

KANTOROWICZ, ERNST H.

Biographical

This is the date of a pamphlet called The Fundamental Issue, Documents and Marginal Notes on the University of California Loyalty Oath by Ernst H. Kantorowicz.

He was a non-signed occupying Chair of History founded by Regent Sidney M. Ehrman, who was one of the regents upholding the leadership of John Francis Neylan. The booklet, The Fundamental Issue, and a précis of it were circulated to the entire Board of Trustees of the Institute before its meeting in December, 1950. In view of the attitude on tenure which the pamphlet carries together with the attitude toward Trustees, it is ~~an~~ interesting to note that the approval of the Board of Trustees was unanimous for his appointment.

D File, Kantorowicz, Ernst H.

1950

11/14  
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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES  
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

PAIS  
SELBERG  
MONTGOMERY  
WOODWARD  
✓ KANTOROWICZ

Biographical

Pais, Selberg and Montgomery invited to meeting though their nominations as professors were presented at it. Approved at meeting. But nomination of Woodward and Kantorowicz presented by School of Historical Studies deferred to next meeting. (3 S. M. men were permanent members and known to I. A. S.; reason). But the difference in treatment was noted and it was decided that hereafter nominations would be acted upon not when first proposed but at next meeting. The meeting of the 14th had approved appointment of Bigelow and Goldstein as permanent members. Action repeated November 20, 1950.

Faculty Minutes, p. 216

1950

11/14

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Academic Organization

✓ KANTOROWICZ

Biographical

WOODWARD

EARLE

The School of Historical Studies which had had only two new appointments since the beginning: Cherniss and Thompson, had lost three professors: Riefler, Warren, and Stewart. The Director outlined the discussions which he had had with the School of Historical Studies for replacements, and the fields of philosophy, anthropology, belles letters in the broad sense of the history of literature, had been considered, with the conclusion that no suitable candidate was known in these fields. Two nominees: Kantorowicz and Woodward, are in the field of history proper. Their appointments would not preclude the Institute from inviting a younger man to its staff in the near future. Vote was not asked for at this meeting; next meeting.

"The Director also solicited from the Faculty as a whole any proposals it might have for the school." (Undoubtedly, the School of Mathematics would have many fine suggestions for the School of Historical Studies). Earle commented on Woodward's present position as leading British political historian; his official editing of British diplomatic documents of the last fifty years; current and still unpublished work on the diplomatic minutes of the British Cabinet. Woodward would retire in five years under the present system. By that time some of the younger men the School was considering would be ready for professorial appointment. The chief question was whether Woodward would accept a position which would preclude his present writing assignments under the auspices of the British Government.

Panofsky supported the nomination of Kantorowicz.

Faculty Minutes, 11/14/50

1950

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SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Academic Organization

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

✓ KANTOROWICZ

Biographical

WOODWARD, E. H.

The nominations of Kantorowicz and Woodward were presented for Faculty vote. Morse emphasized that he hoped the School would encourage the selection of younger men for permanent membership. Siegel refrained from voting. Both were nominated by the Faculty; Woodward unanimously, Kantorowicz not.

Faculty Minutes, 11/20/50

1950

12/1  
12/29

TRUSTEES

Corporation

POLICIES

Administration

✓ KANTOROWICZ

STRAUSS

MAASS

OPPENHEIMER, R.

At meeting Executive Committee December 1, nomination of Kantorowicz presented. Debate, apparently on his action in oath controversy. Strauss apparently opposed--meeting adjourned with understanding that if President did not confirm appointment within next few days, Executive Committee adjourned session should be called. It was on December 29th and the vote to confirm on motion of Strauss was unanimous. Maass opposed separate minutes and sought to obscure fact that debate was serious. He submitted his own draft of minutes to Oppenheimer (January 2, 1951) Coalescing minutes to obliterate debate and fixing final action as at 12/1/50.

John Fulton questioned aides maximus memoirs of  
Oppenheimer on both meetings, 1/26/51 and the omission of  
substantive debate. Leary informed him of Maass' actions and  
Fulton subsided with statement he considered meeting 12/29/50  
"probably the most important that we have had since I joined"  
the Board in 1942. (2/2/51)

D File, Notes Drafts--~~(with Minutes of Resignations)~~

1950

12/1

PROFESSORS (VISITING)

Academic Personnel

✓ KANTOROWICZ, ERNET H

Biographical

Appointment of Kantorowicz authorized from July, 1951,  
on until the age of retirement at an annual salary of  
\$18,000 with TIAA contributions.

Exec. Comm. Minutes, 12/1/50



1951

12/29  
1/31

✓ KANTOROWICZ, ERNST H.

Biographical

Oppenheimer to Kantorowicz, December 29, 1950, stating that he is asked to join the Faculty of the Institute and giving terms.

There is also a letter from Oppenheimer to Dr. W. M. Stanley of the University of California, Berkeley attached to this first letter.

Both letters filed in Chronological File under 1950, 12/29.

D File, Kantorowicz, Ernst H.

1953

11/4

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

DIRECTOR

Administration

✓ KANTOROWICZ, ERNST

Biographical

MORSE

SELBERG, ATLE

Starting with November 4, 1953, the Director plans to be away for approximately a month. Administrative committee consisting of those mentioned above will be in charge, and one of them will be in the Director's office for an hour, a stipulated hour, each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

D, Memoranda to Staff and Members

1956

1/10

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organisation

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

POLICIES

Admini<sub>o</sub>ration

PLEKNER, A.

Biographical

HARLE, E. W.

HERZFELD, ERNST E.

✓ HANTZOWICH, ERNST

WOODWARD, E. L.

ALFOLDI, ANDREW

SISOEL, CARL LUDWIG

PAULI, WOLFGANG

PANOFSEY, ERWIN

Interview with Professor Veblen, January 10, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Interviews.

Interview with Professor Veblen, January 10, 1956.

DIRECTOR  
ARCHEOLOGY  
PRINCETON  
TEACHING  
MEMBERS  
ASSISTANTS  
MERITT, B. D.  
AYDELOTTE, F.  
FLEXNER, A.  
DAUNCEY, MRS.  
CLEMENT  
SHOE  
GERY, WADE  
DE TOLNAY  
✓ KANTOROWICZ  
CHERNISS  
THOMPSON  
PANOFSKY  
FRANKL  
HERZFELD  
LOWE  
CAPPS  
SIEGEL

Administration  
Academic Activities  
Relations WOAI  
Academic Procedures  
Academic Personnel  
  
Biographical

Interview with Professor Meritt, June 7, 1956.  
Filed in Vertical File under Meritt Interviews.

1956

7/12

DIRECTOR

Administration

POLICIES

COMMITTEES

GIFTS

Finance

GENERAL (TAXES)

Government Relations

BY-LAWS

Corporation

TRUSTEES

FACULTY

Academic Personnel

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

REPORTS

Academic Procedures

OPPENHEIMER, J.

Biographical

STRAUSS

AND  
BLOTTE, F.

✓ KANTOROWICZ

Interview with Dr. Oppenheimer, July 12, 1956.  
Filed Vertical under Oppenheimer Interviews.

1949-1950

GENERAL (Kaplan, Welch Grape  
Juice Company)

Foundations

✓ KAPLAN, JACK M.

Biographical

VEBLEN, O.

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Jack M. Kaplan wrote Oppenheimer asking for information on the Institute and an opportunity to be helpful (October 12, 1949). Does not believe in bricks and mortar, but wants to help deserving people.

His secretary visited the Institute first, and Kaplan, himself, in November, 1949. Thereafter, nothing was heard of him except that Oppenheimer suggested to Veblen he might write Kaplan to assist three very promising young mathematicians to spend a year at the Institute. Veblen also suggests that Kaplan might elevate the level of professorial salaries. The file contains no evidence that anything was done by Kaplan. Check on this.

D, Kaplan, J. M.

1939

1/21  
1/30  
1/31

FOREIGN

Academic Personnel

✓ KAPP, DR. ERNST

Biographical

FLEXNER

(See file for Biography and references)

Flexner to Stuart (Prof. D. R., Dept. of Classics, Princeton University)

"Dear Professor Stuart:

"My attention has been called recently to a Greek scholar, Professor Ernst Kapp, who is a grandson of Friedrich Kapp, who came to this country after the abortive German Revolution of 1848. The present Kapp was formerly professor of classics at the University of Hamburg, but was dismissed because his wife is half Jewish. He is himself, so I am told, a man of rare charm, and in his own special field of Aristotle is described to me as "a genius". I am sending you some letters which will convey some idea of the opinion held of him by foreign scholars.

"Inasmuch as Professor Kapp is now in this country, living at Larchmont, I wonder what you would think of our bringing him down here to give a lecture, which might enable the classical group here to form some impression of his achievements and personality. Should this meet with your approval I should of course take the matter up with President

Dodds, but I will not bother him with it otherwise."

"Dear Dr. Flexner:

"Pressure of academic duties incident to this season of examinations has prevented me from promptly acknowledging your courtesy in calling to my attention the recommendations of Professor Ernst Kapp.

"In reply to your letter may I confess that, in case Professor Kapp were to be invited to lecture in Princeton, my preference would be that the Institute stand sponsor for his coming? I do not doubt that various members of my department and perhaps of others might welcome the opportunity to hear so eminent a teacher and scholar.

"I am sorry that I feel hesitant to join in any official way in an invitation to him, notwithstanding my deep sympathy for his lot and for the lots of other expatriated scholars whose cases have been brought to my attention.

"I should deem myself culpable if any act of mine should inspire false hopes on the part of any of Professor Kapp's friends that the department might be able to consider obtaining his services. The truth is, we are not in need of any classical scholars whose interests lie in the field cultivated by Professor Kapp.

"I have had to refuse so many possible incumbents that I have come to shrink from causing further disappointment.

"I hope you will condone my frankness which I have dared to hope our pleasant personal relations may justify."

"Dear Professor Stuart:

"I have your fine letter of January 30, and I can see very easily that your



joining me in asking Professor Kapp to come to Princeton might raise in his mind some hope that we should probably not be capable of realizing. Under these circumstances you are right not to participate.

"Of course, I know perfectly well without your assurance that you have the deepest sympathy for Professor Kapp and for scores of other scholars whose fate has been so needless and so cruel.

"I am going to have a talk with Professor Panofsky, who brought the matter of Professor Kapp to my attention, and see what steps, if any, we should take.

"Let me say in conclusion that you must always be perfectly frank with me, and I shall promise to be always frank with you."

12/24  
1/2

1941

FOREIGN

Academic Personnel

✓ KAPP, DR. ERNST

Biographical

EMERGENCY COMM. FOR D.F.S.

Foundations

PHILOLOGY

Academic activities

PHILOSOPHY

Aydelotte to Seelye (Dr. L. H., Emergency Comm. for D. F. H.) 12/24

"Dear Seelye:

"I should like to urge very strongly upon you some effort on behalf of Professor Ernst Kapp, who is at present living at 414 West 120th Street (Apt. 304), New York City. Kapp is a good man. I believe the Emergency Committee has expressed its willingness to make a contribution towards his support, and the Carl Schurz Foundation or the Oberlaender Trust is willing also to contribute. All that Kapp needs is an appointment with some institution, so that the institution can make a request for these contributions. In addition, I think some of Kapp's friends would, if necessary, put up small sums such as they could afford (from \$10 to \$25 a month each) to insure a modest

livelihood for him.

"Kapp is not eligible for Dr. Alvin Johnson's scheme because he is already in this country. The fact is that if he does not get some help he will not be here long, for he is likely to starve to death. He is at the moment down almost to his last dollar.

"I expect there are full records concerning him in the office of the Emergency Committee, and these will give you a good idea of Kapp's quality. I have met him and can certify to his high character and personal charm.

"It is only necessary to find some kind of an appointment for him in order to secure him a stipend, with no expense or only a very small expense to the institution concerned. If you could arrange that you would be saving a first-rate man from despair."

Seeley to Aydelotte 1/2

"I am about to leave for California but wish to reply to your letter regarding Dr. Ernst Kapp before departing. I met Dr. Kapp some weeks ago and have had him in mind; but openings for classicists are not many, and none has appeared as yet. I shall continue to look for an opportunity for him."

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TRUSTEES

Corporation

MOE, HENRY ALLEN

Biographical

DOUGLAS, LEWIS

AYDELOTTE, F.

✓KELLEY, NICHOLAS

FREEMAN, DOUGLAS

Aydelotte suggests that Moe and he and Douglas get together as the Nominating Committee. He proposes discussion of Nicholas Kelley and Douglas Freeman.

D File, Henry Allen Moe

1950

1/25  
3/6

✓ KENNAN, GEORGE D.

Biographical

DODDS, HAROLD

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Dodds to Oppenheimer, January 25, 1950.

*Relates*  
Rehearses conversation with Kennan, and ~~urges~~ <sup>es</sup> urging  
Oppenheimer to agree that if Kennan comes to the Institute he  
may participate in Princeton's teaching, Advanced courses  
possible having to do with Russian institutions, ideology,  
political behavior and literature, in which his help would  
be welcome. He will have free access to Princeton's facilities.

"It is true that our two corporations have studiously  
refrained in the past from joint engagement of personnel at  
the ~~same~~ same time, although we have worked out arrangements  
in the past by which a man was on the Institute's staff for one  
period and on the University's staff for another. Would you  
consider the University joining in an invitation to Kennan in  
some way that would enable ~~us~~ us to have some part of him

without disturbing his relationship to the Institute or your purpose in bringing him on?

"I had hoped to talk to you about this but it seems to be but rarely that we are both in town on one and the same day."

Note of a telephone conversation undated from Kennan, explaining to Oppenheimer that Dodds approached him and he did not approach Dodds.

Letter~~s~~ Charles Dollard, President, Carnegie Corporation of New York, March 6, 1950, to Oppenheimer, volunteering aid in the Kennan employment in publications.

Oppenheimer to Chester I. Barnard,<sup>via Rockefeller F. Stu.</sup> February 24, 1950, asking for aid in what is estimated to be a \$20,000 expenditure for the first year of Kennan's employment.

Kennan, Oppenheimer/ explains, has been Counsellor and Chief of the Planning Division of the Department of State, and has decided to take a leave of absence for a year or two from the

D, Kennan, George F., 1951-54

Government "for study and reflection."

1950

2/7

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

LIBRARY

Facilities

GENERAL

Academic Personnel

✓ HENNAW, GEORGE

Biographical

The Director reported to the Faculty, School of Historical Studies of his thinking for the library which he intended to take up with the full Faculty, referring to the report of the Faculty committee. He proposed to expand the library in Fuld Hall, and asked the Trustees for new construction to supply necessary office space.

Director proposed it be regular policy to continue professors emeriti so long as they remain active in their studies with the right to have an assistant as before their retirement though not with the "conversion right" to choose a member instead of such an assistant. There was general agreement that this should be the policy, but that if it became too costly it should be reviewed.

The Director reported that he has told Kenman that financial support for him will be provided if he should decide to come to the Institute next year.

D, Historical Studies, Minutes of Meetings



1950

2/13

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOA I

KENNAN, GEORGE

Biographical

DODDS, HAROLD W.

Dodds to Oppenheimer, February 13, 1950.

He apologises for the "long period it took me to answer your simple letter about the use of the swimming pool. I have no right to send you this note."

He wrote Oppenheimer on January 25 about a proposal for "muscling in on a call to George Kennan. I assured George that if such an arrangement is not possible from the administrative standpoint, it would make no difference whatsoever as to his welcome here by all parties.

"If you can spare a moment to give me your reaction I shall appreciate it. If you want to talk it over I shall be very happy to come out and call on you. I have another long-standing matter about which we spoke over the phone some weeks ago which I ought to take up with you also."  
D File, Dodds, Harold W.

1950

2/13

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Academic Organization

✓ KENNAN, GEORGE

Biographical

DODDS, HERBERT W.

Biographical

OPPENHEIMER

Dodds to Oppenheimer, February 13, 1950.

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D, Dodds, Harold W.

1950

2/16

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WPAI

✓ KENNAN, G. F.

Biographical

Letter from Oppenheimer to Kennan, February 16, 1950,  
offering Kennan membership at the I. A. S. for the year 1950-51.

Letter filed in Chronological file under 1950, 2/16.

D File, Kennan, 1951-4

1950

2/21

✓ KENNAN, GEORGE

Biographical

Director announced the one-year appointment of George Kennan of the State Department with \$15,000 grant-in-aid to write on formulation of foreign policy in this country during the last fifty years. Chose the Institute over Yale, Harvard, Princeton and M. I. T. who asked him at the same time. The Director asked the Board to advise him as to whether outside funds from one of the foundations should be secured. Trustees decided it should, and gave lengthy consideration "to this appointment as a matter of policy, and an example of the type appointment which might be subject to Trustee approval." The consensus was that since it was a one-year appointment, it was within the Director's competence.

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Executive Committee Minutes, Feb. 21, 1950, p. 5-6

1950

3/27

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

ACADEMIC ORGANIZATION

✓ KENNAN, GEORGE

Biographical

It was voted to elect Kennan to membership for the next academic, financing to be done by special arrangement of the Director. The vote was three to one of those present; Panofsky voting no, stating it was based on an inadequate record of Kennan's scholarship.

Faculty Minutes, School of Historical Studies, 3/27/50

1950

12/29

FORD

Foundations

✓ KENNAN, GEORGE

Biographical

Director announced negotiations with the Ford Foundation for the support of Kennan's work, not only for Kennan but for colleagues on the project.

Exec. Comm. Minutes, 12/29/50

1951

2/6 2/16  
2/27

FORD FOUNDATION

Foundations

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Academic Organization

✓ KENNAN, GEORGE

Biographical

Ford Terms of five-year grant of \$45,000 a year from Ford Foundation to the Institute. The Institute pays Kennan's salary. The grant is broken down as follows: \$20,000 to grants-in-aid to members working at the Institute; \$10,000 for secretarial services, \$5,000 for the expenses of conferences, consultations and travel, \$10,000 for overhead reimbursement to the Institute. Proposed by Oppenheimer, February 16, accepted by the Ford Foundation February 27 with condition it will be discussed from time to time.

Trustees' Minutes, May 4, 1951

1941 7/5 1  
FORD FOUNDATION

✓ KENNAN, GEORGE

FELIS, H.

2/16  
11/3  
Foundations

Biographical

2/16/51 and 11/3/52  
Oppenheimer to the Ford Foundation regarding a grant  
from them for the support of work on international relations  
and the history and development of foreign policy at the  
Institute. They want George Kennan to be here.

Both letters are filed in the Chronological File under  
1941, 2/16.

D File, Ford Foundation, I. A. S. Agreement - George Kennan



1952

4/8

~~KENNAN~~

Biographical

MITRANY

Comment by Mitrany in Manchester Guardian of Kennan's book.

A, Mitrany

1952

4/8

MITRANY D.

Biographical

✓KENNAN, G.

See The Manchester Guardian, April 8, 1952, for article on  
American Foreign Policy, The Futility of the New Isolationism by David  
Mitrany.

Filed in Vertical File under "M" for Mitrany.

A File, Mitrany

1954

9/30

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

MEMBERS

BOHR/ NIBLS

Biographical

/KERNAN

HEUGENBACH

The Faculty agreed to extend the five-year appointments  
of the above-named for another five years.

Faculty Minutes, 9/30/54

3/8  
3/22  
11/8

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

✓KENNAN, GEORGE

Biographical

See these Minutes for reference to above.

Faculty Minutes of above dates.

1955

November

✓ KENNAN, GEORGE D.

Biographical

MONTGOMERY, DEAN

FULTON, JOHN F.

LEWIS, WILMARTH

Dean Montgomery wrote to Fulton and to Wilmarth Lewis,  
or rather asked Fulton to pass the letter over to Wilmarth  
Lewis against Kennan's appointment.

One of Fulton files

1955

12/31

FULTON, JOHN F.

Biographical

✓ KENNAN, GEORGE

John F. Fulton to Oppenheimer December 31, 1955,  
regarding the appointment of Kennan to the Institute, and the  
high regard shown for him by professional historians.

Letter filed in Chronological file under 1955, 12/31.

D, Kennan, George

1956

3/14

MATHEMATICS

Academic Activities

GOTTMAN, JEAN

Biographical

KENNAN

GÖDEL, KURT

BOHR, NIELS

EINSTEIN, ALBERT

Dinner table conversation with Jean Gottman, March 14, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Gottman Interviews.

Conversation with Gottman, 3/14/56

1956

3/23

TEACHING

Academic Procedures

FOUNDERS

Corporation

SITE (BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS)

Facilities

✓ KENNAN, GEORGE D.

Biographical

VINER, J.

VEBLEN, O.

PANOFSKY, ERWIN

MERRITT, B. D.

The above are additional headings for the Interview with President Harold W. Dodds, Princeton University, March 23, 1956. The Interview is filed in the Vertical File under Dodds Interviews.

Interview with President Dodds, 3/23/56



1956

5/7

DIRECTOR

Executive Administration

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Corporation

FULTON, JOHN

Biographical

OPPENHEIMER, R.

WEED, LEWIS H.

VEBLEN, O.

AYDELOTTE, F.

STRAUSS, LEWIS W.

VON NEUMANN, JOHN

KENNEDY, KENNAN

Interview with Dr. John Fulton, May 7, 1956.

Filed in Vertical file under Fulton Interviews.

1956

6/15

GENERAL

Academic Organization

ELECTRONIC COMPUTER PROJECT

Academic Activities

FELLOWSHIPS

Academic Personnel

APPOINTMENTS

MEMBERS

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

MONTGOMERY, DEAN

Biographical

VEBLEY, O.

LEFSCHETZ

OPPENHEIMER

*KENYAN*  
KENNAN

Interview with Dean Montgomery, June 15, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Montgomery Interviews.

1956

7/16

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES  
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS  
PROFESSORS  
MEMBERS  
FACULTY  
PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION  
ECONOMICS  
HARVARD  
GEST ORIENTAL LIBRARY  
PRINCETON  
GENERAL  
OPPENHEIMER  
FERGUSSON  
TOYNBEE  
ELIOT  
PLACZEK  
✓KENNAN  
DYSON  
STEWART  
VINER  
ALEXANDER

RIEFLER  
WARREN  
MAYER  
GODEL  
EARLE  
DOUGLAS  
STRAUSS  
FRANKL

Academic Organization

Academic Personnel

Academic Activities

Educational Institutions

Facilities

Relations WOAI

Publications

Biographical

Interview with Robert Oppenheimer, July 16, 1956.  
Filed in Vertical File under Interviews.

1956

9/28

JOHNS HOPKINS

Educational Institutions

BOAS, GEORGE

Biographical

PIEKNER, A.

LOVEJOY, ARTHUR O.

GOODNOW, FRANK

AYDELOTTE, F.

ALBRIGHT

✓ LENRAN

Conversation with George Boas, September 28, 1956.

Filed under Boas Interviews in Vertical File.

1936

10/31

11/19  
11/25

12/7

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

Academic Organization

FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

✓ KEPPEL, F. P.

Flexner to Keppel, October 31, 1936.

A general appraisal of the impact of the Institute on the scholars who work here discussed feelingly, and continues:

"Last year we began a program of the same kind in the fields of economics and the humanities. The economic group will develop very, very slowly, and its needs can be met from our own resources. (underlines are mine) The humanistic group can be developed more rapidly. Its development indeed is almost wholly a question of money. I believe that, if the Carnegie Corporation voted an appropriation of \$25,000.00 a year for three years, it would be beyond question capitalized by friends of the Institute by the end of that period, and meanwhile facilities and opportunities of the Institute need not wait.

"The recent acquisition of the Best Oriental Library by the aid of an appropriation from the Rockefeller Foundation

has opened a vista of possibilities which we had not previously contemplated, but without outside help it will be impossible to develop these and other similar opportunities until the endowment of the Institute has increased, as I am sure it will increase within a relatively brief period. It is for the purpose of bridging this gap and enabling us to progress more rapidly, though not less soundly and not on a lower basis or with any other ideals, that I submit this application to you and your Trustees."

Keppel to Flexner, November 19, 1936.

"We have been praying over your letter of October 31st. Our Trustees, or rather those whom I've had a chance to consult, are interested in the possibilities, but one of them suggests that, in view of the intimate relations between the Institute and Princeton University, it might be well for you to see President Dodds at your common convenience to discuss the whole situation with him. Princeton may have some plans for us too, and we don't want to get the wires crossed. "

Flexner to Keppel, November 25, 1936.

He talked with Dodds. "We make it a rule, indeed, to canvass matters with one another in order that no wires may be crossed." The proposition which the Institute advanced is complementary and supplementary to plans which Dodds has in mind.

Keppel to Flexner, December 7, 1936.

He says that his understanding with Dodds on whom he talked with another matter is that there is agreement between the University and the Institute in principle, and that a bill of particulars will be drawn up in due course for discussion, looking to joint agreement, and when that agreement is reached, Flexner will let Keppel know.

D File, Carnegie Corporation, 1932-1939

1937

1/22

CARNEGIE CORPORATION

Academic Organization

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WPAI

FLENER, A.

Biographical

KEPPEL, F. P.

Flexer to Keppel, January 22, 1937.

His letter is general, presumably responsive to Keppel's of December 7, but asking quite spontaneously and suddenly for something which had not been foreseen at the time he had written originally for the \$25,000 for three years; namely, \$10,000 for Professor Wade-Gery of Oxford to come to Princeton during the next academic year. In a sense this seems to cut the ground out from under the request which he made. He assures Keppel that this is acceptable to Dodge.

D File, Carnegie Corporation, 1932-1939



1939

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ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION (GENERAL EDUCATION BD.) Foundations

FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

✓ KEPPEL, FRED

HOWARD *U.*

Relations WCAI

LIPS

Biographical

Flexner to Keppel, July 29, 1939.

"Your letter of July 18 has just reached me here at our camp. I shall of course destroy it as the best manner of keeping it confidential. The fact that Lips left Howard under circumstances that were not particularly friendly does not mean much to one who knows Howard as well as I do. I was chairman of the Board of Trustees for about five years, and I have never tried harder in my life to preserve peace and good feeling than during that period. I finally resigned because I thought the task beyond my strength and diplomatic skill. Lips was also at Columbia for a year. You can doubtless find out from your friends there how he was regarded."

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There is no reference in Flexner's account in  
Who's Who of his Chairmanship of the Board of Trustees of  
Howard University (Who's Who, 1952-1953).

1940

✓ KEPPEL, FREDERICK

Biographical

Frederick Keppel was President of the Carnegie Corporation  
in the the early 1940's. ENAEX

D File, Carnegie Corporation, 1940-1947

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TRUSTEES

Corporation

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

✓KEPPEL

Aydelotte to Moe, Henry Allen. "In view of Keppel's refusal, I think we had better take a little more time for the selection of another Trustee, and, indeed, I don't believe it is necessary to have any election until the end of the meeting in April. I think, on the whole, we had better consider younger men." They were "to look over Wolman."

D File, Henry Allen Moe

1938

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FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

AYDELOTTE, F.

~~KERR~~, PHILLIP (LORD LOTHIAN)

Flexner to Aydelotte.

A postscript to a letter, "Is Eden the sole man of honor in Britain? Surely, the list of cowards or fools begins with Lothian, the first appeaser! Does it end with Chamberlain?"

A. File, Flexner, Abraham

1934

VINER J.

Biographical

/KEYNES

Von Neumann said (Interview December 27, 1955) that he had heard from Veblen and others that Flexner originally wanted Keynes as economist. Von Neumann thought that Viner would be the best appointment.

Interview with von Neumann, December 27, 1955

1938

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ECONOMICS

Academic Activities

SAUNDERS

Biographical

~~KEYNES~~ / KEYNES

VINER, J.

Saunders expressed in interview with Flexner respect for Knight of Chicago, a young man lecturing at London School that year. Regarded Viner as a great man, "the greatest you have in America." We are not so fortunate in England. Our leading economists are either the mathematical group, who are ineffective and remote, or Keynes, who, with all his brilliance is an incongruous mixture of business, man, politician, journalist, and economist."

Interview with Mr. Carr Saunders, Director London School of Economics; D, Organization

1938

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✓ KEYNES, MAYNARD

Biographical

MARSCHAK

HALL, N. F. (Director of The National  
Institute of Economic and Social  
Research, London)

FLEXNER, A.

AYDELOTTE, F.

Flexner to Aydelotte, July 2, 1938.

He is recommending people for Aydelotte to talk to, apparently about economics at the Institute. He suggests Professor N. F. Hall, Director of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, evidently University of ~~EMM~~ London, Sir William Beveridge of University College, and Marschak and Henderson at All Souls. "Keynes is ill, so I did not see him, though he expressed a desire to see me. However, Stewart and Riefler both had talks with him,



though both felt that I was right not to discuss the  
Institute with him."

He commends his warm Oxford friends, Adams, Woodward,  
Swinton, etc. to Aydelotte.

D File, Aydelotte, Frank, 1930-1945

1957

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ALL SOULS (OXFORD) (1, 2, 3)

Educational Institutions

INSTITUTE HISTORY (1, 3)

Institute History

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES (1, 4)

Academic Organisation

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS (1, 2, 4)

GENERAL (1, 2)

Academic Organisation

APPOINTMENTS (2)

Academic Personnel

WOODWARD (1)

Biographical

FLANNIN (1, 2)

FRANKFURTER (1, 2)

OPPENHEIMER (3)

✓ KEYNES (3)

Interview with Sir Llewellyn Woodward, April 15, 1957.

Filed in Vertical File under Woodward Interviews.

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BY-LAWS

Corporation

✓ KIEFFER

Biographical

Kieffer to Aydelotte on By-Law revisions.

Filed in Vertical File under "B" for By-Laws.

A, 10/18/56, Report, January, 1942

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BY-LAWS

Corporation

DIRECTOR

Administration

KIEFFER, PAUL

Biographical

AYDELOTTE

Aydelotte got Kieffer to advise him on proposed changes  
in by-laws attendant on splitting chairmanship into two offices  
(President) on Houghton's death.

A 10/18/56, File No. 4/

BAILEY, E.

Biographical

✓ KIRKLAND,

MERRITT, B.

TRUSTEES

Corporation

See Interview with BAILEY, ESTHER (MRS.) 11/3/55

1944

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GENERAL

ACademic Personnel

✓ KÖHLER

Biographical

EINSTEIN

Aydelotte asked Köhler for comments on a statement he was going to make about Einstein. Köhler replied May 29, 1944 saying: "It is a tradition of German scholarship not to bother about public affairs. In this respect German scholars do differ from their colleagues in the United States and in England." Then he adds; "It seems to me, however, that in this country the men in natural science are gradually developing the same abstemious attitude.

"Has the great mass of German scholars acquiesced in the vagaries of the Nazis? Some have, many have not. Much depends on the meaning of acquiesce. Then he says that great physicist in Germany does not wish to be concerned with activities which are less precise and more a matter of mere opinion than work in his own field is. This ~~excludes~~ excludes least lots of things among which political activities are in his opinion only the worst. Therefore it's not acquiescence but

pessimism. What can one expect in human affairs which are intrinsically mothered; that is, unlike physics. Koehler notes that in this country too it is the most exact people who tend to become oblivious of public affairs. Such people will probably be interested as soon as values and political principles could be demonstrated. The consequence of their pessimism is, of course, that their thinking in political matters does not ~~axax~~ reach even that modest level which could be attained by any intelligent person. They have no wish to learn anything in a field in which subjectivism seems under all circumstances to play such an important part...

Köhler disavowed economic motivation on the part of the professors in Germany, entirely aside from the necessity to support their families they did not want to lose their wonderful occupations which filled their lives until they were not interested in anything else.

"They were quite willing to say heil Hitler and to ignore much that was going on around them, so long as submission in this sense allowed them to continue their study of the electron or, say, of the early history of the Spanish language. Most of

my colleagues in Berlin showed this attitude rather than positive acceptance of Hitlerism or an undue preoccupation with our income. I need not emphasize that I cannot approve. Indeed, here lies the greatest dangers of particularistic exportism among the scholars.

D, Alberg Einstein, 1934-1944



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EINSTEIN, A.

Biographical

✓ KÜHLER, WOLFGANG

AYDELOTTE, F.

Köhler corrects at Aydelotte's request a copy of a speech which Aydelotte is going to make about German professorate and Naziism. Köhler's letter is very interesting. He says that the danger in scholarship is expertism which made many in Germany keep in their ivory towers during the rise of Hitlerism. ~~They~~ They did not espouse Hitlerism so much as failed to look at it as the hazard that it was, and, therefore, many of them were not on the side of the people who viewed it with proper fear or had to leave the country.

D -Einstein, Albert, 1934-1944

1952

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

YANG

PLACZEK

GUERLAC

✓ KOYRÉ

Permanent membership with provision for retirement approved for Yang and Placzek.

Discussion of inviting ~~to~~ to membership Guerlac and Koyré.

Faculty Minutes, 2/18/52