

# Guide to the Louis Fischer Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 214

**CREATOR:** Fischer, Louis, 1896-1970

**TITLE:** Louis Fischer papers

**DATES:** 1929-1961

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear foot (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Family and professional correspondence and typescript drafts of four books published between 1942 and 1962. His major correspondent is G.V. Chicherin, a Russian diplomat, who wrote to protest passages in Fischer's book, *The Soviets in World Affairs*, relating to Soviet affairs in the Revolutionary period.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Louis Fischer 1946-1961.

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## Biographical / Historical

Journalist; author and editor of numerous articles and books about the Soviet Union published from 1917-1969: Four of his books are: *Gandhi and Stalin*, *Men and Politics*, *Russia, America, and the World*, and *The Story of Indonesia*.

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## Scope and Contents

The Louis Fischer Papers contain correspondence and typescript drafts of four books by Fischer. Fischer's correspondence consists of letters to, from and about Georgii Vasil'evich Chicherin concerning Fischer's book, *The Soviets in World Affairs*, published in 1930. (References to page numbers in the correspondence are to the proofs of the book.) Chicherin was sending corrections and comments on affairs in Russia from before the Revolution through the 1920s, and discussing as well matters of policy, personal affairs, and his deteriorating physical and emotional state. He began to accuse Fischer of misrepresenting his actions and political views during the 1918 landing of Allied troops at Murmansk, and grew increasingly upset, to the point where he claimed to be "near to suicide" due to Fischer (1930 Aug 28). Fischer described visits to Chicherin in two letters to his wife, Bertha (Mark) Fischer, and eventually sent a letter for publication (probably in *The Nation*) to clarify Chicherin's actions at Murmansk.

These papers were given to Yale University by Louis Fischer in a series of gifts in 1946-1947 and 1961.

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## Collection Contents

### Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1 - 3	Chicherin, Georgii Vasil'evich, to Louis Fischer	1929-1932
	Fischer, Louis	
b. 1, f. 4	Letters to G. V. Chicherin	1929-1930
b. 1, f. 5	Letters to "Markooska" [i.e., Bertha (Mark) Fischer]	1929 August 25
b. 1, f. 6	Letter to the editor [probably of ] <i>The Nation</i>	1932 September 8
b. 1, f. 7	"Tatiana" to Louis Fischer English	undated

### Writings

b. 1, f. 8 - 9	<i>Gandhi and Stalin</i> English	[1947?]
b. 1, f. 10 - 12	<i>Men and Politics</i> English	[1941?]
b. 2, f. 13 - 14	<i>Russia, America, and the World</i>	[1961?]
b. 2, f. 15 - 17	<i>The Story of Indonesia</i>	[1959?]

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Geographic Names**

Europe  
Soviet Union  
Soviet Union -- Politics and government

### **Subjects**

Journalists

### **Names**

Chīcherīn, Georgiĭ Vasīl'evīch, 1872-1936  
Fischer, Louis, 1896-1970