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Raadpleging Vrij

Biografie

Geboren Sint Petersburg 1885, overleden Amsterdam 1968; zoon van Duits-Russische ouders van lutherse huize; historicus en slavist; in 1913 in Nederland voor onderzoek naar Coornhert; terug naar Rusland 1915; hoogleraar geschiedenis Petrograd 1920; vestiging in Amsterdam 1922; bijzonder hoogleraar oosteuropese cultuurgeschiedenis 1930; lid Comité van Waakzaamheid; gewoon hoogleraar Russische geschiedenis 1945 en directeur Rusland-Instituut Universiteit van Amsterdam 1948.

Inhoud

Correspondentie; manuscripten en typoscripten; college dictaten; lezingen en referaten; aantekeningen betreffende o.a. Russische Letterkunde en Russische Cultuurgeschiedenis; knipsels; documentatie.

Administratieve informatie

Processing information

Inventory made by Hermien van Veen in 2004

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, 1938-1960, 1962-1965, 1967, 1968 and n.d. 10 folders
 - 1 Amsberg, A. N.d.
d'Arms (Rockefeller Foundation), Edward F. 1951, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1957. With enclosures
Archief Alkmaar. 1928
Bezemer, J.W. 1942, 1944-1952, 1963.
Blommestein (De Bezige Bij), Ch.E. van. 1946.
Bogdanovitch, E.J. 1926

- Boutchin (Butčín), V.V.1948.
 Broekmeyer, M.J. 1950-1952.
- 2 Coebergh, F.J.A.M. 1950.
 Der□avin, N.S. 1923, 1924.
 Ebeling, C.L. 1943, 1948.
 Eng, J.van der. 1953-1955.
 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, 1951, 1954, 1955, 1967 and n.d.
- 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
 Japikse, N. 1923, 1927, 1928.
 Jonge, P. de. 1949.
- 4 Kleyntjens, H.J. 1923-1925, 1927, 1929 and n.d.
 Koebner. 1924.
 Koninklijk Kabinet van Munten. 1928
 Kottow, Marie. 1925
 Kronenberg, M.E. 1928.
 Kruitwagen, B. 1941.
 Kühne. 1924.
 Liebthal, Margarete. 1924, 1925, 1929.
- 5 Liedmeier, J. van der Eng-. 1938, 1941-1950, 1954-1956. With enclosures.
- 6 Lo Gatto, E. 1947-1955, 1957-1960, 1962, 1963, 1965.
 Locher, Th. 1946-1949.
 Locher-Hibma, F.H. 1951.
- 7 Maksimova, E.A. 1925
 Mazon, A. 1948, 1950-1959, 1962, 1967.
 Meijer, J. 1965.
 Meylan, H. 1958.
 Molok, A.I. 1922-1925, 1936, 1964, 1965.
 Muchina, L. 1927
 NRC. 1951.
- 8 Portal, Roger. 1953.
 Presser, J. 1928, 1954.
 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
 Schravendijk, O.E. van. 1968, including Narodno-trudovoj Sojuz leaflets. 1958, 1960 and n.d.

- Smit, J. 1924
 Stark, M.M. 1923-1926.
 Stuiveling, 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.
 Wijk, N. van. 1923-1929, 1934-1936.
 Zijderveld, A. 1928
- 10 N.N. 1913, 1914, 1923-1925, 1928, 1946, 1951 and n.d.

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. Gribojedov (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
- 36 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
- 37 Text of lecture on 'De Russische vrouw', given in 1928, 1929 and 1937. 1 folder
- 38 Text of 'Houding van de Sovjets tegenover de godsdienst'. 1930. 1 folder
- 39 Documents on 'Schisma, sekten en mystiek in Rusland', lectures at Volksuniversiteit 1930. 1 folder
- 40 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
- 41 Notes relating to a lecture on the Decembrists. 1932. 1 cover
- 42 Text of and documents on 'De nieuwe generatie', lecture given at the Volksuniversiteit in Almelo. 1933. 1 folder
- 43 Text of 'De plaats van de intellectueel in de Russische revolutie', lecture given in Blaricum. 1933. 1 folder
- 44 '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
- 45 Text of, and notes concerning 'Rusland na 1917', lecture given in Amsterdam and Arnhem. 1936, 1937. 1 folder
- 46 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
- 47 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
- 48 Text and other documents relating to 'Slovo o polku Igoreve'. 1939-1940. 1 cover
- 49 Speech at the funeral of N. van Wijk. 1941. 1 cover
- 50 Text of (University) lecture on A.N. Radischev (Radiščev). 1946. 1 folder
- 51 Talk given in 1966 at the 'Slavisch Dispuut Beseda'. 1966. 1 folder
- 52 Notes relating to lectures on the Paris Commune and on the Russian Revolution and the Paris Commune. N.d. 1 folder
- 53 Text of lecture 'De achtergrond van het nieuwe Rusland'. N.d. 1 folder
- 54 Ms. text [of a lecture] on 'Istorija V.K.P., Kratkij kurs. 1938', and notes relating to the book. 1 folder
- 55 Text of lecture 'Religion and atheism'. N.d. 1 folder

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

Articles

- 57 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
- 58 'Duel en dood van Alexander Poesjkin', article for *Historia*, Maandschrift voor geschiedenis, with notes. 1937. 1 folder
- 59 Text, beginning 'Pogib poet!', on the death of Pushkin (Puškin). N.d. 1 folder
- 60 Review (in Russian) of the book 'Abschied von Sowjetrussland' by A. Rudolf [in handwriting of K. Becker-Arens]. N.d. 1 folder
- 61 Review (in Russian) of the book 'Ot dvuch do pjati', by K. Chukovsky (čukovskij). [in handwriting of K. Becker-Arens]. 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. Rauschnig. 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 Wirtschaftsgeschiede' 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
- 102 List of visits payed in 1931-1932. 1931-1932. 1 piece.
- 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: 'Russisches Geistesleben im Spiegel der Kunst und Literatur'. 1934, 1935, 1938 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 Rapschinsky. 1937 and n.d. 1 folder
- 131 Offprints by prof. dr. N. van Wijk. 1922, 1924 and n.d. 1 folder
- 132 *Sovietland* and *Revue de Moscou*, dedicated to Pushkin. 1937. 1 folder

- 133-134 Article or offprint by Nicolas Arséniev, Boris Bakhmetoff, dr. A. Bém, D. Blagoj, mr. dr. J.J. Boasson, S. Dresden, Jan van der Eng, Ettore lo Gatto, A.W.J. den Hollander, L.Joris, Lubov Keefer, R.F. Kelley, I. Lagovskij, Jef Last, V.I. Lenin, Josef Matl, André Mazon, G. Müller, Georg Schlimme, A. šebunin, dr. J. Valkhoff, and A. Vul'fius. 1913, 1924, 1930, 1933, 1936, 1937, 1941, 1947, 1950, 1952, 1953, 1956 and n.d. 2 folders

Press clippings

Press clippings in scrapbooks

- 135 Scrapbook with articles on travelling in Russia by various authors from Dutch newspapers. 1929-1930. 1 folder
NB. From W. van Hooff-Gualthérie van Weezel.
- 136 Two scrapbooks with clippings on Russia and Russian Literature. 1929-1933. 1 folder
NB. From W. van Hooff-Gualthérie van Weezel.
- 137-138 Scrapbooks containing articles by Alfred Hackel, mainly on literature and art, mainly from NRC. 1929-1941, 1949. 2 folders
- 139 M. Aldanov: Poezdka N.N. Novosil'ceva (liga nacij v 1804 godu) v 'Posl. Nov.' 3/4-X-1932. 1 piece
- 140 Scrapbook with 'Russische Reisschetsen' by Ph. Mechanicus. 1932, 1934-1935. 1 folder
- 141 Scrapbook with 'Pretentielooze reisbrieven uit de U.S.S.R.' by C.W. de Vries from Alg. Hbl. 1937. 1 piece

Other press clippings

- 142 Clippings relating to lecture on the Russian Revolution. 1923-1926 and n.d. 1 folder
- 143 Clippings on university and college in Russia, and on the bicentenary of the academy of Leningrad. 1924-1926 and n.d. 1 folder
- 144 Paperclippings relating to lectures given by Becker. 1924, 1925, 1928, 1929, 1936, n.d. 1 folder
- 145 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
- 146 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
- 147 Clippings from NRC 'Aantekeningen van een Sowjet-studente' by Nadezjda Azwolinskaja. 1931. 3 pieces
- 148 Paper clippings on his appointment as common professor of East European cultural history in the University of Amsterdam. 1935, 1945. 2 pieces
- 149 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