
Inventory of the Peters Z. Olins Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Peters Z. Olins Papers

Dates: 1927-1962

Collection number: Consult repository

Creator: Olins, Peters Z., d. 1962.

Collection Size: 4 manuscript boxes, 1 oversize box2 linear feet

Repository: Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace

Stanford, California 94305-6010

Abstract: Correspondence, dispatches, writings, financial records, printed matter, photographs, and memorabilia, relating to Latvian foreign relations and émigré affairs.

Physical location: Hoover Institution Archives

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: LatvianEnglish

Access

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Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

Acquired by the Hoover Institution Archives in 1997.

Accruals

Increments may have been received since this finding aid was prepared. Please check Stanford University's online catalog Socrates at <http://library.stanford.edu/webcat> to find the full extent of the collection.

1890	Born, Valmiera, Latvia
1919	Enters Latvian diplomatic service
1927	Awarded Ph.D. in history, American University, Washington, D.C.
1928	Author, <i>The Teutonic Knights in Latvia</i> . Promoted to rank of Minister Plenipotentiary.
1962	Died
1910-1914	Student at the University of St. Petersburg
1935-1962	Latvian minister to Argentina and Brazil

Scope and Content of Collection

Acquired in 1997, the Peters Z. Olins papers in the Hoover Institution Archives comprise materials relating to this Latvian diplomat, who served most of his career in posts in Argentina and Brazil. Of perhaps most historical interest in the collection is the official correspondence

exchanged between Olins and other Latvian representatives in London, Washington, and elsewhere, and especially his correspondence with Alfreds Bilmanis, Latvian ambassador to the United States. This series also includes copies of letters sent between the Foreign Ministry of Latvia and various Latvian legations, and covers the period before and during World War II. From this correspondence, it is possible to reconstruct the Latvian state's evaluation of its situation in the years immediately before its loss of independence in 1940. These materials also document the unsuccessful efforts of Latvian diplomats abroad to restore Latvian sovereignty after the end of the war.

Following the annexation of Latvia by the Soviet Union, many Latvian diplomats in the West, including Olins, retained their official status as representatives of Latvia and continued to exercise their duties. In this regard, the collection contains both correspondence as well as a number of reports written by Olins and sent to the Latvian Legation in the United States. There is also an album of photographs in the collection relating to Olins' life and career, including his early years as a student and a soldier in World War I, when Latvia was a province of the Russian empire.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Latvians in foreign countries.

Argentina--Foreign relations--Latvia.

Brazil--Foreign relations--Latvia.

Latvia--Foreign relations--Argentina.

Latvia--Foreign relations--Brazil.

Occupations

Diplomats--Latvia.

Correspondence 1935-1962

Bilmanis, Alfreds. 1941-1948

Scope and Content Note

Includes letters neither addressed to nor written by Peters Z. Olins

Box 1, Folder 1 **1941-1943**

Box 1, Folder 2 **1945-1948**

Box 1, Folder 3 **Foreign Ministry of Brazil, 1961**

Foreign Ministry of Latvia.

Scope and Content Note

Includes correspondence between this ministry and Latvian legations in other countries

Box 1, Folder 4 **1935-1938**

Box 1, Folder 5-7 **1939**

Box 2, Folder 1 **1940**

Box 2, Folder 2 **1942-1945**

Latvian Legation (London) 1950-1962

Box 2, Folder 3 **1950-1951**

Box 2, Folder 4 **1952-1953**

Box 2, Folder 5 **1954-1957**

Box 2, Folder 6 **1958-1962**

Box 2, Folder 7 **Latvian Legation (Washington, D.C.), 1955-1962**

Box 3, Folder 1 **Émigré publications, 1950-1960**

Scope and Content Note

Letters, with some transcripts of interviews and clippings

Box 3, Folder 2 **Naturalization requests, 1959-1960**

Box 3, Folder 3 **General, 1933-1961**

Box 3, Folder 4 **Reports, 1956-1957**

Box 3, Folder 5 **Inaugural program, 1961**

Box 3, Folder 6-7 **Clippings, 1935-1940**

Box 3, Folder 8 **Photograph, undated**

Scope and Content Note

One print depicting Vilhelms Munters and others

Box 3, Folder 9 **Financial records, 1952-1964**

Scope and Content Note

Receipts and invoices

Box 4, Folder 1 **Financial records, 1954-1961**

Scope and Content Note

One account book

Box 4, Folder 2 **Olins, Peters Z., *The Principle of the Equality of Men in the Movement for International Peace*, doctoral thesis submitted to the American University, Washington, D.C., 1927 March.**

Scope and Content Note

Typescript

Box 4, Folder 3-6 **Printed matter, 1936-1938**

Box 4, Folder 7 **Album of photographs depicting Latvian participation in the commemoration of the fourth centenary of São Paulo, Brazil, 1954**

Biographical file, circa 1890s-1960

Box 5, Folder 1

Album of photographs documenting the life and career of Peters Z. Olins, circa 1890s-1960

Scope and Content Note

Includes photographs depicting Karlis Ulmanis and other Latvian officials

Box 5, Folder 2-4

Testimonials given to Peters Z. Olins from the Latvian émigré community in Brazil, 1955-1959

Box 5, Folder 5

Certificate of consular authority, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1933 February 21