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## Aleksandr Nikolaevič Potresov Papers

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### Context

#### Biographical Note

Full name: Aleksandr Nikolaevič Potresov ; pseudonym: Starover ; born in Charkiv, Ukraine, Russia 1869, died in Paris 1934; social democrat; Menshevik from 1903; journalist and publicist; associated with the Sojuz Bor'by za Osvoboždenie Rabočego Klassa in St. Petersburg; arrested and exiled in 1898; in exile he contributed to *Novoe slovo* and *Načalo* ; left Russia in 1900; one of the founders of *Iskra* and *Zarja* ; after 1903 important spokesman for the Menshevik faction of the Rossijskaja Social-Demokratičeskaja Rabočaja Partija (RSDRP) ; during the repression after the 1905 Revolution one of the leaders of the so-called 'Liquidationist' faction; during the First World War supporter of the Russian war effort; emigrated after the Bolshevik take-over; supported A.F. Kerenskij 's weekly *Dni* ; broke with the RSDRP in 1918; author of several works on the Russian intelligentsia.

#### Acquisition

The IISH acquired this collection in 1936 from his widow in Paris, with financial support of the Centrale Arbeiders-Verzekerings- en Deposito-Bank (the Centrale). The collection was mentioned in the Annual Report of 1936 (p. 19). The contract was signed in November 1936 (see archive Centrale, invno. 1591).

### Content and Structure

#### Content

Correspondence with Fedor I. Dan 1899-1901, 1904, Aleksandra M. Kalmykova 1894-1895, 1898-1905, Petr B. Struve 1891-1901, 1903-1904 and n.d. and others; manuscripts by Potresov : notes, extracts, drafts of articles, etc.; correspondence and other documents concerning the second congress of the RSDRP 1903; some correspondence, notes and miscellanea of others.

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#### Subjects

#### Geographic Names

USSR (former)

#### Themes

Communist movements and parties  
Socialist and social democrat parties/Socialist International

## Material Type

Archival material

## Access and Use

### Access

Not restricted

### Restrictions on Use

For reasons of protection of the original documents, only scans are available for use

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## Allied Materials

### Alternative Form

Complete Papers digitized as part of the Centrale Project 2012-2016.

Partly published in: Fedor Il'ič Dan, Pis'ma (1899-1946). Otobral, snabdil primečanijami i ocerkom političeskoj biografii Dana Boris Sapir ( Theodore Dan , Letters 1899-1946. Selected, annotated and with an outline of Dan's political biography by Boris Sapir ). Amsterdam, 1985.

## LIST

### Manuscripts and notes

- 1-16 Manuscripts and notes. 1880s, 1889-1891, 1895-1897, 1901, 1904-1905, 1927-1928 and n.d. 16 covers
- 1 Notes from Mill's Political Economy. 1880s.
  - 2 Reading list. 1880s.
  - 3 Konspekt history of civilization. 1880s.
  - 4 Excerpts from Annenskij on craftsmen. 1889-1890.
  - 5 Notes on Obščina. 1890s.
  - 6 Manuscript of correspondence from Čeljabinsk, 1891, December 19, on the famine by Potresov (?). 1891.
  - 7 Notes on periodical *Zemlja*. 1895.
  - 8 Artel'naja epopeja. 1896-1897.
  - 9 Notes on periodical *Sovremennoe obozrenie*. Partly in Potresovs handwriting. 1901.

- 10 Excerpt from the programme. 1904-1905.
- 11 Draft proclamation. 1905.
- 12 Article on Georgij V. Plechanov . 1927-1928.
- 13 Introduction for the publication of the papers. N.d.
- 14 Notebook from the *Iskra* period. N.d.
- 15 From the introduction of Obščestvennoe dviženie v načale XX veka. N.d.
- 16 Notes etc. for the publication of Soc.-dem. dviženie v Rossii. N.d.

## Correspondence

- 17-26 Letters from Potresov to various persons. [1893-1894], 1895, 1902-1905, 1913 and n.d. 10 covers
  - 17 Aksel'rod, Pavel B. 1903, 1913.
  - 18 Aksel'rod, Pavel B., Vera I. Zasulič and Lev G. Dejč . 1902.
  - 19 Kalmykova, Aleksandra M. 1902, 1904.
  - 20 Kautsky, Karl . 1904 and n.d.
  - 21 Martov, Julij O. . Incomplete. N.d.
  - 22 Maslov, Petr P. N.d.
  - 23 Parvus (Aleksandr Helphand) . 1903-1905.
  - 24 Skvorcov, A.S. [1893-1894].
  - 25 Struve, Petr B. [1893], 1895 and n.d.
  - 26 Unknown. Incomplete. N.d.
- 27-58 Letters from various persons to Potresov . 1891-1905, 1909-1910, 1913 and n.d. 3 folders and 29 covers
  - 27 Aksel'rod, Pavel B. 1909-1910.
  - 28 Bauer, K. N.d.
  - 29 Be...(?), Nikolaj . 1903.
  - 30 Bjulov, B.E. (Mandel'berg) . 1903-1905.
  - 31 Dan, Fedor I. 1899-1901, 1904 and n.d.
  - 32 Dan, Lidija O. 1905 and n.d.
  - 33 Davidson . 1904.
  - 34 Dejč, Lev G. 1904.
  - 35 Germanov(ič?) . 1896.
  - 36 Gurevič, E.L. 1903-1905 and n.d.  
NB. One letter was signed: Danev.
  - 37 Ionov, Vadim A. March 13.
  - 38 Iordanskij, Nikolay I. 1904-1905 and n.d.  
NB. See also inv. no. 93.
  - 39 Ivanšin, Vladimir P. 1903.

- 40-41 Kalmykova, Aleksandra M. 1894-1895, 1898-1905.  
NB. See also inv. no. 91.
- 40 1894-1895, 1898-1900. (folder)
- 41 1901-1905. (folder)
- 42 Klasson, Robert E. 1895 and n.d.
- 43 Kol'cov, D. 1903.
- 44 Lebedev, P. (S.I. Gusev) . 1903.
- 45 Lindov (Lejtejzen) . 1904.
- 46 Martov, Julij O. N.d.
- 47 Martynov, Aleksandr S. 1904-1905, 1913 and n.d.
- 48 Orechov, M. N.d.
- 49 Parvus (Aleksandr Helphand) . [1904] and n.d.
- 50 Plechanov, Georgij V. 1904.
- 51 Rjazanov, David B. N.d.
- 52 Sirotinin . N.d.
- 53 Skvorcov, A.I. 1893-1894.
- 54 Strel'skij . 1904-1905.
- 55 Struve, Petr B. 1891-1899, 1901, 1903-1904 and n.d. (folder)  
NB. See also inv. no. 92.
- 56 Vorovskij, Vaclav V. 1902.
- 57 Warskij, Adolf . 1903.
- 58 Unknown. N.d.

## Congress of the RSDRP

- 59-74 Documents concerning the second congress of the RSDRP . 1903. 16 covers
- 59 Letter from Kurc [Fridrich V. Lengnik] to Pavel B. Aksel'rod , Vera I. Zasulič , Julij O. Martov and Starover (Potresov) . 1903, September 2.
- 60 Letter from Potresov to unknown. 1903, October 29.
- 61 Letter from Komissija po obnarodovaniju protokolov to unknown. 1903, October 10.
- 62 Declaration concerning the vote transfer to Potresov . 1903, October 20.
- 63 Letter from Kurc [Fridrich V. Lengnik] to unknown. 1903, October 25.
- 64 Letter from Potresov (?) to unknown. 1903, end of December.
- 65 Letter from D. Kol'cov to unknown. 1903, October 24.
- 66 Letter from Potresov to unknown. 1903, after October 25.
- 67 Letter from Potresov to a member of CK. 1903, October 13.
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- Letter from Potresov to a member of CK. 1903, after October 15.
- 69 Letter from Potresov to unknown. 1903, October 27.
- 70 Machine copies of the documents. Incomplete. N.d.
- 71 ' Proekt ustava II s'ezda RSDRP , vyrabotannyj O.K. Manuscript. N.d.
- 72 Fragment of the notes for the publication. N.d.
- 73 Proekt soglašenija. Typed copy. N.d.
- 74 Typescript of correspondence and documents. 1903 and n.d.  
 Letter from Sirotinin to Potresov . N.d.  
 Declaration by Sirotinin . N.d.  
 Reply to the declaration by Sirotinin from Starover (Potresov) and D. Kol'cov . N.d.  
 Protocols of the committee of the sessions of 1903, October 5-10, 12-16, signed by Sirotinin (partly), Starover (Potresov) and D. Kol'cov . 1903.  
 Letters of the committee to a member of the CK. 1903, October 6 and n.d.  
 Letter of the committee to 'tovarišč'. 1903, October 15.  
 Letter of the committee to a member of the CK. 1903, October 16.  
 Letter of the committee to 'tovarišč'. 1903, after October 16.  
 Declaration of the committee. 1903, October 21.  
 Letter from D. Kol'cov to unknown. 1903, October 24.  
 Letter from unknown to unknown. 1903, October 25.  
 Letter from unknown to unknown. 1903, after October 25.  
 Letter from Potresov to unknown. 1903, October 29.  
 Declaration by D. Kol'cov . 1903, October 29.  
 Letter from Vladimir to unknown. 1903, September 3.

## Correspondence by others

- 75-80 Correspondence by others. 1895, 1903-1904 and n.d. 6 covers
- 75 Letter from Pavel B. Aksel'rod to K. With reply by K. on the same letter. N.d.
- 76 Letter from Dimitar Blagoev to D. Kol'cov . 1903, January 23.
- 77 Letter from S. Protopopov (or Prokopovič) to Petr B. Struve . 1895, February 7.
- 78 Letter from A. Skvorcov to Petr B. Struve . 1895, January 29.
- 79 Letter from P. Skvorcov to Petr B. Struve . N.d.
- 80 Letter from unknown to unknown. 1904, March 10.

## Other documents

- 81 'Dubinuška'. Poem. Unknown handwriting. 1901. 1 piece  
 NB. Moscow students, manege, 1901, according to notes by Boris Nikolaevskij .
- 82 Notes on the fourth congress of the SDKPiL , containing desciphered names and resolutions. N.d. 1 cover  
 NB. Handwritten by Rosa Luxemburg , according to notes by Boris Nikolaevskij .

- 83 Notes 'Javki' for the *Iskra*. N.d. 1 cover
- 84 Notebooks with correspondence addresses of the *Iskra*. With loose leaf notes. N.d. 1 cover
- 85 'Chlebnaja trgovlja v SŠA i ee organizacija'. Manuscript of the article. N.d. 1 cover  
NB. Handwritten by Klasson , according to notes by Boris Nikolaevskij .
- 86 Bulletin *Iskra*. 1905. 1 cover
- 87 Ustav rusckogo socialdemokratičeskogo sojuza. Handwritten. 1900. 1 cover
- 88 Letter from the editors of *Iskra* to group(s) in Russia. Handwritten. 1905, c. March. 1 cover
- 89 'Primečanija K No. 4'. N.d. 1 piece
- 90 Part of a letter (Potresov?). N.d. 1 piece
- 91 Typed transcriptions of letters from Aleksandra M. Kalmykova to Potresov . 1898-1905. 3 folders  
NB. See originals in inv. nos. 40-41.
- 92 Typed transcriptions of letters from Petr B. Struve to Potresov . 1891-1901, 1903-1904. 1 folder  
NB. See originals in inv. no. 55.
- 93 Typed transcriptions of letters from N. Iordanskij to Potresov . 1904-1905 and n.d. 1 folder  
NB. See originals in inv. no. 38.