Overview of the George Garvy papers

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Abstract: Memoirs, correspondence, personal documents and photographs, relating to the socialist movement in Russia and to the Mensheviks in exile. Includes some papers of Petr Garvi, father of George Garvy, and of Wladimir S. Woytinsky.

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Creator: Garvy, George,

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Biographical note

George Garvy was an economist and the son of prominent Menshevik Petr A. Garvi.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

The George Garvy papers consist of memoirs, correspondence, personal documents and photographs, relating to the socialist movement in Russia and to the Mensheviks in exile. It also includes some papers of Petr Garvi, father of George Garvy, and of Wladimir S. Woytinsky.

The photographs depict notable political figures and events, including the International Socialist Congress in Vienna in 1931, George Garvy with Khrushchev during his visit to the USSR in 1962, and Karl and Louise Kautsky. The collection also contains photographs of prominent Mensheviks including Pavel Axelrod, Wladimir and Emma Woytinsky, Boris Sapir Iraklii Tseretelli, and M.S. Zborovskii, the first head of the executive committee of the St. Petersberg Soviet during the revolution of 1905. The other photographs depict members of the extended Garvy family, taken in Odessa during the Civil War, pre-revolutionary exile, and prison in Siberia.

The collection also contains documents related to Garvy’s family and their emigration from Russia to Germany, France, and ultimately the United States at the beginning of the Second World War. Included in this section are photographs, passports, certificates, telegrams and other correspondence. Unfortunately, part of the family was not able to escape from Europe, and photocopied records of Convoy 60 show their deportation to Nazi concentration camps.

The collection also contains various drafts of Garvy’s memoirs, his correspondence, and a file of papers relating to Wladimir and Emma Woytinsky.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

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