

**White  
Russian  
Printed  
Literature**

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1911-1921

Printed material of or acquired by George Soloveytchik (b 1902), financier, journalist and author, relating to his activities in and support of the British movement against Bolshevism during the Russian civil war and his membership of associated societies, clubs and committees. It also includes publicity material and publications (such as press releases, pamphlets, circulars) newspaper cuttings, and photographs

George Soloveytchik was born on 14 Mar 1902 in Petrograd and lived in Russia until 1919 when he came to England with his mother after the death of his father. They lived in Kensington Gate, London. In Oct 1919 he entered Queen's College, Oxford to read Modern History and he graduated with a BA in Jun 1922.

The records of Queen's College, Oxford provide some additional personal details. He was educated at St Catherine's School and the Reformed School in Petrograd. His family was Jewish and the Provost's Entrance Book describes him as a 'very secular Jew'. His father and grandfather, who were involved in social reform and politics, owned a large bank in Russia which was nationalised by the Bolsheviks.

According to the Queen's College Register of 1937, he was living at 12 Cavendish Mansions, Langham Street, London and had been employed as head of the Finance Department of Messrs Spurling, Skinner, Tudor and Co. He was still living at that address in 1950 but the Register of 1957 prints his name as an appendix, indicating that his address was unknown and had possibly died.

[Much of the above biographical information was supplied by the Keeper of the Archives, Queen's College, Oxford]

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He wrote a number of books, including 'The Financier. The life of Ivar Kreuger' (Peter Davies, London, 1933); 'Leu & Co. 1755-1955. Two centuries of history in the life of a Swiss bank' (Zurich, 1955); 'Peace and Chaos?' (MacDonald & Co., London, 1944; new edition, Percival Marshall, London, 1949); 'Potemkin. A picture of Catherine's Russia' (Thornton Butterworth, London, 1938); 'Russia in Perspective' (MacDonald & Co., London, 1946); 'Switzerland in Perspective' (London, Oxford University Press, 1954)

5 manuscript boxes

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Printed and other materials of Committees, Societies and Clubs

1918-1921

These papers comprise both printed and published material of these bodies, together with some circular and other correspondence sent to Soloveytchik relating to his membership of individual bodies or his support for or involvement in their work

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3 Sub-series

Open

MS19/1/1

Russian Liberation Committee

1919-1921

Papers of or acquired by George Soloveytchik relating to, and his membership of, the Russian Liberation Committee

The Russian Liberation Committee was established in early 1919 and was based in offices at 173 Fleet Street, London. Its primary objective were 'to acquaint the British public with the economic and political conditions of Russia' and 'to publicise the attempts of the anti-Bolshevik forces to restore the Russian State and create conditions favourable to normal social and economic life'.

The Committee instituted its weekly 'Bulletin' in Feb 1919 and by Apr it had also established a telegraphic service by which news from Liberated Russia was telegraphed to the Committee and then distributed. It also produced other pamphlets and anti-Bolshevik literature. In Feb 1920, the 'Bulletin' was incorporated into a new weekly review publication, 'The New Russia', which the Russian Liberation Committee inaugurated in response to a change in the Russian policy of the Allied States which coincided with defeats of the anti-Bolshevik forces. Copies of 'The New Russia', Vols 1-3, 1920, are available in the University's Main Library at per DK 1.N4. It appears to have been replaced in 1921 by a monthly review publication, 'Russian Life'

6 files

Open

MS19/1/1/1

Weekly 'Bulletin' of the Russian Liberation Committee, Nos 8-52, 12 Apr 1919-21 Feb 1920 (incomplete sequence)

1919-1920

A number of these 'Bulletins' include

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supplements:

'Supplement to Bulletin' No. 14: 'Address from the National Centre and the Russian Regeneration Union to the Allies';

'Supplement to Bulletin' No. 19: 'The Military Situation';

'Supplement to Bulletin' No. 25: 'The Military Situation from July 15 to August 4, 1919';

'Supplement to Bulletin' No. 27: 'Conditions in Soviet Russia';

'Supplement to Bulletin' No. 31: 'Appeal in connection with the Evacuation of Archangel';

'Supplement to Bulletin No. 36': 'General Strategic Position on Oct. 20';

'Supplement to Bulletin' No. 46: 'America and Bolshevism';

'Supplement to Bulletin' No. 52: 'To Our Readers'

43 items

Open

This is an incomplete sequence: Nos 10, 18 and 47 are missing; Nos. 33-34 is a combined issue

MS19/1/1/2

Typed press agency releases of the Russian Liberation Committee, Nos 1-207, 22 Apr 1919-31 Mar 1920 (incomplete sequence)

1919-1920

These office copies detail the progress of the civil war in Russia, the social and economic conditions of the Russian people under the Bolsheviks, the state of the cooperative and industrial businesses

204 items

Open

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- Incomplete sequence: Nos 49, 75 and 77 are missing
- MS19/1/1/3 'Russian Life: A Monthly Review' edited by the Russian Liberation Committee, No 1, Aug 1921 1921
- 1 item
- Open
- MS19/1/1/4 Miscellaneous printed literature of the Russian Liberation Committee 1919
- These papers comprises:
- /1 'Violators of Art', being a short article by Russian artist, N. K. Roerich about his dislike of Bolshevism, 12 Sep 1919. 4 pp;
- /2 'Socialisation of Women Bolsheviks' being an extract of official mandates for the requisition of girls;
- /3 'Soviet Russia'. 8 pp
- 3 items
- Open
- MS19/1/1/5 Letters from the Russian Liberation Committee to Soloveytchik 1919-1920
- These letters comprise:
- /1 Letter in response to Soloveytchik's suggestion to publish of a Russian calendar, 3 Oct 1919;
- /2 Letter in response to Soloveytchik's request for copies of two of the Russian Liberation Committee's pamphlets: 'S.O.S.' and 'Proletarian Culture', 27 Oct 1919;
- /3 Letter in response to Soloveytchik's request for further copies of 'S.O.S.' and to his suggestion for Cambridge colleges, 5 Nov 1919;
- /4 Circular letter inviting subscriptions to its new weekly review, 'The New Russia',

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27 Jan 1920;

/5 Letter of thanks for a copy of 'Facts', a reference to a letter by Soloveytchik's published in 'Facts about Bolshevism', 27 Jan 1920

5 items

Open

MS19/1/1/6

Album of photographs depicting Bolshevik outrages including victims of Bolshevik cruelty and atrocities and desecration of churches, reproduced by the Russian Liberation Committee [c 1919]

These photographs were taken by the official Bolshevik Outrages Inquiry Commission and copies were acquired by the Russian Liberation Committee in 1919. Reproductions of these photographs, together with lantern slides for lectures, were made available at a nominal charge by the Committee. The above album is presumably a set, probably incomplete, acquired by Soloveytchik and the photographs all a manuscript caption in an unidentified hand.

The volume also includes two loose photographs, one of which duplicates a photograph. Both bear the stamp of the Russian Liberation Committee and a caption (in another hand) and a photograph number

1 vol.

Open

MS19/1/2

British Russia Club

1918-1920

Papers of George Soloveytchik relating to, and his membership of, the British Russia Club

6 files, 6 items

Open

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MS19/1/2/1	Correspondence and other papers relating to Soloveytchik's successful application to become an associate member of the Club  6 items  Open	1919
MS19/1/2/2	Printed memorandum about the objectives of the British Russia Club, 15 May 1918  1 item  Open	1918
MS19/1/2/3	Printed memorandum on British and Allied policy for Russia, presented by the Club to the Government in Jul 1919 and amended in Nov 1918  1 item  Open	1918
MS19/1/2/4	Annual reports and balance sheets of the British Russia Club for the years 1918 and 1919  2 items  Open	1919-1920
MS19/1/2/5	Printed rules of the British Russia Club  1 item  Open	1919
MS19/1/2/6	Printed texts of addresses delivered at dinners of the British Russia Club  4 items  Open	1918-1919
MS19/1/2/7	Lecture delivered under the auspices of the British Russia Club and the United Russia Societies Association by Leslie Urquhart, 9 Jan 1919	1919



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Printed text of lecture entitled 'Russia Today. Its lessons and opportunities' and reprint of article in 'The Financier', 22 Jan 1919, which reports on Urquhart's speech and on the revised memorandum for British and Allied policy for Russia

2 items

Open

MS19/1/2/8

Printed extract from Leslie Urquhart's speech at Shareholders' Meetings of Irtysh, Kyshtim and Tanalyk Corporations, 15 Dec 1919 [circulated to members of the British Russia Club]

1919

1 item

Open

MS19/1/2/9

Reprints from 'The Times', 19-26 Aug 1919, of a series of articles under the title 'Russia in the German Grip. The

1919

Policy of the Allies', circulated to members of the British Russia Club

1 item

Open

MS19/1/2/10

Printed circular letters and communications, mostly issued by the secretary of the British Russia Club, and sent to members

1918-1920

These comprise notices of events, meetings, and other events; communications of information from the Foreign Office and other departments and institutions and include:

/1 Letter announcing arrangements for parcel post for British troops serving in North Russia, 2 Sep 1918;

/2 Copy of telegram sent by Committee of British Russia Club to David Lloyd George at the Paris Peace Conference, 17 Jan 1919;

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/9 Postcard informing members about the presentation of a portrait to its retiring President, Sir George W. Buchanan and appealing for subscriptions, 4 Sep 1919;

/10 Letter about possible support for a postal courier service to southern Russia, 5 Sep 1919;

/12 Letter in response to a communication from the Foreign Office about the despatch of clothing to British subjects in Russia

/13 Letter passing on information received from the Foreign Office about the death and imprisonment of specific individuals, 10 Dec 1919;

/15 Notice and information about the Russian Library and the inauguration of the Russian Library Association, Feb-Mar 1920 ( 3 items)

/16 Letter concerning repatriation of British subjects from Russia, with list of names supplied by the

Foreign Office, 25 March 1920 (2 items)

18 items

Open

MS19/1/2/11

Seating plans, menu card, ticket and letter relating to Soloveytchik's attendance at dinners of the British Russia Club

1919-1920

5 items

Open

MS19/1/2/12

Correspondence relating to Soloveytchik's subscription to 'The Russian Outlook'

1919-1920

'The Russian Outlook' became the official organ of the British Russia Club in July 1919 and members of the Club were encouraged to subscribe to this publication. Club notices, reports of speeches and other matters relating to

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Club affairs were thereafter reported in this weekly publication

4 items

Open

MS19/1/3 British Russian Relief Committee 1919-1920

Papers of George Soloveytchik relating to his membership of the British Russian Relief Committee

This Committee was set up in Mar 1918 by the United Russian Societies Association in response to an appeal by

Sir George Buchanan. The Committee's objectives included the assistance of relief work in Russia and the relief of distress of Russian and British refugees from Russia

1 file

Open

MS19/1/3/1 Printed reports and statements of accounts of the British Relief Committee 1919-1920

These comprise:

/1 Report and financial statement for the period 22 Mar 1918-31 Mar 1919;

/2 Report to 31 Dec 1919, statement of accounts for the period 3 Oct 1918-30 Sep 1919 and list of donations to 30 Sep 1919

2 items

Open

MS19/1/4 Oxford University Anglo-Russian Society [1919-1920]

Papers of George Soloveytchik relating to his membership of the Society

1 file

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- Open
- MS19/1/4/1 Posters and handbills advertising lectures [1919-1920]  
concerts and discussions organised by  
the Society
- Two of the handbills advertising a lecture  
by Professor Paul Miliukov on 21 Nov  
[1919] have been annotated in  
Soloveytchik's hand, indicating that he  
was involved in the Society's organisation
- 7 items
- Open
- MS19/1/5 The Reconstruction Society 1919-1920
- Papers of George Soloveytchik relating to  
his membership of the Society
- The Reconstruction Society grew out of  
the Anti-Socialist Union, formed in 1908.  
It was based in offices in Victoria Street,  
London
- 1 file, 3 items
- Open
- MS19/1/5/1 Circular letter from the Society addressed 1919  
to H. J. Tyack Bate publicising its work  
and inviting subscription
- This letter makes reference to samples of  
literature which the Society distributed, as  
propaganda, at public meetings and on  
street corners
- 1 item
- Open
- MS19/1/5/2 Publicity leaflet of the Reconstruction [1919]  
Society
- This lists the members of the Executive  
Committee and the Society's aims and  
objectives
- 1 item

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- Open
- MS19/1/5/3 Reconstruction Society propaganda anti-Bolshevik leaflets and pamphlets [c 1919-c 1920]
- Nos 1, 4-7, 9-18, 20-23
- 19 items
- Open
- MS19/1/5/4 'Bolshevism as it is. The story of an eye-witness', reprinted from and published by the 'Westminster Gazette' nd [c 1919-1920]
- The above bears the stamp of The Reconstruction Society
- 1 item
- Open
- MS19/1/6 Other committees, societies and clubs 1919-1920
- Papers of George Soloveytchik relating to his membership of, or association with, miscellaneous committees, societies and clubs
- 1 file, 4 items
- Open
- MS19/1/6/1 Letter from Winifred Wade, Assistant Secretary, King's College Russian Society, University of London to [Soloveytchik] 1920
- Wade requests payment of subscription
- 1 item
- Open
- MS19/1/6/2 Appeal leaflet from the Children's Relief Committee, Russian Red Cross 1919
- 1 item
- Open
- MS19/1/6/3 Appeal leaflet issued by the Russo-British [1919]

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- Bratsvo, Ladies Section for clothes for the civilian population in north-west Russia
- 1 item
- Open
- MS19/1/6/4 Programme and notice of lectures organised by the Russo-British Bratsvo [1920]
- 2 items
- Open
- Russian
- MS19/1/6/5 Circular appeal letter from a Committee of the House of Commons established to raise funds for relief and reconstruction work in South Russia, under the chairmanship of Oliver Locker-Lampson [1919]
- 1 item
- Open
- MS19/2 Other publications and printed materials 1911-1921
- Publications and printed material acquired by George Soloveytchik
- For printed literature and publications produced by the Russian Liberation Committee and The Reconstruction Society, see MS 19/1/1 and MS 19/1/5
- 4 Sub-series
- Open
- MS19/2/1 Issues of magazines, periodicals, bulletins and newspapers (in English) 1914-1920
- 8 files
- Open
- MS19/2/1/1 Issue of 'The Russian Review', a quarterly review of Russian History politics, economics and literature, published by 1914./

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the School of Russian Studies, University of Liverpool. Vol III, No 2, 1914

1 vol.

Open

MS19/2/1/2

Issues of 'Facts about Bolshevism', Nos 1-4, Jan-Mar 1920 1920

This magazine was an Oxford publication with its readership intended to be the 'reading public of the University'. It was established as a non-party paper which was opposed to Bolshevism. These issues include the following:

/1 No 1, 20 Jan 1920, includes loose notes in Soloveytchik's hand in which he discusses the meanings of Bolshevism and Menshevism;

/2 No 2, 3 Feb 1920, contains a short piece by Soloveytchik which appears in the form of a letter, dated 20 Jan

1919, written in response to a lecture given by Mr Goode of the 'Manchester Guardian' at Ruskin College the previous term about his experiences in Russia. The piece has been annotated by Soloveytchik with corrections to the text;

/3 No 3, 17 Feb 1920, includes a brief letter from Soloveytchik in which he corrects the two mistakes in his text in

the previous issue

4 items

Open

MS19/2/1/3

Issue of 'The Russian Commonwealth', Vol II, No 13, Nov 1919, published by the Union "Russian Commonwealth" 1919

1 vol.

Open

MS19/2/1/4

Issue of 'Russian Economic Bulletin', Vol 1920 1920

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II, No 3, May 1920

This is a monthly journal dealing with Russian economic conditions, trade with America, finance, industry and

transportation, published by the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce

1 vol.

Open

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|------------|---|-----------|
| MS19/2/1/5 | Issue of Services Bulletin of the Russian Economic League, No 9 Jan 1920                | 1920      |
|            | 1 item  |           |
|            | Open  |           |
| MS19/2/1/6 | Issue of 'The Jewish Tribune', bi-monthly organ of the Jews of Russia, No 1, 1 Feb 1920 | 1920      |
|            | 1 item  |           |
|            | Open  |           |
| MS19/2/1/7 | Issue of 'The Sketch', 1 Jan 1919   | 1919      |
|            | 1 item  |           |
|            | Open  |           |
| MS19/2/1/8 | Issue of 'The Graphic', an illustrated weekly newspaper, Vol XCIX, No 2564, 18 Jan 1919 | 1919      |
|            | 1 item  |           |
|            | Open  |           |
| MS19/2/2   | Issues of magazines, newspapers and bulletins (in Russian and French)                   | 1911-1920 |
|            | 4 files   |           |
|            | Open  |           |
| MS19/2/2/1 | Issues of 'The Jewish Tribune', bi-monthly organ of the Jews of Russia                  | 1920      |



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These comprise the following issues:

/1 No 26, 25 Jun 1920

/2 No 47, 19 Nov 1920

2 items

Open

MS19/2/2/2

Issues of 'The World in Pictures'

1920

Issues comprise:

/1 No 139, 15 Apr 1920

/2 No 140, 1 May 1920

/3 No.141, 15 May 1920

3 items

Open

MS19/2/2/3

Issues of 'L'Avenir'

1911-1914

Issues comprise:

Nos 3-5, 7-8, 1911; Nos 12-15, 17-22, 30-34, 36-38, 41-42, 1912; Nos 43-44, 46-48, 1913

30 items

Open

Russian French

MS19/2/2/4

Issue of 'Bulletin du Bureau Economique Russe', No 12, 3 Jul 1920

1920

1 item

Open

French

MS19/2/3

Articles, pamphlets and other printed literature

1919-1920

3 files, 11 items

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- Open
- MS19/2/3/1 Reprints from the 'Asiatic Review', Apr 1919 1919
- These comprise:
- /1 'Russia: an appeal to the Anglo-Saxon World' by Major-General Count Arthur Tcherep-Spiridovitch
- /2 Book review by Major-General Count Arthur Tcherep-Spiridovitch of Bulgaria by George Clenton Logio
- 2 items
- Open
- MS19/2/3/2 Articles by I. V. Shklovsky-Dioneo, author of Russia under the Bolsheviks nd [c 1920]
- These comprise:
- /1 'Count Smorltork in Russia', 8 pp
- /2 'Mr Squeers' Academy', 8 pp
- 2 items
- Open
- MS19/2/3/3 Typescript of article in 'The Russian Outlook', 8 Nov 1919, entitled 'The Bolshevik Regime in Russia. A British Officer's Investigations' 1919
- 1 item
- Open
- MS19/2/3/4 Reprint from 'The Russian Commonwealth', No 8, 10 Mar 1919 of diagram of Russia's death roll in the World War under the title 'What Russia did for our common cause' 1919
- 1 item
- Open

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MS19/2/3/5	Leaflets advertising books about Russia 3 items Open	nd [c 1920]
MS19/2/3/6	Programme of the welcome given to George Lansbury on his return from Soviet Russia, held at the Royal Albert Hall, 21 Mar [1920] and organised by George Lansbury 1 item Open	[1920]
MS19/2/3/7	Poster issued by the American Committee of Serbian Agricultural Co- operative Unions  The purpose of the poster was to refute the activities of the All-Russian Government at Omsk under the leadership of Admiral Alexander V. Kolchak 1 item Open	1919
MS19/2/3/8	Illustration of Admiral A. V. Kolchak, with caption: 'Murdered at Irkutsk, February 7, 1920' 1 item Open	nd [c 1920]
MS19/2/3/9	Printed proposal of the Russian Political Conference in Paris presented to the President of the Peace Conference  on the question of Nationalities in Russia, 6 Mar 1919 1 item Open	1919
MS19/2/3/10	Printed declaration of Admiral Koltchak's Government issued from Omsk, 23 Feb	1919

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- 1919, through the Russian Telegraphic Agency
- 1 item
- Open
- MS19/2/3/11 Printed map showing the German schemes of Central Europe and Central Africa. Enlarged and reproduced from the map accompanying 'The German Plot Unmasked' by André Chéradame under the title 'What Germany Covets' nd [c 1920]
- 1 item
- Open
- MS19/2/3/12 Anti-Bolshevik handbill nd [c 1920]
- This was possibly produced by the Reconstruction Society
- 1 item
- Open
- MS19/2/3/13 Souvenir pamphlet issued to mark the victory celebrations, published in aid of St Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded 1919
- Soldiers and Sailors
- 1 item
- Open
- MS19/2/3/14 Ordinances of General Lavr Georgievich Kornilov, published by the Chief Committee of the Russian National Defence nd [c 1920]
- Defence
- 1 item
- Open
- Russian
- MS19/2/4 Newscuttings 1919-1921
- Newscuttings [collected by Soloveytchik], largely from national papers (principally

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'The Times', 'The Sunday Times' and 'The Daily Telegraph') relating to the political situation in Russia, the progress of the civil war and the policy of the Allies towards the Russian Government. Many of the cuttings have been annotated by Soloveytchik with details of newspaper and date of issue

Filed in chronological order

6 files

Open

MS19/2/4/1                      Newscuttings, May-Aug 1919                      1919

The file includes a cutting from 'Le Matin',  
4 Jun (in French)

1 file

Open

MS19/2/4/2                      Newscuttings, Sep 1919                      1919

1 file

Open

MS19/2/4/3                      Newscuttings, Oct-Dec 1919                      1919

1 file

Open

MS19/2/4/4                      Newscuttings, Jan-Mar 1920                      1920

1 file

Open

MS19/2/4/5                      Newscuttings, Apr-Jul 1920                      1920

1 file

Open

MS19/2/4/6                      Newscuttings, Feb 1921                      1921

1 file

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	Open	
MS19/3	Miscellaneous	1916
	Miscellaneous materials, ?acquired by Soloveytchik, relating to Russia	
	1 file	
	Open	
MS19/3/1	Typescript report of a visit undertaken by Colonel Smirnov, Lt Germonius and 2nd Lt Aleksandrov to visit British and French field armies in England and France, 18-31 Aug 1916	1916
	This report comprises a title page, in manuscript, a contents page (which includes amendments to page numbers in Soloveytchik's hand), acknowledgements, and 31 pages of text. The first 4 pages comprise a diary of the visit.	
	Smirnov's signature appears on the title page, at the end of the acknowledgements and at the end of the text	
	1 item	
	Open	