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DODD, Wm. E.

Biography

FLEINER, A.

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Fleiner to William E. Dodd (Berlin)

"I am very happy to have your kind note of October 31. Now that I have the School of Mathematics well under way, I am wondering whether a similar opportunity to deal fundamentally and thoroughly with politics, economics and history does not exist. It is a subject, regarding which you could advise me with great authority. If ever time hangs heavily on your hands, I should like a memorandum on the subject. I may say that, in such discussion as we have had within the Board, the importance of a thorough and sound historical approach has been emphasized, and this I should judge from your letter to be your own view."

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RUSSELL, BERTRAND

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FLEXNER, A.

Russell to Flexner, December 28, 1936. Wants to live in America and to return to logic. A number of friends have told him that he might join Einstein and Weyl at the Institute. He has to earn a living. He has a number of people depending on him. He should like to apply to the Institute if there is a vacancy.

Flexner to Russell, January 27, 1937. Obviously greatly flattered. There is no place.

"Institute for Advanced Study began with a somewhat ambitious mathematical group known as the School of Mathematics. Thereupon, the Trustees decided to make a start in certain other directions...the humanistic studies on the one hand and economics

on the other on the theory that the Institute would be a more nearly rounded affair if its entire income was not concentrated in the field of mathematics. I doubt, therefore, whether in the next few years the mathematical group would be enlarged..."

Russell's response, February 8; accepts philosophically, but states that he is usually classified as a philosopher rather than as a mathematician. Sets store by Flexner's statement that if the situation changes he would be happy to be considered.

August 10, 1940, Einstein to Aydelotte. Has been informed Russell would like to come to the Institute (has had a letter from Charles Morris of the University of Chicago dated August 10 urging Russell's continued competence and his great need for money). Einstein said, "I know that our Institute is hindered by its precarious financial situation; but it may be possible to get some special funds to enable this great mind to do his valuable work in Princeton for a few years. If there is any possibility it must be avoided that later generations should

have to tell that this master could not find opportunities to finish his work."

Aydelotte, August 18, responds only that as a member of the Executive Board of Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Scholars he shall raise the question of assistance for Russell. At the same time he asks Veblen what can be done.

Veblen to Aydelotte, August 24, 1940. Russell would fit in the Mathematics Department. Alexander, Einstein and Weyl have great admiration for him. I have known and liked him since 1908. Don't remember von Neumann or Morse saying anything about him.

He is great as a mathematical logician and as a master of the English language. The chief point against him is that he is already past retiring age in years. "If someone came forward with what would amount to a pension for the rest of his days, I can see no reason for not giving him asylum, as it were, in the Institute." But he doesn't see that a foundation would grant the funds for the purpose. Cites Flexner's earlier rejection, not only because of funds but because he did not think we should

go in for philosophy.

Veblen says Gödel is the one man who now has surpassed Russell in mathematical logic. (Not philosophy).

January 8, 1943, Phoebe H. Gilkyson of Montclair, Pennsylvania, to Aydelotte on Dr. Barnes' casting Russell forth from the Barnes Foundation because he dared to lecture outside. The Russells are hard up, stranded in a country house at Chester Spring, no servants, no money, very frail tires on their car, and somewhat frail in health. No one is friendly; they are too British.

Stephen Duggan, also communicated in distress with Aydelotte about the Russells.

On March 10, 1944, Aydelotte invites Wolman, Moe, Maass, and the ~~two~~ members of the School of Economics, and one or two members of the League of Nations to seminars to be conducted at the Institute by Russell. There were two. Aydelotte thanked Russell effusively (April 15) and sent him an honorarium of \$100.  
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WARREN, R.

Biographical

Warren Memorandum, "Toward a Social Philosophy."

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