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Summary Information

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Abstract: This collection documents the professional and personal life of

James Grover McDonald, a diplomat who worked extensively with refugee issues and served as the first U.S. ambassador to

Israel.

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Biographical sketch

James Grover McDonald was born on November 29, 1886 in Coldwater, Ohio. His parents, Kenneth and Anna Dietrich McDonald, operated a hotel, and the family's five children worked alongside their parents. The family later moved to Albany, Indiana, to operate a second hotel, and there McDonald met Ruth Stafford, whom he would marry in 1915. The couple would have two daughters, Barbara Ann and Janet.

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McDonald studied at Indiana University, earning an A.B. degree in 1909 and a master's in History, Political Science, and International Relations in 1910. He won a teaching fellowship in history at Harvard Graduate School and then returned to Indiana University in 1914 as assistant professor of history. He taught until 1918, with a break in 1915-1916 to visit Spain as a Harvard University traveling fellow. He also taught summer sessions in international affairs at the University of Georgia in 1916 and 1917.

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At the recommendation of his Harvard advisors, McDonald moved to New York City and took a position with the Civil Service Reform Association, which was committed to ending government corruption. From 1919 to 1933, McDonald served as chairman of the Foreign Policy Association, an organization dedicated to educating the public about foreign affairs. McDonald presided over Foreign Policy Association Luncheons, which were broadcast over WEAF and NBC. During the late 1920s and early 1930s, he gave weekly talks on international relations over the same radio stations, speaking on current world events. McDonald traveled extensively and made trips to Germany nearly every year, experiencing Hitler's rise to power firsthand.

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In 1933, McDonald became League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and was faced with the task of negotiating refugee possibilities with Germany prior to World War II. In a meeting with Hitler in 1933, he became aware of Nazi goals to exterminate the Jewish population. McDonald struggled to help Jews and other persecuted individuals leave Germany, but found that his ability was restrained by League policies. He was respected and admired for his efforts and was awarded the American Hebrew Medal for Promotion of Better Understanding between Christian and Jew in America.

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In 1935, McDonald resigned from the position. In his resignation letter, he detailed the mistreatment of minorities in Germany and urged the League of Nations to take proactive measures not only to help refugees, but to recognize and address the problems in Germany that forced them to leave in the first place. The letter was widely circulated and was one of the first denouncements of the Nazi government by an international diplomat.

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McDonald returned to New York, and from 1936 to 1938 he worked on the editorial staff of the New York Times, specializing in editorials on international relations. In 1938 he returned to the problems of the refugees, serving as chairman of the President's Advisory Commission on Political Refugees. The Commission was involved mainly in working with the State Department to adapt immigration laws to the crisis in Germany. McDonald served on the Commission until 1945.

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In 1946, McDonald served with the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, a British and American committee charged with forming a policy on the admission of Jews into Palestine. McDonald traveled throughout the reason to hear the testimony of Jews and Palestinians, and became a strong supporter of unlimited immigration into Palestine by European refugees, and of the eventual creation of the state of Israel.

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In 1948, President Truman asked McDonald to serve as a U.S. representative to Israel, and McDonald moved to the newly formed country along with his daughter, Barbara. The following

year, he became the first U.S. ambassador to Israel and served for two years, working to forge a strong connection between the two countries during a period of upheaval. McDonald resigned as ambassador in 1951 and returned to the US, where he became chairman of the Advisory Council of the Development Corporation for Israel.

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McDonald wrote about his personal experience as an ambassador in his book My Mission to Israel, published in 1951. His extensive diaries, now held by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, have also been published in an annotated, multi-volume collection, The Diaries and Papers of James G. McDonald.

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In addition to his long career in international affairs, McDonald was also a member of the Board of Education of the City of New York (1940-1942); president of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences (1938-1942); and a member of the Harvard Club of New York.

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James G. McDonald died in 1964.

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Scope and Content

This collection documents the professional and personal life of James Grover McDonald, a diplomat who worked extensively on refugee issues and served as the first U.S. ambassador

to Israel. Much of the material relates to McDonald's positions on the High Commission for Refugees (Jewish and Other) Coming from Germany and the Presidential Advisory Committee on Political Refugees. These files document international efforts to help minorities, primarily Jews, escape Germany prior to World War II. There is also a fair amount of information on McDonald's experience as U.S. ambassador to Israel. Materials include correspondence, speech and book drafts, pamphlets, photographs, and newspaper clippings.

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Part of James Grover McDonald's diary is at the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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- International relations
- Political refugees
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- Ambassadors
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- Inman, Samuel Guy, 1877-1965
- Kotschnig, Walter M (Walter Maria), 1901-1985
- Wurfbain, André L
- Herbert H. Lehman Collections (Columbia University)
- United States. President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees
- Blue Network Company
- Foreign Policy Association
- Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Jewish Problems in Palestine and Europe
- Development Corporation for Israel. Advisory Council
- New York Times Company
- High Commission for Refugees (Jewish and Other) Coming from Germany
- League of Nations

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Scope and Contents

This series contains correspondence with prominent public figures, primarily politicians and government officials such as Dean Acheson, Henry Stimpson, and Harry Truman. The files were originally part of the general correspondence found in Series II, but were removed and housed separately. They are arranged alphabetically by correspondent name.

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Scope and Contents

The correspondence in this series spans most of McDonald's life, but much of the material dates from after World War II and relates to McDonald's involvement with the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, the formation of Israel, and his experience as U.S. ambassador to Israel. There is also considerable material relating to refugees, as well as some personal correspondence with family and friends. Files are arranged alphabetically by correspondent or institution name.

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Zylberlast, Henry and Sonia, 1956-1959	box 20	folder 11

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Series III: Manuscripts and Speeches, 1914-1960

Scope and Contents

This series holds drafts of two of McDonald's books, *Palestine and the Middle East* and *My Mission to Israel*, as well as drafts and transcripts of his speeches on current events and international policy. It includes many of the speeches McDonald broadcast over radio while working for the Foreign Policy Association, drafts for a 1943 NBC radio show, and many other speeches given before a variety organizations. Materials are arranged chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
General, 1914-1921 (5 Folders), 1914-1921	box 21	folder 12-16
Speeches, 1922-1943 (15 Folders), 1922-1943	box 22	folder 1-15
Radio Scripts (NBC), 1943 (2 Folders), 1943	box 22	folder 16-17
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Speeches, 1945-1946 (2 Folders), 1945-1946	box 23	folder 5-6
Palestine in the Middle East, Part I	box 23	folder 7
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Series IV: High Commissioner for Refugees, 1933-1936

Scope and Contents

This series contains material relating to League's effort to help refugees attempting to leave Germany prior to World War II. It includes reports from meetings with Nazi officials and extensive letters and reports discussing the insurance and property rights of refugees. Several files document McDonald's trip to South America with S.G. Inman to assess potential locations for refugee settlements. Documents are arranged chronologically.

Instances	
box 26	folder 8
box 26	folder 9-10
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Interviews, 1935	box 28	folder 4
Inman-McDonald Missions South America, 1935	box 28	folder 5
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Kotschnig, Walter M., 1936 (2 Folders), 1936	box 29	folder 2-3
National Coordinating Comm, New York, Cecilia Razovsky	box 29	folder 4
Correspondence, 1935-1936 Olive L., Sawyer, 1935-1936	box 29	folder 5
Wurfbain, Andre L., 1936 (2 Folders), 1936	box 29	folder 6-7
Lists and Organizations, 1933-1935	box 30	folder 1
Speeches and Releases, 1933-1936 (2 Folders), 1933-1936	box 30	folder 2-3
Clippings	box 30	folder 4

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Series V: Presidential Advisory Committee on Political Refugees, 1936-1945 Scope and Contents

Series V is comprised of a wide range of documents on refugee issues, including discussions of visa requirements; letters from groups seeking to help particular groups of refugees (such as children or Spanish refugees); and correspondence on technical problems, such as transportation issues. Files are arranged alphabetically by name or topic.

Title/Description	Instances	
ClippingsGerman Newspapers, 1938	box 39	folder 3
Clippings, 1936	box 39	folder 8
Food Map, 1938	box 39	folder 9
A-B (2 Folders)	box 30	folder 5-6
Bentwich, Norman, 1940	box 30	folder 7
C-D (2 Folders)	box 30	folder 8-9
D'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Sir Osmond E, 1939	box 31	folder 1
Dominican Republic Settlement, 1942	box 31	folder 2
E	box 31	folder 3
Evian Conference, 1938	box 31	folder 4
Evian ConferenceClippings, 1938	box 31	folder 5
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Kotschnig, Walter M., 1938-1939	box 31	folder 14
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N-P (3 Folders)	box 31	folder 19-21
Palestine-Partition, 1936-1938	box 31	folder 22
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Robinson, Leland Rex, 1943	box 31	folder 25
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Rosenwald, William, 1942	box 32	folder 2
Rummel, Joseph, 1938-1945	box 32	folder 3
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Schenkolewski, M., 1940-1944	box 32	folder 5
Strauss, Lewis L., 1938-1941	box 32	folder 6
T	box 32	folder 7
Twentieth Century Fund,1939	box 32	folder 8
U-W (3 Folders)	box 32	folder 9
Warren, George L., 1938-1941 (6 Folders), 1938-1941	box 32	folder 12-17
Warren, George L., 1943-1945 (3 Folders), 1943-1945	box 33	folder 1-3

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Series VI: Photographs, 1937-1961

Scope and Contents

This series holds a small number of photographs of McDonald, primarily formal portraits.

Title/Description	Instances	
McDonald, James C., undated	box 33	folder 7
Bleakley, William and James G., McDonald, undated	box 33	folder 8
McDonald, James G., 1938-1961	box 33	folder 9
McDonald, James G., undated (2 Folders), undated	box 33	folder 10-11
Ben-Gurion, David and James G. McDonald, undated	box 33	folder 12

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Series VII: Development Corporation For Israel, 1951-1961

Scope and Contents

This small series contains business documents from McDonald's position as chairman of the Advisory Council. It includes correspondence, meeting information, speaking schedules, and expense reports.

Title/Description	Instances	
Abrams, Benjamin, 1952-1953	box 34	folder 1
General Correspondence, 1953-1961 (9 Folders), 1953-1961	box 34	folder 2-10
Speaking Schedule, 1951-1955 (5 Folders), 1951-1955	box 34	folder 11
Speaking Schedule, 1956-1961 (7 Folders), 1956-1961	box 35	folder 1-7
Expense Accounts, 1951-1956 (6 Folders), 1951-1956	box 35	folder 8
Expense Accounts, 1957-1961 (5 Folders), 1957-1961	box 36	folder 1-5

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Series VIII: Pamphlets and Clipping Books, 1914-1951

Subseries I: Pamphlets, 1914-1951

Scope and Contents

This subseries holds pamphlets containing McDonald's articles on refugees and Palestine. They are filed chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
"German 'Atrocities' and International Law,", 1914	box 36	folder 6
"The German Refugees and the League of Nations,", 1936	box 36	folder 7
"International BroadcastingA Humanizing Force,", 1933	box 36	folder 8

Letter of Resignation of James G. McDonald	box 36	folder 9
"Palestine: The Primary Hope of the Post-War Era,", 1945	box 36	folder 10
"Palestine to the Rescue: Life or Death Struggle for a People,", undated	box 36	folder 11
"Should the United States Open Its Doors to Displaced Persons Now?", 1946	box 36	folder 12
"The Truth About Palestine,", 1946	box 36	folder 13
"What is Happening to Christian Spiritual Values in Today's World?", 1951	box 36	folder 14
"What is the Best Solution to the Palestine Problem?", 1947	box 37	folder 1
"Where can the Refugees Go?", 1945	box 37	folder 2
Stefansky, George, "Does the Refugee Have a Future"	box 37	folder 3

Subseries II: Clipping Books, 1921-1939

Scope and Contents

This subseries is comprised of newspaper articles about Poletti's actions as chairman of the Foreign Policy Association, League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and chairman of the President's Advisory Commission on Political Refugees. Clippings are arranged chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Clipping Book, 1921-1929 (3 Folders), 1921-1929	box 37	folder 4-6
Clipping Book, 1929-1931 (2 Folders), 1929-1931	box 37	folder 7-8
Clipping Books, 1931-1933	box 37	folder 9
Clipping Book, 1931-1933 (2 Folders), 1931-1933	box 38	folder 1-2
Clipping Book, 1932-1936	box 38	folder 3
Clipping Book, 1936-1939	box 38	folder 4

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Series IX: Memorabilia, 1950-1961

Scope and Contents

This series contains a small number of awards, gifts, and other memorabilia given to McDonald.

Title/Description	Instances
Humanitarian Award Presented to James McDonald in Appreciation of his Distinguished Service to the State of Israel and Mankind by Albert Einstein Lodge, B'Nai B'rith #2022Plaque, 1961 October 7	box 40

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Israel's Bar Mitzvah Award Presented to James G. McDonaldPlaque, 1961 November 30	box 40
Cardozo Memorial Award of Tau Epsilon Rho Law Fraternity Presented to James G. McDonald, First US Ambassador to the State of IsraelPlaque, 1956	box 40
Hebrew Book on Vellum in Case, undated	box 40
Blue Embroidered Bag, undated	box 40
Ceremonial Trowel Presented to McDonaldZoa House, 1950	box 40

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