

Register of the Karl Baarslag papers

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Abstract: Writings, reports, memoranda, letters, pamphlets, and other printed matter relating to international communism, communism in the United States, communism in maritime unions, and internal security activities of the Office of Naval Intelligence during World War II.

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1900

November Born

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1941-1945 Lieutenant commander, United States Navy; assigned to Office of Naval Intelligence

1947-1953 Head of the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion

1984

January 10 Died

1953-1954 Research director for the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

1920s-1930s Marine radio operator

1935 Published *SOS to the Rescue*

1937 Published *Coast Guard to the Rescue*

1938 Published *Robbery by Mail: The Story of the U.S. Postal Inspectors*

1940 Published *Islands of Adventure*

1947 Published *Communist Trade Union Trickery Exposed*

1956-1960 Consultant for the House Committee on Un-American Activities

Scope and Content of Collection

The Karl Baarslag papers contain writings, reports, memoranda, letters, pamphlets, books, and other printed matter relating to international communism, communism in the United States, communism in maritime unions, and internal security activities of the Office of Naval Intelligence during World War II. Some of Baarslag's own writings on communism; chapters from his unpublished memoir, "Backwards, Turn Backwards;" and his writings on other research interests are also included in the papers.

The majority of the material is located in the **Communist Activities File**, which contains material documenting various domestic and international communist movements and organizations, such as the Communist Party of the United States of America, the International of Seamen and Harbour Workers (ISH), and the Marine Transport Workers of the Western Hemisphere. Of particular note are letters written between 1924 and 1949 by prominent members of the Communist Party USA, including Jay Lovestone and Alex Bail, located in the Communist Party of the United States of America file.

In addition, the collection contains several pamphlets and books relating to communism and socialism, located in the

Printed Matter series.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Communism -- United States

World War, 1939-1945 -- United States

World War, 1939-1945 -- Secret service

Internal security -- United States

Labor unions and communism
United States. Office of Naval Intelligence

Related Collections

The Church League of America Collection of the Research Files of Counterattack, the Wackenhut Corporation, and Karl Baarslag, Tamiment Library & Robert F. Wagner Labor Archive

Communist Party of the United States of America issuances, Hoover Institution Library & Archives

Jay Lovestone papers, Hoover Institution Library & Archives

Biographical File 1951, 1953

Scope and Contents note

Contains a copy of a *U.S. News & World Report* article about Baarslag's role in the American Legion and a letter introducing Baarslag to Joseph Ku, Political Adviser to the Chinese Embassy in Washington, D.C.

box 1, folder 1
box 1, folder 2

**"Legion's 'Red Chase': Being Toned Down?," *U.S. News & World Report* 1953 June 12
Letter from Alfred Kohlberg to Joseph Ku re Karl Baarslag 1951 January 2
Correspondence 1971, 1979**

box 1, folder 3
box 1, folder 4

**Launter, John 1971 January 11
Packard, W. H. 1979 December 6
Writings 1940-1959, 1970-1973, undated**

Scope and Contents note

Contains articles and drafts of books written by Baarslag. Also included are chapters from Baarslag's unpublished memoir, "Backwards, Turn Backwards." Arranged chronologically.

box 1, folder 5
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box 1, folder 7
box 1, folder 8
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box 1, folder 10
box 1, folder 11
box 1, folder 12
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folder 13-14
box 1, folder 15
box 1, folder 16
box 2, folder 1
box 2, folder 2
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box 2, folder 10

"Backwards, Turn Backwards," undated
"Part I: Office of Naval Intelligence"
"Part III: Operations Overlord and C.I.O.S. [Combined Intelligence Objectives Sub-Committee of Shaef]"
"Part IV: Through the Siegfried Line and across the Rhine"
"Part V: What Has Really Happened to the American Legion?"
"Part XI: The Western Ocean Freighter Life on the North Atlantic"
"Part XV: Our Unknown Anti-Communist Dead"
"A Brief Memorandum on Communist Tactics," undated
"Have the Communists Yet Stopped Their Cold War Against the U.S.?", undated
"Iron Curtain Visitors," manuscript undated

"The Kronstadt Massacre of 1921," undated
"Mutinies in Modern Navies," manuscript undated
"Mutinies in Modern Navies," manuscript undated
"Riding the 'Reefers,'" undated
"Some Lessons from Byzantium [sic]," undated
"Communists in Communication or Sovietizing American Citizens," 1940
"What Have We Bought in Europe?," 1953
"Womens International League for Peace and Freedom," 1959
"Chicago Trial and Red Tactics," 1970
"The LaFollette Committee Unmasked," 1970
"We Helped Industrialize Red Russia, Will We Make the Same Mistake with Red China?," 1971
"Fallacies About Communism," 1973

Writings by Others 1945-1953, 1960, undated

Scope and Contents note

Contains articles and other writings mainly related to communism. Arranged alphabetically by author.

- box 2, folder 11 **"Closest Brothers, Greatest Friendship," 1960 December 13**
box 2, folder 12 **Colby, Bainbridge, "The New Deal Fifth Column," undated**
box 2, folder 13 **Cronin, John, "The Problem of American Communism in 1945," 1945**
box 2, folder 14 **Crouch, Paul, "Communist Infiltration of the American Armed Forces," 1953**
box 2, folder 15 **Crouch, Paul, "Subversive Activities Control Board Docket No. 51-101," 1951**
box 2, folder 16 **Donovan, William J. and Mary Gardiner Jones, "Program for a Democratic Counter Attack to Communist Penetration of Government Service," 1949**
box 2, folder 17 **Hoover, J. Edgar, "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA," 1960**
box 2, folder 18 **Kornfeder, Joseph, "Conquest by Subversion," 1952**
box 2, folder 19 **Kornfeder, Joseph, "Infighting Amongst the Communists," undated**
box 2, folder 20 **Lange, Alfred, "The Path to Victory: A Theoretical Discussion on Marxism and Insurrection," undated**
box 2, folder 21 **Lorwin, Lewis L. and Jean A. Flexner, "International Transport Workers' Federation," undated**
box 2, folder 22 **Speier, Hans, "The Proletariat and Its Critics," undated**
box 2, folder 23 **Speier, Hans, "Tolstoy in the Marxist Mirror," undated**
box 3, folder 1 **"Summary of the House Intelligence Report that Was Never Published," undated**
box 3, folder 2 **Tolley, Kemp, "Moscow at War," undated**
box 3, folder 3 **Valtin, Jan, "Counter Revolution in Europe?," undated**
box 3, folder 4 **Valtin, Jan, "How It Happened Last Time," undated**

Communist Activities File 1924-1971, undated

Scope and Contents note

Contains reports, memoranda, news clippings, collected correspondence, writings, and other material related to communism, communist groups, and communist activities in the U.S. and abroad.

- box 3, folder 5 **"Action Conference on China Policy," 1949**
box 3, folder 6 **"Brief Historical Summary of the Russian War Relief," undated**
box 3, folder 7 **"Chinese Communist Publications Circulated in the United States," undated**
box 3, folder 8 **Clippings 1925-1961, undated**

Scope and Contents note

Includes some clippings from the German publication *Wir erobern die Betriebe*, later known as *Die Rote Fahne*.

- box 3, folder 9 **"Communist Fronts, Their History and Purpose," circa 1961**

Scope and Contents note

Draft of a chapter later published in *A Manual for Survival: A Counter-Subversive Study Course*, produced by the Church League of America. Possibly written by Karl Baarslag.

Communist Party of the United States of America file 1924-1961, undated

Scope and Contents note

Includes chronological files consisting primarily of collected correspondence of Party members, such as Jay Lovestone, Alex Bail, Bill Dunne, Max Bedacht, and Jack Stachel. Following the chronological files are documents, such as histories of the organization, bulletins, lists, and reports that are arranged alphabetically by document title or topic.

- box 3, folder 10 **Undated**
box 3, folder 11 **1924-1926**
box 3, folder 12 **1928-1929**

box 3, folder 13 **1935-1937**
box 3, folder 14 **1949**
box 3, folder 15 **"Chronology of the Communist Party, U.S.A. Case, November 22, 1950 to December 1, 1961," undated**
box 3, folder 16 **"Chronology of Conventions Leading Up to, and of, the Communist Party of the United States of America," 1960**
box 3, folder 17 **"The Communist Party in the United States," undated**
box 3, folder 18 **"The Communist Party of the United States of America," 1930**
box 3, folder 19 **Convention bulletins 1956**
box 3, folder 20 **"A Guide for Communist Work Aboard Ship," 1937**
box 3, folder 21 **Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) report 1949 April 13**
box 3, folder 22 **List of district offices and officers undated**
box 3, folder 23 **List of Party leaders by state undated**
box 3, folder 24 **Supreme Court case 1961**
box 3, folder 25 **Miscellany 1928, undated**

Scope and Contents note

Contains handwritten notes, part of a bibliography of works related to the Communist Party of the U.S.A., and a statement of cash receipts and payments from 1928.

box 3, folder 26

Delegates of the First Communist Party Convention in 1934, undated

Scope and Contents note

Contains a photocopy of a photograph of the delegates.

box 3, folder 27

"Einheitsverband," photostat undated

box 3, folder 28

International of Seamen and Harbour Workers (ISH) file 1931-1935

box 3, folder 29

"Inquiry on Racial Incitations Practiced by Communists," 1949

box 3, folder 30

The Kronstadt Group: A Political Platform for the Peoples of the USSR 1970

box 4, folder 1

Marine Transport Workers of the Western Hemisphere file 1926

box 4, folder 2

Memoranda 1954, 1957

Scope and Contents note

Contains memoranda written by and for Baarslag regarding communists, communist organizations, and communist activities in the U.S. and abroad.

box 4, folder 3

***The Militant* 1960 July 4**

box 4, folder 4

National Conference for New Politics bulletins 1967

box 4, folder 5

National Youth Alliance file 1969-1971

box 4, folder 6-7

Naval Intelligence Operations file 1941-1945

Scope and Contents note

Contains memoranda, drafts of memoranda, and reports written or received by Baarslag regarding Naval internal security, communist groups, and communist activities during World War II.

box 4, folder 8

"Review of World-Wide Communist Trends," 1944

box 4, folder 9

***Shipmates' Voice* 1935 July**

box 4, folder 10

Simas Kudirka incident 1970

Scope and Contents note

Contains press releases, a report, and the published hearings related to the investigation of the events surrounding the attempted defection of a Lithuanian seaman, Simas Kudirka. Kudirka attempted to defect to the U.S. by jumping aboard the USCGC *Vigilant* while his mother ship was anchored near Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts.

box 4, folder 11

"Statement of Lt. Duane Thorin, U.S.N., Ret., Prepared for Delivery to Senate Special Preparedness Subcommittee," undated

box 4, folder 12

"The Struggle Against Imperialist War and the Tasks of the Communists: Resolution of the Sixth World Congress of the Communist International July - August, 1928," 1934

box 4, folder 13

"Testimony of William F. Hynes, Acting Capt. of Detectives, Los Angeles Police Dept. Commanding, Intelligence Bureau," undated

box 4, folder 14

Miscellany 1934, 1968, undated

Scope and Contents note

Contains a copy of the Waldorf Pledge, a section from *V. I. Lenin Collected Works*, and mailings from various labor groups.

Printed Matter 1917-1971, undated

Scope and Contents note

Contains pamphlets, books, periodicals, and a report related to communism and socialism in the U.S. and abroad. Includes both communist and anti-communist writings.

Pamphlets 1917-1965, undated

box 4, folder 15	<i>10th Political Conference of the Possev Weekly 1958</i>
box 4, folder 16	<i>15 Years of the Communist International undated</i>
box 4, folder 17	<i>76 Questions and Answers on the Bolsheviks and the Soviets 1919</i>
box 4, folder 18	<i>The American Way to Jobs, Peace, Democracy 1954</i>
box 4, folder 19	<i>Beat the "Incitement to Disaffection" Bill! 1935</i>
box 4, folder 20	<i>A Comment on the March Moscow Meeting 1965</i>
box 4, folder 21	<i>Communism in Germany! 1933</i>
box 4, folder 22	<i>Communism-World Revolution to Red Imperialism undated</i>
box 4, folder 23	<i>The Communist Nucleus: What It Is, How It Works 1928</i>
box 4, folder 24	<i>The Communist Party: A Manual on Organization 1935</i>
box 4, folder 25	<i>Communist Trickery undated</i>
box 4, folder 26	<i>The Constitution of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics 1924</i>
box 4, folder 27	<i>De Leon the Uncompromising 1939</i>
box 4, folder 28	<i>The Devil and Jimmy Byrnes 1948</i>
box 4, folder 29	<i>Disintegration of Military Morale undated</i>
box 5, folder 1	<i>Fair Play for Cuba Committee Summer '64 1964</i>
box 5, folder 2	<i>German Woman in Soviet Hands 1950</i>
box 5, folder 3	<i>Grasp the Weapon of Culture! 1951</i>
box 5, folder 4	<i>Guide to Readings on Communism undated</i>
box 5, folder 5	<i>International Peace/Disarmament Directory 1963</i>
box 5, folder 6	<i>Jesus as a Free Speech Victim 1960</i>
box 5, folder 7	<i>Joseph Stalin for Peaceful Coexistence: Postwar Interviews 1951</i>
box 5, folder 8	<i>The Kronstadt Revolt 1942</i>
box 5, folder 9	<i>The Meaning of Social-Fascism undated</i>
box 5, folder 10	<i>The New Soviet Constitution 1936</i>
box 5, folder 11	<i>The October Revolution and the Triumph of Socialism undated</i>
box 5, folder 12	<i>The Pacific Coast Maritime Strike 1937</i>
box 5, folder 13	<i>The Path of a Renegade: Why Earl Browder Was Expelled from the Communist Party 1946</i>
box 5, folder 14	<i>The Port Huron Statement 1964</i>
box 5, folder 15	<i>Preparing for October 1917</i>
box 5, folder 16	<i>Problems of Art and Literature 1950</i>
box 5, folder 17	<i>The Professional Informer 1955</i>
box 5, folder 18	<i>Program of the Communist International 1936</i>
box 5, folder 19	<i>Program for a Political Offensive Against World Communism 1955</i>
box 5, folder 20	<i>The Red Baiting Racket and How It Works 1948</i>
box 5, folder 21	<i>Revolution in Iraq 1959</i>
box 5, folder 22	<i>The Role of Labor Unions in the Russian Revolution undated</i>
box 5, folder 23	<i>The Russian Revolution undated</i>
box 5, folder 24	<i>The Russification of the Baltic States 1950</i>
box 5, folder 25	<i>The Secret Battalion 1946</i>
box 5, folder 26	<i>Soviet Penetration of Latin America Chile: The Allende Regime and Its Aftermath undated</i>
box 5, folder 27	<i>Stalin's Speeches on the American Communist Party 1929</i>
box 5, folder 28	<i>The Struggle Against Imperialist War and the Tasks of the Communists 1928</i>
box 6, folder 1	<i>The Struggle of the Marine Workers undated</i>
box 6, folder 2	<i>Support the People of Viet Nam, Defeat U.S. Aggressors, Part I 1965</i>
box 6, folder 3	<i>Support the People of Viet Nam, Defeat U.S. Aggressors, Part IV 1965</i>
box 6, folder 4	<i>The Telephone and Telegraph Workers 1935</i>

box 6, folder 5	<i>Text of Speeches by V. M. Molotov on General Reduction of Armaments at the General Assembly of the United Nations 1946</i>
box 6, folder 6	<i>The Trade Union Unity League undated</i>
box 6, folder 7	<i>The Truth About Communism in Hawaii 1947</i>
box 6, folder 8	<i>The Twenty-One Conditions of Admission Into the Communist International undated</i>
box 6, folder 9	<i>Under Arrest: Workers' Self-Defense in the Courts undated</i>
box 6, folder 10	<i>The United Front Against Fascism and War undated</i>
box 6, folder 11	<i>What Is Happening to the Jews in Soviet Russia? 1951</i>
box 6, folder 12	<i>Why Am I a Revolutionist? undated</i>
box 6, folder 13	<i>Why Communism? 1934</i>

Periodicals, 1929, 1934, 1967

box 6, folder 14	<i>Information Bulletin, World Marxist Review Publishers 1967</i>
box 6, folder 15	<i>Information Bulletin of the I.S.H. [International of Seamen and Harbour Workers] 1934</i>
box 6, folder 16	<i>The Red International of Labour Unions 1, nos. 8-9 1929 October</i>
box 6, folder 17	

Report, Democrat Duplicity and Appeasement in Foreign Policy Administration, 1935-1947, as Revealed in the Memoirs of Official Participants 1948 July

Books 1932-1971, undated

box 6, folder 18	<i>24th Congress of the CPSU [Communist Party of the Soviet Union] Information Bulletin 9, nos. 7-8 1971</i>
box 6, folder 19	<i>Aptheker, Herbert, The Negro People in America 1946</i>
box 6, folder 20	<i>Balabanoff, Angelica, Impressions of Lenin 1968</i>
box 6, folder 21	<i>Buchner, Johannes, The Agent Provocateur in the Labor Movement, photocopy undated</i>
box 7	<i>Ciliberti, Charles, Backstairs Mission in Moscow 1946</i> <i>Communist Perspective: A Handbook of Communist Doctrinal Statements in the Original Russian and in English undated</i> <i>Foster, William Z., The New Europe 1947</i> <i>Huberman, Leo, The Labor Spy Racket 1937</i> <i>Johnson, Hewlett, The Secret of Soviet Strength 1943</i> <i>Khrushchev, N. S., Report on the Program of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union 1961 October 17</i> <i>The Life of Stalin: A Symposium 1932</i> <i>Liu Shao-Chi, How to Be a Good Communist 1952</i> <i>Liu Shao-Chi, On the Party 1950</i> <i>Morrow, Felix, Revolution and Counter-Revolution in Spain 1938</i> <i>New Program of the Communist Party U.S.A.: A Draft 1966</i> <i>New Program of the Communist Party U.S.A. 1970</i> <i>Niemeyer, Gerhart, Communists in Coalition Governments circa 1963</i> <i>Royal Institute of International Affairs, Soviet-Yugoslav Dispute 1948</i> <i>Snow, John Kowland, The Case of Tyler Kent 1962</i> <i>Stalin, Joseph, Problems of Leninism 1935</i>

box 8

Material not yet described