Title: Alex N. Kniazeff (Aleksei Nikolaevich Kniazev) papers
Date (inclusive): 1911-1993
Collection Number: 2000C46
Contributing Institution: Hoover Institution Library and Archives
Language of Material: In Russian and English
Physical Description: 52 manuscript boxes, 2 oversize boxes, 17 microfilm reels (13.4 Linear Feet)
Abstract: Correspondence, minutes, financial records, bulletins, personal documents, printed matter, and photographs, relating to the Russian Boy Scouts movement abroad and to Russian émigré affairs. In part, microfilm.
Creator: Kniazeff, Alex N., 1909-1993
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Location of Originals
In part, originals in: Museum of Russian Culture, San Francisco.
Biography
Born at Tsitsikhar station on the Chinese Eastern Railway on 5 August 1909, where his father, an army engineer officer, was stationed, Kniazev spent the first half of his life in China. As his father was transferred to Manchuria station, where he was commandant during the Russian Civil War, and later to Harbin, where he was assistant commandant, A. N. Kniazeff moved with him, graduating from American Methodist College in Harbin in 1927. From 1927 to 1933 he was a student at Harbin Polytechnic Institute, receiving his baccalaureate degree in electrical and mechanical engineering. Simultaneously, he completed a training course at the Russkii Obshchevoinskii soiuz military academy in 1934.
Following his graduation, he moved to Tientsin, where he worked as an engineer for a number of companies until 1945, when he was forced to escape to Shanghai. He was interned at Tubabao refugee camp until January 1951, when he finally arrived in San Francisco. From 1952 to 1955 he was an instructor at the Army Language School in Monterey until he was able to secure employment closer to his field of specialization, first as an instrumentation designer for Bechtel Corporation (1955-1958), and then at Pacific Gas and Electric Company until retirement (1958-1974).
As a member of the Russian boy scouts since 1922 in Harbin, he rose to become Chief Russian Scout of St. George's Knights (Natsional'naia organizatsiia russkikh skautov). Kniazeff died in San Francisco in 1993.
Scope and Content Note
This collection consists of correspondence, clippings and other matter reflecting Kniazeff's involvement in various émigré organizations. He was a member of the San Francisco Trans-Baikal Cossacks' Stanitza and of the Harbin Polytechnic Alumni Association, and senior scoutmaster of the Natsional'naia Organizatsiia Russkikh Skautov (National Organization of Russian Scouts, or St. George's Knights, as it was incorporated in California). Most of the collection relates to the history of the Russian Boy Scout movement abroad, particularly for the period 1963-1975.
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Russians -- United States
Boy Scouts
BIOGRAPHICAL FILE 1918-1977

Scope and Contents note
Includes family documents and illustrated manuscript by Kniazeff's father on carpentry, as well as personal, employment and army reserve files on Kniazeff's career, arranged alphabetically by subject.

General - "Personal file,". 1930-1977
Scope and Contents note
Includes awards, certificates, commendations, diploma and other documents relating to Kniazeff's education, employment and social activities.

Family

Kniazev, Nikolai Ivanovich

Identity papers 1918-1949

Writing entitled "Plotnichnoe iskusstvo," n.d.
Scope and Contents note
Holograph

Kniazeva, Nadezhda Alekseevna.
Scope and Contents note
Identity document, 1938

Grievance against Pacific Gas and Electric 1969-1972

Military service in the U. S. Army Active Reserve 1954-1967
CORRESPONDENCE 1969-1987

Scope and Contents note

Arranged chronologically by correspondent

box 1, folder 7

General 1972-1987

box 1, folder 8

Balakshin, P. 1975

box 1, folder 9

Koslovsky, B. and N. 1973

box 1, folder 10

Kosterin, A. and V. 1973

box 1, folder 11

Magerovsky, L. F. 1984

box 1, folder 12

Mamchenko, Onisim 1975

box 1, folder 13

Mescher, M. 1981

box 1, folder 14

Tokmakov, Mstislav Vladimirovich 1970

box 1, folder 15

Turkin, A. 1969

box 1, folder 16

Verstak, V. 1973

NATSIONAL'NAIA ORGANIZATSIIA RUSSKIKH SKAUTOV (St. George's Knights, Inc.) 1918-1989

Scope and Contents note

Consists of correspondence, orders, minutes, publications and other materials, arranged alphabetically by physical form

box 2, folder 1
Central staff 1966-1972
box 2, folder 2

1st Burlingame Druzhina 1965-1975

1st San Francisco Druzhina 1966-1972
box 2, folder 3

General
box 2, folder 4

Orders, minutes and circulars
box 2, folder 5

Summer camps.
Scope and Contents note
Guides, handbooks and documents relating to their organization, 1965-1970

Correspondence.
Scope and Contents note
Includes clippings, personal correspondence and other forms of material

General
box 2, folder 6

Circulars 1960-1969

Incoming and outgoing letters
box 2, folder 7

1949-1962
box 3, folder 1

1963
box 3, folder 2

1964
box 3, folder 3

1965
box 3, folder 4

1966 January-June

box 4, folder 1

1966 July-December

1967

box 4, folder 2

January-May

box 4, folder 3

June-September

box 4, folder 4

October-December

1968

box 5, folder 1

January-February

box 5, folder 2

March-May

box 5, folder 3

June-July

box 5, folder 4

August-October

box 5, folder 5

November-December

1969

box 5, folder 6

January-March

box 6, folder 1

April-May

box 6, folder 2

June-July

box 6, folder 3
August-December

1970
box 6, folder 4

January-March
box 7, folder 1

April-June
box 7, folder 2

July-December

1971
box 7, folder 3

January-April
box 7, folder 4

May-July
box 8, folder 1

August-December

1972
box 8, folder 2

January-July
box 8, folder 3

August-December
box 8, folder 4

1973
box 9

1974
box 9, folder 1

January-March
box 9, folder 2

April-May
box 9, folder 3

June-December
box 9, folder 4

1975-1977

box 9, folder 5

1978-1989

box 10, folder 1

Mercier (Mers'e), V. V. 1972-1979

box 10, folder 2

Odinets, M. D. 1972-1979

box 10, folder 3

Sedliarevich, N. M. 1973-1979

box 10, folder 4

Minutes of meetings 1959-1974

Orders

box 10, folder 5

Senior Russian Scout (O. I. Pantiukhov) 1964-1970

box 10, folder 6

North American Section of N.O.R.S. 1960-1973

Publications.

Scope and Contents note

Listed alphabetically by title

box 10, folder 7

Davaite spoem: Sbornik skautskikh pesen, . 1965

Scope and Contents note

Typescript

Informatsionnyi biulleten'.

Scope and Contents note

Typescript
box 10, folder 8

#1 (1974) - 8 (1975)

box 11, folder 1

#9 (1975) - 15 (1979)

box 11, folder 2

Listok ispytanii na razriady, c. 1938

Scope and Contents note

Printed copy

box 11, folder 3

Programma na 3-ii i 2-oi razriady n.d.

Scope and Contents note

Typescript

Russkie skauty, 1909-1969 1969

box 11, folder 4

Typescript.

Scope and Contents note

Consists of materials collected by Kniazef. May include material not present in published edition

box 11, folder 5

Printed copy

box 11, folder 6

Skautenok, . #4 (1963) - 9 (1965)

Scope and Contents note

Typescript

box 11, folder 7

Vpered, . #4 (1959), 8-11 (1960)

Scope and Contents note

Typescript
box 12, folder 1

**Writings of scoutmaster E. Orlova.**

Scope and Contents note

Typescript

box 12, folder 2

**Miscellany**

SUBJECT FILE 1926-1989

Scope and Contents note

Consists mainly of materials relating to the organizations Kniazeff was involved in, arranged alphabetically by name of organization, and therein by physical form

**American-Russian San Francisco Bay Region Credit Union.**

Scope and Contents note

Clippings, correspondence, financial statements, reports, printed matter and other materials relating to this organization's activities

box 12, folder 3

1961-1966

box 12, folder 4

1967

box 12, folder 5

1968

box 12, folder 6

1969

box 13

1970

box 13, folder 1

January-May

box 13, folder 2

June-December

box 13, folder 3
1971-1975

**CORO Corporation (Consolidated Real Estate Opportunities Corporation).**

Scope and Contents note

Consists of incoming and outgoing correspondence, financial statements, annual and semi-annual reports and other materials

box 13, folder 4

**1964-1969**

box 13, folder 5

**1970-1973**

**Kharbinskii Politekhnicheskii Institut (Harbin Polytechnic Institute).** Primarily composed of documents relating to the activities of its alumni association.

Scope and Contents note

Includes clippings of reminiscences and other related matter

box 13, folder 6

**1950-1967**

box 14, folder 1

**1968-1971**

box 14, folder 2

**1972-1989**

**Obshche-kazachii soiuz v g. San Frantsisko (All Cossack's Union of San Francisco).**

Scope and Contents note

Includes material pertaining to other Cossack organizations

**General**

box 14, folder 3

**1926-1970**

box 14, folder 4

**1971-1973**
1974-1982

Printed matter.

Scope and Contents note

Includes Kazachii klich, #1 (March 1954) and Kazak, #176-192 (1963-1964, incomplete)

Organizatsii rossiiskikh iunykh razvedchikov

Rossiiskii natsional'no-trudovoi soiuz

Russian Center, San Francisco (Russkii Tsentr)

Russian Community Club, Inc., San Mateo, California (Russkii Obshchestvennyi Klub)

Russkaia Pravoslavnaia Tserkov' (Orthodox Eastern Church, Russian).

Society of Russian Veterans, San Francisco (Obshchestvo russkikh veteranov Velikoi voiny).

Trans-Baikal Cossacks' Stanitza of San Francisco

Miscellany

PRINTED MATTER 1917-1987

Scope and Contents note

Includes typed draft of B. B. Filimonov's "Bor'ba v Zaural'e," 1935, published serially in the Society's journal, Viestnik Obshchestva veteranov Velikoi voiny, correspondence relating to its publication and author, and other materials for publication in the journal, as well as documents relating to the organization's other activities
Includes calendars, clippings, leaflets, programs and issues of periodicals, arranged alphabetically by physical form

box 17, folder 1
Books

box 17, folder 2
Calendars

box 17, folder 3-4
Clippings

box 17, folder 5
Leaflets

box 17, folder 6-7
Periodicals.
Scope and Contents note
Includes issues of Nash vestnik (Tubabao), 1951 and Kharbinskoe vremia, #17 (1941)

box 18, folder 1-3
Periodicals.
Scope and Contents note
Includes holiday issues of Russkaia zhizn', 1964-1969

box 18, folder 4-5
Programs.
Scope and Contents note
Mostly from San Francisco in the 1950s-1960s, but some from Russia, 1917 and possibly earlier - musical evenings, balls and school productions

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(Aleksei Nikolaevich Kniazev)
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