacDuffie traveled to Kiev to oversee the distribution of \$180 million worth of emergency relief supplies, primarily food, clothing, medicine, tools, and agricultural supplies such as seeds and refrigerating machinery. The program struggled with delays, but large numbers of supplies did reach their designated locations.

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In June of 1946, a US congressman called for the end of UNRRA aid in Russia on the grounds that US officials were being censored and barred from access to key areas. MacDuffie challenged these claims, insisting that his staff was able to move freely throughout Ukraine to inspect living conditions and the need for rations, and that they were assisted, not hindered, by local authorities. He resigned in protest over the incident, but his statements were supported by UNRRA Director Fiorella LaGuardia, who insisted that the relief efforts would continue. Paul White succeeded MacDuffie as Chair and oversaw the Mission for another year, until its termination in July, 1947.

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While involved in the mission, MacDuffie befriended Nikita Khrushchev, then Premier of the Ukraine. Several years later, he wrote to Khrushchev to request a travel visa for a private trip to the Soviet Union to see how the landscape had changed. Despite the tensions of the Cold War, which normally forbade US citizens from visiting the Soviet Union, the request was granted, and in 1953 MacDuffie traveled freely for two months, covering 10,000 miles between Leningrad and the Chinese border. He visited factories, farms, and slaughterhouses, met with many citizens, and kept extensive notes. MacDuffie was interviewed by a number of newspapers upon his return and wrote a book, *The Red Carpet: 10,000 Miles through Russia on a Visa from Khrushchev*, about the experience. MacDuffie also conducted several interviews with Khrushchev, including a three-hour interview in 1956, and wrote other books and articles on Soviet life. He advocated the development of positive relations between the US and the USSR.

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Biographical sketch

In 1955, MacDuffie served five months as chief counsel of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, but resigned after a dispute. Around the same time, he began receiving letters from US citizens with family members in Russia, who were unable to leave due to the country's anti-emigration policies. Using his connections to Khrushchev and others, as well as his skills as an attorney, MacDuffie helped obtain exit visas for several individuals. He established his own law firm in 1956 and continued to take on such cases, often waiving his attorney fee.

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Marshall MacDuffie died in New York in 1967.

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Biographical sketch

Chief of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation (UNRRA) Mission to the Ukraine.

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Scope and Content

The collection documents Marshall MacDuffie's work as chief of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration's Mission to the Ukraine and his trip to the Soviet Union in 1953. It includes correspondence, manuscript drafts, publications, newspaper clippings, and a large collection of photographs, slides, and negatives.

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Arrangement

The collection has been arranged into two series.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

UNRRA Correspondence, reports, clippings: Source of acquisition--MacDuffie, Mrs. Marshall. Date of acquisition--1968.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Trip to USSR Papers: Source of acquisition--Marshall MacDuffie. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1954.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Trip to USSR Papers: Source of acquisition--Funds provided by the Overbrook Foundation. Method of acquisition--Purchase; Date of acquisition--1968.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Rose Keane MacDuffie.

Processing Information

UNRRA Correspondence, reports, clippings Surveyed Julie Miller 05/--/87.

Processing Information

Trip to USSR Papers Accessioned 1954.

Processing Information

Trip to USSR Papers Accessioned 1968.

Processing Information

Trip to USSR Papers Processed 01/--/80.

Processing Information

Trip USSR Papers Revised 11/--/81.

Processing Information

UNRRA and Trip to USSR Papers Combined 2013.

Accruals

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Related Material

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[Hugh R. Jackson Papers](#), Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Columbia University

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Controlled Access Headings

- World War, 1939-1945 -- Civilian relief -- Ukraine
- International relief -- Ukraine
- Rationing
- Americans -- Soviet Union
- Ukraine -- Economic conditions -- 1945-1991
- Ukraine -- Social conditions -- 1945-1991
- Soviet Union -- Politics and government -- 1945-1991
- Soviet Union -- Social conditions -- 1945-1991
- Articles
- Books
- Clippings (Information Artifacts)
- negatives (photographs)
- Photographic prints
- Slides (photographs)
- La Guardia, Fiorello H (Fiorello Henry), 1882-1947
- White, Paul F
- MacDuffie, Marshall, 1909-1967
- Khrushchev, Nikita Sergeevich, 1894-1971
- Herbert H. Lehman Collections (Columbia University)
- United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. Ukraine Mission

Collection Inventory

Series I: UNRRA Mission to the Ukraine, 1945-1950

Scope and Contents

The series concerns Marshall MacDuffie's service as chief of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration's Mission to the Ukraine. It contains typed copies of correspondence between the mission members and government officials as well as several reports that offer thorough descriptions of the mission's activities, as well as criticism and suggestions for future relief work in Ukraine. It also contains a small number of clippings and biographical information on MacDuffie, including an article on his efforts to reunite Russian families.

Title/Description	Instances	
General, 1945-1946	box 11	folder 1
General, 1945-1946	box 12	folder 18
General, 1947-1948	box 11	folder 2
Operations, Reports, and Histories, undated	box 12	folder 19
Operations, Reports, and History, 1950 undated	box 11	folder 3

History and Biography, undated

box 11

folder 4

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This series documents MacDuffie's trip to the USSR through writings, publications, ephemera, photographs, and slides.

Series II.1: General, 1947-1962**Scope and Contents**

This subseries holds a variety of materials relating to MacDuffie's visit to the USSR. It includes a detailed account of his experience in the report "Russia after Stalin," several articles on Russian culture written for magazines, a copy of his book, *The Red Carpet*, and handwritten notes about trip, though it is unclear whether these were written while traveling or afterward. It also contains reports and clippings about the region and ephemera collected on the trip, such as tourist brochures, clothing catalogs, booklets on architecture, and newspapers.

Title/Description	Instances	
"Russia after Stalin"--Report on 1953 Trip, Copy 1, undated, 1953, undated	box 1	folder 1-6
"Russia after Stalin"--Report on 1953 Trip, Copy 1, undated, 1953, undated	box 2	folder 1-8
"Russia after Stalin"--Copy 2, undated	box 3	folder 1-5
"Russia after Stalin"--Copy 2, undated	box 4	folder 1-6
"Modern French Painting in Russia," undated	box 5	folder 1
"My Friend Khrushchev," undated <u>Physical Description</u> : (4 folders)	box 5	folder 2-5
"TV Comes to Russia," undated	box 5	folder 6
Handwritten Notes on USSR Trip, 1953	box 5	folder 7
Handwritten Notes on USSR Trip, 1953 <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 folders)	box 6	folder 1-2
Reports and Clippings, 1947-1949 <u>Physical Description</u> : (3 folders)	box 6	folder 3-5
Reports and Clippings, 1947-1949	box 7	folder 1-5
Joint Press Reading Service and Moscow Daily Press Review, 1953	box 7	folder 6
Moscow Daily Press Review, 1953	box 7	folder 7

Notes and Articles on Russian Art and Culture, 1952-1962	box 8	folder 1
Tourist Brochures, 1955-1956	box 8	folder 2
Russian Newspapers and Tourist Brochures, 1952-1962	box 8	folder 3
Architecture--Notes and Booklets, 1953	box 8	folder 4
Clothing Catalogs, 1955	box 8	folder 5
Magazines--Political Commentary and Cartoons, 1953-1959	box 8	folder 6-7
<i>The Red Carpet: 10,000 Miles Through Russia on a Visa from Khrushchev</i> by Marshall MacDuffie, 1955	box 9	folder 10
Articles on MacDuffie and Russia in <i>Colliers</i> , 1954-1955	box 9	folder 1

Subseries II.2: Photographs and Slides, 1953

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains photographs and slides taken during MacDuffie's trip though the USSR and depict many aspects of Russian life, including fashion, houses, public architecture, Soviet iconography, entertainment, sports, and others, as well as rural and urban landscapes. They have been arranged by material type.

Title/Description	Instances	
Prints, 1953		
Churches	box 9	folder 2
Construction Scenes	box 9	folder 3
Contact Sheets	box 9	folder 4
Entertainment and Sports	box 9	folder 5
Gori; Stalin's Birthplace, Stalin's Grave	box 9	folder 6
Hermitage and Other Museums	box 9	folder 7
MacDuffie and Others	box 9	folder 8
Medicine	box 9	folder 9
People's Court	box 10	folder 1
People	box 10	folder 2
Rural Scenes	box 10	folder 3
Schoolchildren and Students	box 10	folder 4
Shopping Scenes	box 10	folder 5
Soviet Iconography	box 10	folder 6
Transport	box 10	folder 7
Urban Scenes	box 10	folder 8-9

Photo Sets in Cases	box 10	folder 10-11
Unidentified Photographs of Cities and People, circa, 1953	box 11	folder 5-9
Unidentified Photographs of Cities and People, circa, 1953	box 12	folder 1-7
Slides, circa, 1953		
Art	box 12	folder 8-10
Buildings--M	box 12	folder 11
Buildings--K	box 12	folder 11
Buildings and Streets	box 12	folder 11
Buildings and Streets--Kiev	box 12	folder 11
Kids--K	box 12	folder 11
Houses	box 12	folder 11
Houses--TV	box 12	folder 11
People--V	box 12	folder 11
Gori and Tiflis	box 12	folder 12
Church	box 12	folder 12
Hotel Room	box 12	folder 12
Mejreskevi	box 12	folder 12
Snow Scenes	box 12	folder 12
People	box 12	folder 12
S + B Virgin Mary's Intercession Cathedral	box 12	folder 13
P + B Event	box 12	folder 13
Moscow Buildings	box 12	folder 13
Set 5--People	box 12	folder 14
Fashion	box 12	folder 14
Circus	box 12	folder 14
Tashkent	box 12	folder 15
A-ATA--Towns, People, Countryside	box 12	folder 15
Kiev Party	box 12	folder 15
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