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Bruno Becker papers

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Context

Biographical Note
Born in Saint Petersburg 1885, died in Amsterdam 1968; son of German-Russian parents of Lutheran descent; historian and slavist; came to the Netherlands in 1913 for research on Dirck Volckertsz. Coornhert; back to Russia in 1915; professor of history in Petrograd 1920; moved to Amsterdam 1922; professor of Eastern European cultural history 1930; member of the Comité van Waakzaamheid; professor of Russian history 1945 and director of the Rusland-Instituut University of Amsterdam 1948.

Content and Structure

Content
Correspondence; manuscripts and typoscripts; readings, lectures and papers; notes on among other things Russian literature and Russian culture; press clippings; documentation.

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Access and Use

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INTRODUCTION

Bruno Oscar (Bruno Borisovič) Becker was born in 1885 in St. Petersburg (Russia).
He was the son of Benno Becker, businessman and Sophie Blumenthal, German-Russians of
Lutheran background. He was married to Katharina Arens (1880–1962). They had one daughter.
He was historian and slavist. In 1913 he came to the Netherlands with a scholarship from the
Russian government for research on Dirck Volckertsz. Coornhert (1522-1590). He went back to
Russia in 1915. In 1920 he became history professor in Petrograd.
Due to the difficult living conditions he left Russia and in 1922 he took up residence in Amsterdam
with his family. In 1930 he was appointed associate professor in the Eastern European cultural
history at the Universiteit van Amsterdam. Becker's social commitment in the thirties led to his
membership of the Comité van Waakzaamheid of anti-national socialist intellectuals and of the
Commissie Hulp aan Spanje during the Spanish Civil War.
In 1945 his chair was converted in a common professorship in Russian history and literature. In
1948 he became director of the Rusland-Instituut. In 1955 he was given emeritus status. From then
on he could dedicate himself again to the studies of the 16 century humanists.
He died in 1968 in Amsterdam.

His papers were received by the IISH in 2002. They contain correspondence, manuscripts and
typescripts, college notes, lectures, notes on Russian literature and cultural history, clippings and
other documentation.

INVENTORY

Correspondence

1-10  Correspondence, alphabetically arranged. 1913, 1914, 1922-1933-1936,
  1 Amsberg, A. N.d.
     d'Arms (Rockefeller Foundation), Edward F. 1951, 1952, 1954,
     1956, 1957. With enclosures
     Archief Alkmaar. 1928
     Blommestein (De Bezige Bij), Ch.E. van. 1946.
     Bogdanovitch, E.J. 1926
     Boutchin (Butčin), V.V.1948.
  2 Coebergh, F.J.A.M. 1950.
     Deravin, N.S. 1923, 1924.
     Ebeling, C.L. 1943, 1948.
     Francès, M.1929.
     Frank, S.L. and T.S. Frank, including a few letters from others
     relating to S.L. Frank. 1928, 1931-1933, 1935, 1936, 1939, 1950,
  3 Graaf, J. de. 1951.
     Groot, A.W. de. 1926
     Haas (Koninklijk Oudheidkundig Genootschap), De. 1924
     Hages (?) (Archief Gouda), J. 1914.
     Hallema, A. 1926-1928.
Hooff-Gualthérie van Weezel, W. van. 1927-1930, 1934 and n.d.
Houck, M.E. van. 1925.
Huizinga, I. 1924
Jonge, P. de. 1949.
Koebner. 1924.
Koninklijk Kabinet van Munten. 1928
Kottow, Marie. 1925
Kronenberg, M.E. 1928.
Kruitwagen, B. 1941.
Kühne. 1924.
Liebthal, Margarete. 1924, 1925, 1929.
Locher, Th. 1946-1949.
7 Maksimova, E.A. 1925
Meylan, H. 1958.
Muchina, L. 1927
NRC. 1951.
8 Portal, Roger. 1953.
Rejngard, K. 1926
Reve, K. van het. 1945, 1953.
Romein, J. 1942-1944.
Rutgers van der Loeff, J.D. 1928
Sabbe, M. 1928.
Scheepmaker, N. 1962.
Schlichting, G (H). 1924
Smit, J. 1924
Stark, M.M. 1923-1926.
Stuiveleng, G. 1940, 1941.
Sumner, B.H. 1951.
9 Valkhoff, J. 1934.
Vletter, A. de. 1931.
Voogd, T. 1962.
Vries, Th. de. 1943.
Vvedenskij, A.A. 1925, 1926.
Wagner, Oskar. N.d.
Zijderveld, A. 1928

Manuscripts
Manuscripts by Becker
11 Manuscript of B. Becker's dissertation on Sebastian Franck. N.d. 1 portfolio

University lectures
12 Russian history of the 19th century. First part. Semester October-December 1930. 1 box
13 Russian cultural history of the 19th century. Second part. Semester January-May 1931. 1 box
14 Russian cultural history of the second part of the 19th century. Academic years 1931-1932, 1939-1940. 1 box
15 Russian history since the Russian-Japanese war. Academic year 1932-1933. 1 box
16 Russia and Europe. Academic year 1933-1934. 1 portfolio 'small format'
17 A.S. Pushkin (Puškin). Academic years. 1933-1934 and 1941-1942. 1 portfolio 'small format'
18 History of the Russian theatre. Academic year 1934-1935. 1 portfolio 'small format'
19 M.Y. Lermontov (M.Ju. Lermontov). Academic year 1935-1936. 1 portfolio 'small format'
20 Russian literature in the 19th century. Academic years 1936-1937 and 1937-1938. 1 box
21 The history of Russia: 'Beginning', 17th and 18th century, and 'the century of Catherine II'. Academic years 1937-1938, 1938-1939 en 1939-1940. 1 box
22 N.V. Gogol (Gogol'). Passages chosen from his correspondence with friends. Seminar. Academic year 1948-1949. 1 folder
23 'Dostojevski over Poesjkin' (translation seminar?). 1950 and n.d. 1 folder
24 A.S. Griboyedov (Griboedov). 'Gore ot uma'. Academic year 1950-1951. 1 folder
25 'Vertalingen uit het Nederlands' (translation seminar?). Notebook. 1950-1953. 1 folder
26 Literature, capita selecta. Academic year 1953-1954. 1 folder

Lectures
27 Manuscript of a paper 'Makiavelli i ego filosofija istorii', read on April 10, 1907, at the University of St. Petersburg. 1 folder
28 Manuscript of a paper 'Arnol'd Brešianskij v Lombardii'. N.d. (c. 1910). 1 folder
29 Notes relating to lecture on the Russian revolution. 1918, 1924 and n.d. 1 folder
30 Notes used for lectures in Hilversum, 1922-1923. 1 folder
31 Text of lecture on the Russian Revolution, given in Katwijk, March 1924. 1 folder
32-33 Notes, processed outlines, and other documents used for lectures at the Volksuniversiteiten in Amsterdam, Almelo, Assen, Den Haag, Haarlem, Gouda and Utrecht. 1924-1927. 2 folders
34 Parts of texts (Ms. and Ts.) of various lectures, mainly on Russia after the revolution. 1924, 1925, 1928-1931, 1935. 1 folder
35 Text of lectures on the Paris Commune. 1925 1 folder
Text of lecture 'De Russische Revolutie en de Parijse Commune van 1871', given at the Dutch Club in Antwerp on March 18, 1926. 1 folder

Text of lecture on 'De Russische vrouw', given in 1928, 1929 and 1937. 1 folder

Text of 'Houding van de Sovjets tegenover de godsdienst'. 1930. 1 folder

Documents on 'Schisma, sekten en mystiek in Rusland', lectures at Volksuniversiteit 1930. 1 folder

Text of, and notes on 'De Sovjetstudent', lecture at a branch meeting of the V.C.S.B. in Bloemendaal (Amsterdam and Leiden). 1931. 1 folder

Notes relating to a lecture on the Decembrists. 1932. 1 cover

Text of and documents on 'De nieuwe generatie', lecture given at the Volksuniversiteit in Almelo. 1933. 1 folder

Text of 'De plaats van de intellectueel in de Russische revolutie', lecture given in Blaricum. 1933. 1 folder

'Rusland in de twintigste eeuw', lectures at the Volks Universiteit, Amsterdam, and 'De geschiedenis van Rusland na 1917', given at the het Instituut voor Arbeidersontwikkeling, Amsterdam. 1934-1935. 1 folder

Text of, and notes concerning 'Rusland na 1917', lecture given in Amsterdam and Arnhem. 1936, 1937. 1 folder

Text of, and notes concerning 'Godsdienst in Rusland voor en na de revolutie', lecture given in Bussum and elsewhere. 1936, 1937 and 1943-1945. 1 folder

Text of, and notes concerning 'Poesjkin (1799-1837) en Rusland ten tijde van Alexander I en Nicolaas I', lecture, given in the Koninklijk Oudheidkundig Genootschap and at the Literaire Faculteit of the Rijksuniversiteit in Groningen. 1937. 1 folder

Text and other documents relating to 'Slovo o polku Igoreve'. 1939-1940. 1 cover

Speech at the funeral of N. van Wijk. 1941. 1 cover

Text of (University) lecture on A.N. Radischev (Radischev). 1946. 1 folder

Talk given in 1966 at the 'Slavisch Dispuut Beseda'. 1966. 1 folder

Notes relating to lectures on the Paris Commune and on the Russian Revolution and the Paris Commune. N.d. 1 folder

Text of lecture 'De achtergrond van het nieuwe Rusland'. N.d. 1 folder

Ms. text [of a lecture] on 'Istorija V.K.P., Kratkij kurs. 1938', and notes relating to the book. 1 folder

Text of lecture 'Religion and atheism'. N.d. 1 folder

Text of (University) lecture on 'Geestelijke stromingen in het Rusland van de 19e en 20e eeuw'. N.d. 1 folder

Reviews of 'Soviet Communism' by S. and B. Webb, 'l'URSS telle qu'elle est' by Yvon, 'Retouches à mon retour de l'URSS', by André Gide, and other books. With notes. 1936 and n.d. 1 folder

'Duel en dood van Alexander Poesjkin', article for Historia, Maandschrift voor geschiedenis, with notes. 1937. 1 folder

Text, beginning 'Pogib poet!', on the death of Pushkin (Puškin). N.d. 1 folder

Translation
62  Translation of 'Putešestvije' by A.N. Radischev (Radiščev). N.d. 1 folder

Notes
63-67  Five notebooks with notes. 1903-1905, 1908 and n.d. 5 pieces
68-69  Notes on books and clippings containing book reviews. 1922-1931 and n.d. 2 folders
70  Notes relating to a book by I. Stepanov and a book by N. Lukin on the Paris Commune of 1871. 1922 and n.d. 1 cover
71  Notes and clippings on the classic education and the abolition of the Greek language. 1922. 1 cover
72  Diary with a few notes. 1922-1923. 1 cover
73  Notes on books not relating to Russia. 1923, 1924, 1925 and n.d. 1 folder
74  Notes on books relating to Russia. 1925, 1926, 1933 and n.d. 1 folder
75  Notes, clippings, and other documentation concerning the hundredth anniversary of A.S. Pushkin's death. 1926, 1933, 1936-1938 and n.d. 1 folder
76  Titles of and notes on books mentioned in the Times Literary Supplement. 1928, 1929. 1 note booklet
77  Notes relating to books on the history of Russia. 1929 and n.d. 1 folder
78  Notes relating to dissertation by Van der Meer. 1930, 1932-1934 and n.d. 1 folder
79-81  Extracts from books 1931-1935 and n.d. 3 folders.
82-83  Notebooks with notes on books and periodicals. 1931-1936, 1945 and n.d. 2 folders
84  Notes and other documents on the Sovjet Intelligentsia. 1938, 1940 and n.d. 1 folder
85  Notes on and quotations from 'Die Revolution des Nihilismus' by H. Rauschning. 1939. 1 Note booklet
86  Note book on 'Boris Godunov' by A.S. Pushkin, containing a discussion of observations by D. Blagoj in his 'Tvorčeskij put' Puškina, an observation of 'Boris Godunov' in Pushkin's correspondence, the translation of parts of 'Boris Godunov', and an observation on A.S. Pushkin and N.M. Karamzin. 1951, 1952 and n.d. 1 folder
87  Notes relating to an article for a liber amicorum in honour of J.M. Romein. 1953 and n.d. 1 cover
88  Notebook, containing notes on dissertation by K. van het Reve, 1953, and a list of letters by Becker from August 11, 1921 till July 16, 1922, and notes, both relating to a talk given in 1966 in 'Beseda'. 1953 and [1966]. 1 cover
89  Notes on 'Russische Wirtschaftsgeschichte' by J. Kulischer. 1925. N.d. 1 cover
90  Notes on Professor Wulffius. N.d. 1 cover
91 Notes on books on A.S. Pushkin (Puškin). N.d. 1 Note book.
92 Notes by Becker. N.d. 1 cover
93 Notes by Becker and by W. van Hooff- Gualthérie van Weezel for Becker. N.d. 1 cover
94 Note booklet. N.d. 1 cover

Manuscripts by others
95 'Notes on a trip. A fragment from the diary 1857, May 15-27, Switzerland' by L. Tolstoy (Tolstoj), translated in German and Dutch by A. Hackel and W. van Hooff. With three letters about publishing it in Holland and Die neue Rundschau, June 1934 containing it. 1930, 1931, 1934. 1 folder
96 Text of 'Mijn herinneringen van de jaren 1915-1921', lecture given by Katharina Becker-Arens in 'De literaire dameskring'. 1935. 1 folder
97 Notebooklet 'Dnevnik' containing manuscript diary entries by a Russian soldier, escaped from German captivity, covering September 30th to Oktober 15th 1944. With transcript, in which the text of a diary ('malaja knižka') of another Russian soldier, concerning the end of August 1944. 1944. 1 folder
98 Typescript of book or article on icons. In German, probably by A. Hackel. N.d. 1 folder

Other documents

Personal documents
99 Certificate of Becker's membership of the Nederlandse Maatschappij voor Letterkunde. 1924. 1 piece
100 Typescripts of two poems by W. van Hooff-Gualthérie van Weezel in honour of Becker, clippings containing reports of lectures by Becker, typescripts and manuscripts containing extracts of lectures by him, and other documents from W. van Hooff on Becker. 1922, 1924-1930, 1933, 1935-1937, 1941 and n.d. 1 folder
101 Financial documents (of Becker). 1926, 1928-1930. 1 cover
103 Text relating to Becker's source material publication on Coornhert. With translation into German. 1929. 1 cover

Professorship
104 Notes on talks relating to the obtaining of a special professorship. 1929 1 cover
105 Booklet, containing notes and drafts of letters relating to Becker's appointment as special professor of East European cultural history in the University of Amsterdam in March 1930. 1929-1930. 1 cover
106 Lists of students, attending lectures by Becker at the University of Amsterdam. 1929-1956 and n.d. 1 folder
107 Congratulations on his appointment as special professor. 1930 and n.d. 1 cover
108 Correspondence relating to the vacancy church history in the University of Leiden. 1933. 1 cover
109 Letters and other documents relating to a campaign to retain Becker’s chair. 1938
and n.d. 1 cover

110 Letters on his appointment as full (gewoon) professor. 1945 and n.d. 1 folder

111 Two letters relating to the Slavisch Instituut, Leiden. 1947, 1948. 2 pieces

112 Correspondence relating to the Slavonic section of the 22e congress of
philologists. 1952. 1951, 1952. 1 folder

113 Notebook containing data of his students. N.d. 1 cover

Rusland Instituut of the University of Amsterdam
114 Correspondence and other documents relating to the Rusland Instituut. 1948-1951,
1955. 1 folder

115 Correspondence on the acquisition of books of the Rusland Instituut. 1956-1959.
1 folder

Slavische Studievereniging
116 Minutes of meetings, rules, notes by Becker, and other documents relating to the
Slavische Studievereniging. 1951-1967 and n.d. 1 folder

117 Documents relating to the Slavisch Dispuut Beseda. N.d. 1 cover

Files A. Hackel
118 Two statements by Becker concerning A. Hackel. 1923, and n.d. (after World War
II). 2 pieces

119 Correspondence between Hackel and W. van Hooff-Gualthérie van Weezel.
1929-1931. 1 cover

120 Correspondence and other documents relating to the publishing of A. Hackel:
and n.d. 1 folder

121 Draft letters from Becker to A. Hackel. 1948, 1949. 2 pieces

122 Typescript copy of a letter from Becker to ? about the funeral of A. Hackel. 1951.
1 piece

123 Notes by Becker relating to correspondence of A. Hackel. N.d. 1 cover

DOCUMENTATION

Offprints and other articles
124 Printed articles by and on Bakunin . 1934, 1935. 1 cover

125 Review and offprint by D. van Blom. 1927, 1929. 1 cover

126 Offprints by dr. J.G. van Dillen. 1932, 1937 (?), and n.d. 1 folder

127-128 Articles and offprints by dr. Alfred Hackel. 1930-1934, 1936, 1937, 1939. 2 folders

129 Article and offprints by Jeanne Liedmeier. 1940, 1948 and 1956. 1 folder

130 Article and offprint by dr Boris Rapschtsinsky. 1937 and n.d. 1 folder
Offprints by prof. dr. N. van Wijk. 1922, 1924 and n.d. 1 folder

Soviéland and Revue de Moscou, dedicated to Pushkin. 1937. 1 folder


Press clippings

Press clippings in scrapbooks

Scrapbook with articles on travelling in Russia by various authors from Dutch newspapers. 1929-1930. 1 folder
NB. From W. van Hoooff-Gualthérie van Weezel.

Two scrapbooks with clippings on Russia and Russian Literature. 1929-1933. 1 folder
NB. From W. van Hoooff-Gualthérie van Weezel.

Scrapbooks containing articles by Alfred Hackel, mainly on litterature and art, mainly from NRC. 1929-1941, 1949. 2 folders


Scrapbook with ‘Russische Reisschetsen' by Ph. Mechanicus. 1932, 1934-1935. 1 folder

Scrapbook with ‘Pretentielooze reisbrieven uit de U.S.S.R.' by C.W. de Vries from Alg. Hbl. 1937. 1 piece

Other press clippings

Clippings relating to lecture on the Russian Revolution. 1923-1926 and n.d. 1 folder

Clippings on university and college in Russia, and on the bicentenary of the academy of Leningrad. 1924-1926 and n.d. 1 folder

Paperclippings relating to lectures given by Becker. 1924, 1925, 1928, 1929, 1936, n.d. 1 folder

Clippings and other documents relating to lectures on the Paris Commune and on the Russian revolution and Paris Commune. 1927-1930 and n.d. 1 cover

Clippings relating to the establishment and preservation of the chair East European cultural history in the University of Amsterdam. 1930, 1934 and n.d. 1 cover

Clippings from NRC ‘Aantekeningen van een Sowjet-studente' by Nadezjda Azwolinskaja. 1931. 3 pieces

Paper clippings on his appointment as common professor of East European cultural history in the University of Amsterdam. 1935, 1945. 2 pieces

Clippings containing reports on lectures given by B. Becker. 1936, 1937. 3 pieces
Other documentation

150 Documentation concerning L. Trotsky. 1924-1926, 1929-1931, 1937, 1940, 1946 and n.d. 1 folder

151 Dni 29-7-1926. (on the power struggle within the Party, Kamenev, Zinovjev, etc.). 1 piece

152 Miscellaneous documentation. 1930, 1931 and n.d. 1 folder