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Register of Papers

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NORMAN DAVIS

(1878 -- 1944)

The papers of Norman Davis, sugar magnate, banker, financial adviser to the Treasury on foreign loans during World War I, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Under Secretary of State, representative of the United States in many economic and political conferences dealing with international affairs, have been given to the Library of Congress. In 1955 they were loaned to Yale University for two years in connection with graduate work being done in them by Charles Whiteman, nephew of Mr. Davis.

Measure of size: 5 - 6 filing cases

The Library expects that the papers will be returned to Washington in 1957 at the latest.

A catalogue prepared in 1947 shows these papers to contain correspondence with George L. Harrison, Russell Leffingwell and other Treasury officials, Woodrow Wilson, J. Maynard Keynes, etc. A copy of this catalogue has been retained by Mr. Norman Davis, Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The Library of Congress has a temporary register.

Biographical Note

1878, Aug. 9	Born, Bedford County, Tennessee
1898, Oct.	Married Mackie Paschall (1 son)
1902	Began business in Cuba, interested in banking, sugar and other enterprises
1905-17	Organized and became president of The Trust Co. of Cuba
1917	Adviser to Secretary of the Treasury in connection with foreign loans
1918	Special U. S. delegate to Spain and representative of the Treasury in London and Paris
1919	Finance Commissioner of U. S. to Europe American member, Armistice Commission Financial adviser to President Wilson and the American Commission to Negotiate Peace Member, Reparations and Financial Commissions
1919-20	Assistant Secretary of the Treasury
1920-21	Under Secretary of State
1927	Member, American delegation to International Economic Conference in Geneva
1932-37	Member, League of Nations Financial Comm., 1932; U. S. delegate to Disarmament Conference, Geneva, 1932; head of American delegation to London Naval Conference, 1935; U. S. delegate to Nine Power Conference at Brussels, 1937.
1944, July 1	Died

See: Who Was Who in America, 1943-50, vol. II, Marquis.

Description of Series

THE NORMAN H. DAVIS PAPERS
Outline

1. Alphabetical Section

Very extensive files, filling an entire five-drawer cabinet, including correspondence with persons listed below, among others. The subjects covered include those listed under (4) below. A condensation of the material in this section is attached to the catalogue of the papers.

Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Wilson
Franklin D. Roosevelt
Cordell Hull
Charles E. Hughes
Bainbridge Colby
Herbert Hoover
Frank B. Kellogg
Henry L. Stimson
Sumner Welles
Frank L. Polk
Senator Pat Harrison
Joseph P. Cotton
Senator Carter Glass
Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock
Henry Cabot Lodge
Robert Wagner
Newton D. Baker

Ray Atherton
Stanley K. Hornbeck
Bernard M. Baruch
Joseph P. Kennedy
Russell Leffingwell
Pierrepont Moffat
Robert Pell
William Phillips
Albert Rathbone
Hugh R. Wilson

Lord Cecil
Lord Lothian
Baron Shidehara

The Astors

Hamilton Fish Armstrong
Ray Stannard Baker
Arthur and Mrs. Bullard
Allen W. Dulles
John Foster Dulles
Professor Fleming
J. M. Keynes
Thomas W. Lamont
Arthur Sweetser

2. Norman H. Davis - Official and semi-official correspondence
Statements, articles, addresses, drafts
Personal business: J. P. Morgan and Co.
Trust Company of Cuba
Cuba - Insurance files
Millelt Roe and Co.
G.M.P. Murphy and Co.

3. Conversation Memoranda

1920, 1921 - with diplomats (Mr. Davis Under Secretary of State
and Acting Secretary)

1932, 1933 - Talks in Europe on Disarmament, Naval Conference matters,
War Debts, Reparations, Far East.

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4. Principal Topics

Correspondence of early 1920's

International Communications Conference 1920

Ex-German cables; Island of Yap

Reparations

Brussels Financial Conference of 1920, and Spa Conference

Mexico

Cuba

Russia - Gold

Austrian Relief

Loans - Danubian States

Domestic Politics

Democratic Party

Tariff

Latin America

U.S. Policy toward Latin America

Cuba - Sugar

Mexico

Far East

Proposed 4-Power Pact 1922

Nine-Power Pact

Sino-Japanese Conflict

European Affairs

War Debts

Reparations

Neutrality

League of Nations

World Court

Memel Commission

Kellogg Pact

International Economic Conference, Geneva 1927

League Financial Committee

Disarmament

Monetary and Economic Conference

Naval Discussions and Conference

Kreuger and Toll investigation

Sugar Conference 1937

Brussels 9-Power Conference 1937

More Recent Correspondence

American Red Cross

World War II

Relief - France and other occupied territories

General - Foreign policy

Democracy

Basis for Peace

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5. Conferences, attended by Norman H. Davis, or to which reference is made in files.
 - International Communications Conference 1920
 - Brussels Financial Conference 1920
 - Spa Conference
 - Conference on the Limitation of Armament and Far Eastern Questions, Washington, 1922
 - International Economic Conference, Geneva, 1927
 - League Economic Committee
 - Monetary and Economic Conference, 1933
 - Disarmament Conference
 - Naval Conference, London, 1935
 - International Sugar Conference, London, 1937
 - Nine-Power Conference, Brussels, 1937

6. Organizations, in which Norman H. Davis was an officer, or trustee, or about which there is correspondence.
 - Russian Students Fund
 - Woodrow Wilson Foundation
 - Council on Foreign Relations
 - Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
 - American Red Cross
 - League of Red Cross Societies
 - Foreign Policy Association
 - American Academy of Political and Social Science
 - American Council Institute of Pacific Relations
 - American Council of St. Luke's International Medical Center, Tokyo
 - International Chamber of Commerce
 - League of Nations Association
 - Miscellaneous organizations and committees such as:
 - American Arbitration Association
 - American Peace Society
 - Committee for Economic Peace
 - Democratic National Committee
 - Franklin Institute
 - Others

7. Official Documents - Important documents and folders
 - Woodrow Wilson Correspondence
 - Armistice Negotiations with Germany - 1918-1919
 - Communications Conference
 - Versailles Treaty Data
 - Treasury Department documents
 - Reparations folder - Secret Minutes
 - Strictly Confidential Memoranda