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COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: Prince PAUL of Yugoslavia Papers

SOURCE: Gift of Prince Paul and Princess Olga via Jacob Hoptner & Harriet Hoptner

~~_____~~ 1954, 1964, 1969-70, 1978, 1981, 1985,
gift of Dragoslav Georgevich, 1988

SUBJECT: Serbia; Yugoslavia; World War II; European Royal Families; Karageorgevich

DATES COVERED: 1757-1976 NUMBER OF ITEMS: ca. 5,500

STATUS: (check appropriate description)

Cataloged: x Listed: x Arranged: x Not organized: _____

CONDITION: (give number of vols., boxes, or shelves)

Bound: _____ Boxed: 15 Stored: 2 oversized folders; 1 painting

LOCATION: (Library) BAR CALL-NUMBER _____ Ms Coll./Prince Paul _____

RESTRICTIONS ON USE Milan Stojadinovic Correspondence on **MICROFILM**

MN # 2003-7011 - various letters between Prince Paul and members of the British Royalty

DESCRIPTION:

Papers of Prince Paul Karageorgevich (1893-1976), Regent of Yugoslavia from 1934 to 1941. The collection consists primarily of correspondence and subject files, but also includes manuscripts, documents, photographs and printed materials. The correspondence spans six decades and includes letters received by Prince Paul prior to his accession, during his tenure as regent, and during 35 years of exile. Among the correspondents are members of Prince Paul's family; prominent European political figures, such as Edvard Beneš, Neville Chamberlain, Anthony Eden, and Benito Mussolini; European royalty, including King Albert of Belgium, King Carol II of Rumania, Queen Elizabeth II, King George VI, and King Edward VIII of England; and such Yugoslav public figures as Milan Stojadinović, Dragiša Cvetković, and Anton Korošec. Within the subject files a large sequence pertains to the reign of Prince Paul (1934-1941) and, to a lesser degree, the reign of King Alexander (1918-1934). These materials--correspondence, minutes of meetings, military regulations, speeches, consular and foreign legation reports, police reports, voting records, government decrees, etc.--were assembled by J. B. Hoptner while researching his book, Yugoslavia in Crisis, 1934-1941 (1962). Among the manuscripts are Prince Paul's and Princess Olga's diaries and Prince Paul's notes on conversations with Hermann Göring, Hitler, Mussolini and Eden. The collection includes historical documents concerning Serbian and Yugoslav history and the Karageorgevich family, including some from the 18th and 19th centuries, such as a copy of the 1808 agreement between Kara George and the Serbian National Council.

For biographical sketch and box list see register.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Prince Paul Karageorgevich was born on April 15, 1893 in St. Petersburg, the only child of Prince Arsène Karageorgevich, youngest brother of King Peter I of Serbia, and the Russian Princess Aurore Demidoff (princess of San Donato). When Paul was three years old his parents divorced, leaving him in the care of his uncle Peter, who at this time was living in exile in Switzerland. In 1903 the latter returned to Belgrade in order to ascend the throne, and Prince Paul went with him. He remained in Belgrade until 1913 when he left to study at Oxford. Except for a brief period during World War I, Paul remained in England until 1923. That year he married Princess Olga of Greece, and returned to Yugoslavia, which was then under the rule of his cousin, King Alexander. For the next decade Prince Paul devoted himself to the arts. He acquired a fine personal collection of art objects and was instrumental in creating a museum of modern art in Belgrade (the National Museum).

In 1934, King Alexander was assassinated, and Prince Paul became head of a regency which exercised power in the name of the late King's son, Peter, during his minority. He remained Prince Regent until 1941. It was a period of turmoil in Yugoslav history, made ever more acute by an unresolved nationalities problem, an undemocratic constitution and a precarious political position during World War II. When on March 25, after countless stalling maneuvers, Prince Paul signed the Tripartite Pact with Germany, a military coup d'état, led by General Simović and aided by the British, removed him from office, and installed the seventeen-year-old Peter as head of state.

Prince Paul and his family, branded by the British as traitors, were refused permission to go to Greece. Instead, they were taken first to Kenya and in 1943 transferred to South Africa. In 1948 Prince Paul, accompanied by his wife Olga, their sons Alexander and Nicholas and their daughter Elizabeth, returned to Europe and took up residence in Paris, spending summers in his family's ancestral home near Florence, Italy. For the remainder of his life Prince Paul carried on an extensive correspondence with a wide circle of friends and associates. In the 1970s he devoted much time and energy to donating items from his personal collection to his favorite museums and galleries. He died in Paris on September 14, 1976.

PRINCE PAUL BOX LIST

Boxes 1-5. Catalogued Materials

1. Correspondence

Albert I, King of the Belgians
Alexander, King of Yugoslavia
Alexandra, consort of Peter II, King of Yugoslavia
Alfonso, Infante of Spain, Duke of Galliers
Alsop, Joseph
Amedeo, Duke of Aosta
Baring, (Sir) Evelyn
Beneš, Edvard
Blum, Léon
Boris III, Tsar of Bulgaria
Carol II, King of Rumania
Chamberlain, Neville
Churchill, Randolph Spencer
Clark, Kenneth
Cvetković, Dragiša

2. Cyril, Prince of Bulgaria

Davidović, Ljubomir
Duveen, Joseph
Eden, Anthony
Edward VIII, King of Great Britain
Elena, consort of Victorio Emanuele III, King of Italy
Elizabeth, consort of George VI, King of Great Britain
(not to be consulted within her lifetime)
Elizabeth II, Queen of Great Britain
George, Duke of Kent
George II, King of Greece
George VI, King of Great Britain
George, Prince of Greece
Giscard d'Estaing, Henri
Henri, Count of Paris
Hesse, Philip, Prince of
Hoare, Samuel
Ileana, Princess of Rumania
Karageorgevich, Alexander, Prince of Yugoslavia
Karageorgevich, Elizabeth, Princess of Yugoslavia (Mrs. Oxenburg)
Korošec, Anton
Lebrun, Albert
Léopold III, King of the Belgians
Macek, Vladko

3. Marie, consort of Alexander, King of Yugoslavia

Marie, consort of Ferdinand, King of Rumania
Marie, Princess of Greece
Mariia, grand duchess of Russia
Mary, consort of George V, King of Great Britain
Masaryk, Jan Garrigue
Maurois, André
Mościcki, Ignacy

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3. continued
Mussolini, Benito
Olga, consort of Paul, Prince of Yugoslavia
Paul, Prince of Yugoslavia ← (Parrott, Cecil, Sir
4. Peter II, King of Yugoslavia
Romanov, Vladimir Kirillovich, Grand Duke of Russia
Sadler, (Sir) Michael Ernest
Seton-Watson, Robert William
Smuts, Jan Christian
Stojadinović, Milan ← **MICROFILM** 96-2057-1
Thomas, (Sir) Godfrey
Umberto II, King of Italy
Uzunović, Nikola
Victoria Eugenia, consort of Alfonso XIII, King of Spain
Wilhelm, Crown Prince of Germany

Manuscripts

- Alexander, King of Yugoslavia - [Notes on constitutional questions]
Hitler, Adolf - [Greetings to Prince Paul of Yugoslavia]
Olga, consort of Paul, Prince of Yugoslavia - [Diary Extracts]
Paul, Prince of Yugoslavia - Conversations avec Mussolini
Paul, Prince of Yugoslavia - Conversation with Mr. Chamberlain at
Buckingham Palace
5. Paul, Prince of Yugoslavia - Diaries
Paul, Prince of Yugoslavia - [Notes on conversations with Hermann Göring]
Paul, Prince of Yugoslavia - [Notes on conversation with Hitler]
Paul, Prince of Yugoslavia - [Notes on conversation with Anthony Eden]

Documents

- Alexander, King of Yugoslavia - [Will]
Kara George Petrović [agreement]

Boxes 6-9. Arranged Correspondence

6. A
B
Balfour, John
C
Campbell, Ronald
D-E
F
G
Georgevich, Dragoslav
H
I-J
K
Krek, Miha

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7. Karageorgevich family -
L
M
Maitland, Patrick
Marković, Milan
Milenović, Alexander
Milicević, Vladeta
Milošević, Dobrivoje
Montenegro, Royal family of
N
Nikitovich, Cheslav
"Njegos" -- Serbian Historical and Cultural Association
8. O-P
Parrot, Cecil
Pavelić Ante Smith
Pavlović, K. St.
Piletić, Velimir
Prosen, Milan
Purić, B.
9. R
Rosetti, B.
Radica, Bogdan
S
Subbotić, Vania
Stakich, Vladislav
T-Z
Invitations from English Royal Family
Unidentified letters, letter fragments and miscellaneous items
Empty envelopes

Boxes 10-14. Arranged Materials

10. Manuscripts

Karageorgevich Geneology

Documents

Alexander, King of Yugoslavia -- Personal

Photographs

Subject Files

Demidoff family holdings in Russia (1909-1942)
Demidoff family holdings in Russia -- Contract (1757)
Karageorgevich family documents (1831-1919)
Karageorgevich family documents -- Prince Arsène
King Peter II -- Education (1938-1940)
King Peter II -- Death (1970)
Prince Alexander, King of Serbia -- Testament (1885)
Prince Paul -- Art and Book Collections (1939-1976)
Prince Paul -- Education (1911-1920)

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11. Prince Paul -- Stay in Africa (1941-1949)
Reign of Alexander I, King of Yugoslavia (1924-1934, n.d.)
Reign of Paul, Prince Regent of Yugoslavia (n.d.)
Reign of Paul, Prince Regent of Yugoslavia (n.d.) -- English translations
of selected documents
Reign of Paul...(1934) 2 folders
Reign of Paul...(1934) English translation of selected documents
Reign of Paul...(1934) folder 1
12. Reign of Paul...(1935) folders 2-4
Reign of Paul...(1935) English translation of selected documents
Reign of Paul...(1936) 3 folders
Reign of Paul...(1936) English translation of selected documents
Reign of Paul...(1937) 2 folders
Reign of Paul...(1937) de Nyon Arrangement
Reign of Paul...(1937) Italo-Yugoslav Treaty
Reign of Paul...(1937) the Yugoslav Concordat
13. Reign of Paul...(1937) English translation of selected documents, 3 folders
Reign of Paul...(1938) 3 folders
Reign of Paul...(1938) English translation of selected documents, 3 folders
Reign of Paul...(1939) 2 folders
14. Reign of Paul...(1939) English translation of selected documents
Reign of Paul...(1940)
Reign of Paul...(1941)
Reign of Paul...(1940-1941) Copies of telegrams from Yugoslav minister in
Moscow to Belgrade, 3 folders
Reign of Paul...(1940-1941) English translation of selected documents,
2 folders
Salonika Trial (1917)
Serbian National Museum (1925-1939)
Yugoslav Government in Exile during World War II (1942-1944)
Yugoslav Government in Exile during World War II -- Clippings, printed
Material (1942-1944)

Box 15. Printed Materials

Books

Catalogue of the Contents of Villa Demidoff Pratolino
The Diaries of Sir Alexander Cadogan edited by David Dilks
The Interior Furnishings and Works of Art of the Viennese Castle
Occupied by King Milan of Serbia
Memoires de Louis XIV

Clippings

Clippings (1899-1915) -- Scrapbook

Miscellaneous Printed Materials

Special Order of the Day, 2 May 1945 (framed)

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Oversized

Oversized documents - 4 items (19th century Russian and Serbian)

Oversized printed materials

Painting of Gorchakov

The materials in subject files in boxes 11-14 concerning the reigns of King Alexander and Prince Paul were assembled, chronologically arranged, and, in some cases, translated by Jacob Hoptner while preparing his book, Yugoslavia in Crisis. The files are intact, except that original letters by major correspondents were removed; among these, Milan Stojadinović, Prince Paul, Dragiša Cvethović, and Anton Korošec appeared most often.