
Inventory of the Dagmara Lejniaks collection, 1962-2012

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Title: Dagmara Lejnieks collection

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Language of Material: Latvian

Physical Description: 5 manuscript boxes, 1 card file box(2 linear feet)

Abstract: The collection contains significant materials relating to the movement for Latvian (and Baltic) independence in the late perestroika era of the Soviet Union, as well as documents pertaining to the first year of the renewed Latvian state that emerged in 1991. These materials were selected by Lejnieks as her personal record of a time that is often referred to by Latvians as simply "The Barricades," a turbulent period that saw barricades erected in the Latvian capital Rīga and the killing of demonstrators by Soviet security forces (OMON troops). The materials in the Lejnieks collection include clippings, correspondence, serial issues, monographs, and video recordings. Most prominent among the serial issues are copies of the American Latvian newspaper *Laiks*, which provided extensive coverage of events in Latvia during this period. The articles in *Laiks* illustrate how the Latvian independence movement was perceived, encouraged, and criticized by the Latvian diaspora in North America, and other materials in the collection also show how the movement was depicted in the mainstream media of the United States.

Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives

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Acquisition Information

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1933 Born, Rīga, Latvia

1944-1945 As refugees, Lejnieks family leaves Latvia for Germany, where they live in Zwickau, near Dresden. They witness the Allied firebombing of Dresden in February, 1945 and their own house in Zwickau is bombed in March, 1945

1945-1948 Lives with family in a Displaced Persons camp in Dinkelsbühl, West Germany

1949-1950 Attends high school in Sillenbuch and Esslingen, West Germany

1950 Emigrates with family to the United States, settling in Southern California

1951 Graduates from Santa Ynez High School

1955 Graduates from San Jose State College with a bachelor's degree in medical technology

1956-1995 Works as a medical technologist at Palo Alto Medical Clinic

Scope and Content of Collection

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depicted in the mainstream media of the United States.

In addition, the collection has copies of *Akadēmiskā dzīve*, an important journal published by the Latvian community in the United States and in which both political topics and more general cultural issues are discussed. There are also some texts and a flyer published by the American Latvian Association that exemplify the kind of activity undertaken by this organization as part of its campaign for Latvian independence during the Cold War. The video recordings in the collection include some broadcasts relating to the official celebration of Latvian independence day in 1991, as well as some television broadcasts of concerts of Latvian music.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Latvia--Politics and government.

Latvians--United States.

Video tapes.

Box/Folder: 1 : 1	Personal file, 1991 Scope and Contents note Contains autobiographical writing, letters to Dagmara Lejnieks, and clippings
Box: 1	Serial issues and other printed matter, 1962-2012 Scope and Contents note Contains newspapers, magazines, monographs, and a poster/flyer
Box: 1	Laiks, 1990-1991
Box: 1	1990
Box/Folder: 1 : 2	February-April
Box/Folder: 1 : 3	May
Box/Folder: 1 : 4	June-August
Box: 1	1991
Box/Folder: 1 : 5	January
Box/Folder: 1 : 6	February
Box/Folder: 2 : 1	March
Box/Folder: 2 : 2	April
Box/Folder: 2 : 3	May
Box/Folder: 2 : 4	June
Box/Folder: 2 : 5	July
Box/Folder: 3 : 1	August
Box/Folder: 3 : 2	September
Box/Folder: 3 : 3	October
Box/Folder: 3 : 4	November
Box/Folder: 3 : 5	December
Box/Folder: 3 : 6	<i>The Latvians: Their Culture and Art</i>, poster/flyer published by the American Latvian Association, 1962
Box/Folder: 3 : 7	<i>Latvia</i>, published by the American Latvian Association, 1968
Box/Folder: 3 : 8	<i>Dziesmu svētku gara gaita</i>, 1990
Box/Folder: 3 : 9	<i>Latvija sodien</i>, 1991
Box/Folder: 3 : 10	<i>Latvija Baltijas valsts</i>, 1991/1992
Box/Folder: 4 : 1-32	<i>Akadēmiskā dzīve</i>, nos. 17-48, 1975-2011/2012
Box: 5	Video recordings, 1990-1993. Scope and Contents note Contains 5 VHS video cassettes
Box/Folder: 5 : 1	"Mājās: Dziesmu svētki Rīga 1990," Latvijas Informācijas Televīzija, 1990
Box/Folder: 5 : 2	Clips of American television news broadcasts relating to the Soviet Union and the Latvian independence movement, 1990-1991

Box/Folder: 5 : 3	"18. Novembra koncerts," 1991 November 18
Box/Folder: 5 : 4	"Ārpus Latvijas komponča Latviešu vokāli instrumentālām ūzika," 1993 January 25.
	Scope and Contents note
	Includes booklet with texts
Box/Folder: 5 : 5	"Labdarības koncerts Opera," 1993