

Guide to the Sigrid Schultz Papers

Collection Overview:

REPOSITORY: Westport Museum, 25 Avery Place, Westport, CT

CALL NUMBER: RG 16 Sigrid Schultz

TITLE: Sigrid Schultz Papers

DATES: 1929-1945, n.d.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3 linear feet (5 boxes, 1 oversized)

LANGUAGE: English, German, French

SUMMARY:

This collection documents the life and work of journalist and writer Sigrid Schultz. Among the earliest women to hold a high position in international journalism, Schultz was appointed Central European Bureau Chief in the *Chicago Tribune's* Berlin office in late 1925. She reported for the *Tribune* and the *Mutual Broadcasting Service* until her return to the U.S. in 1941. Schultz gave early warning about the rise of the National Socialist party in Germany, cultivating connections with Nazi leaders that enabled her to do in-depth reporting.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Sigrid Lillian Schultz was born on January 15, 1893, at 1721 North Clark Street in Chicago and died on May 14, 1980, in her home at 35 Elm Street in Westport. The only daughter of Herman Schultz and Hedwig (Jaskewitz) Schultz (August 29, 1874-Dec. 16, 1960), Sigrid moved to Europe with her family in 1901 and was educated in Paris. Sigrid and her family remained in Europe throughout World War I after falling ill shortly before the conflict began. The sole provider for her family during the war, Sigrid worked as a tutor to German families. In 1919 she gained employment with the *Chicago Tribune* as an interpreter for reporter Richard Henry Little. By 1926 Schultz rose to the position of Central European Bureau Chief in the *Chicago Tribune's* Berlin office.

Early in the 1930s Schultz began to report on the rise of the National Socialist German Workers Party, or Nazis, and the rise of its leader Adolf Hitler. Schultz's warnings about the Nazi party lasted until September of 1939 when the second World War began. Throughout the war she continued to write about the actions of the Germans, before an injury suffered in an allied air raid in 1941 forced her to travel to Spain to recuperate. While in Spain she caught "spotted wartyphus" and traveled to her home in Westport, which had been purchased sometime in the 1930s.

During her time in Westport, Schultz continued writing for newspapers, magazines, and for herself—drafting her memoir and publishing her only book, *Germany Will Try It Again* (1944). She also took on the task of writing confidential profiles of prominent figures in the conflict for the Office of Strategic Services. Lecturing took her across the United States after her book was published and she appeared in many venues as a popular speaker.

Schultz returned to Europe in January of 1945 at the time of the American First Army's liberation of Belgium. During this period, Schulz experienced the liberation of Buchenwald Concentration Camp and reported on the trial of Bergen-Belsen guards in Lunenburg. Returning again to Westport in late 1945, Schultz continued writing and speaking until her death in 1980.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Sigrid Schultz papers contain correspondence, writings and clippings left behind in her home in Westport, which was demolished in the 1980s. The correspondence includes letters to and from Schultz's personal friends, business acquaintances and colleagues. These letters give insight into the day-to-day dealings of the reporter during her hiatus in Westport between 1941 and 1945. The papers also include writings from this time, including various speeches and articles written for newspapers, magazines, and her speaking tours, as well as Schultz's unpublished memoir. Nearly 150 profiles on individuals and groups active in the European theater that Schultz wrote for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) are included. Newspaper clippings highlight the work done by Schultz throughout her life, while later pieces document Schultz's devotion to remaining up to date on worldwide news until her death.

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Series 1: Professional Writings and Speeches

Box	Folder		Date
1	1	Story of Disenfranchisement of German Born Jews	October 1, 1935
1	4	Various Speech Drafts	Undated
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Series 2: Mail Stories

Box	Folder		Date
1	2-3	Stories potentially published by newspapers and publications stateside (some material is undated)	January 3 – October 1935

Series 3: OSS Profiles

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2	1-2	OSS Profiles - Organizations	1941-1945
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Series 4: Correspondence

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2	9	Personal Correspondence (Sent by Schultz)	1942-1943
2	10	Personal Correspondence (Sent to Schultz)	1925-1943
2	11	Business Correspondence (Sent by Schultz)	January 10 – October 27, 1943
3	1-2	Business Correspondence (Sent to Schultz)	1931-1944
3	3	Correspondence to and from Curtis V. Crellin	1942-1943
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3	5	Correspondence with Office of Strategic Services	1942-1943

Series 5: Resources

Box	Folder		Date
3	6	Photocopied Resources about Schultz	c. 1980
		New York Times interview with Schultz, includes a photograph of her at her Westport home	March 13, 1977

		Westport News article on the likely demolition of Schultz's Elm St home to construct a parking lot after she died earlier that year	October 1, 1980
		Westport News article and photographs on the demolition of Schultz's historic Elm St home by the town	January 16, 1981
		Excerpt from "The Women's Book of World Records and Achievements" discusses Schultz's career and accomplishments	June 4, 1996 (Publication date was 1979)
		Letter from Anne Hecker to the Westport Historical Society on sources mentioning Schultz and a professor with information on her role in journalism Excerpts from "Who's Who in America" and "A History of Women Journalists" in which Schultz is mentioned are enclosed	March 27, 1997
		Collection of excerpts from personal accounts (books, diary entries, etc.), mostly of ambassadors, in which Schultz is mentioned or described	Undated
		Overview of Schultz's career by the Red Cross Exhibit, along with a W. Colston Leigh description of her work during the Nazi movement	Undated

Series 6: Newspaper Clippings

Box	Folder		Date
4	1-5	Newspaper Clippings of Sigrid Schultz	1902-1943

Series 7: Miscellaneous

Box	Folder		Date
3	7	Memos	
		Memo on rumors about peace soundings by Germans and Italians, which come from banking circles in Wall Street and a Danish emissary of the Nazis	November 19, 1942
		Alternate version of the memo on rumors about peace soundings by Germans and Italians, which come from banking circles in Wall Street and a Danish emissary of the Nazis (slightly different wording)	November 19, 1942
		Memo on peace feelers, covering Mr. Joergenson's outline of "peace ideas" that, according to him, represents the ideas of German industrialists and military men	December 3, 1942
		Alternate version of the memo on peace feelers, covering Mr. Joergenson's outline of "peace ideas" that, according to him, represents the ideas of German industrialists and military men	December 3, 1942
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		Memo on Nazi peace feelers, discussing Charles. E. Soerensen, the chief representative of the Ford Company in Copenhagen, Eric Archdeacon (a resident of Greenwich), and other Wall Street bankers and their roles regarding rumors about peace feelers	December 4, 1942

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		Memo on the Nazis' plans for economic infiltration and exploitation of the world and its resources, the roles of different branches and organizations, and Schultz's belief that the United Nations should acquire the material in Nazi offices	Undated
3	8	Pamela Boyd Report on Schultz (8 pages)	c. 1976
3	9	Miscellaneous	1928-1944
		Receipt from Shultz's stay at The Colborne	October 30, 1923
		Receipt from Hanewacker & CO. for Sigrid	August 20, 1929
		Menu of American Club luncheon at Hotel Bristol in Berlin	January 5 (May 5?), 1930
		Program in German for the reception of the imperial government on the occasion of the second World Power Conference in Berlin 1930 with miscellaneous writing on the back done by Shultz	June 16, 1930
		Telegraph to Shultz in Hamburg from the Chicago Tribune giving Shultz a September/October vacation to go home, adding that the Tribune will pay for her travels	August 28, 1939
		Editor and Publisher Chicago Tribune Magazine with reference to Shultz on page 7 bottom left corner about her return home from Berlin	March 22, 1941
		Entries by Schultz made on April 1 and May 13 discussing her time and recovery in New York	May 13, 1941
		Envelope from B.W. Kpull of Chicago addressed to Schultz's Westport address (with Berlin address crossed out)	August 23, 1941

	Wedding "save-the-date" for the future matrimony between Phyllis Leslie and Ernest Russel Pope in South Weymouth, Massachusetts	December 25, 1941
	Envelope to Schultz from Milwaukee, Wisconsin	April 10, 1942
	Contract between W. Colston Leigh, Inc., and Ford Hall Forum negotiating Schultz's lecture at the latter in Boston Massachusetts for January 24, 1943	September 8, 1942
	Letter from Sigrid to Dr. And Mrs. Hans Meyer in Switzerland regarding Shultz not feeling well enough to travel and checking in on them	October 28, 1942
	Contract between W. Colston Leigh, Inc., and the Brooklyn Jewish Center negotiating Schultz's lecture at the latter in Brooklyn, New York for December 28, 1942	November 2, 1942
	Diary entry written by Shultz on Hotel Schenley notepad paper discussing the travelling and events she has been doing over the past week	November 4, 1942
	Contract between W. Colston Leigh, Inc., and Linden Hall Seminary negotiating Schultz's lecture at the latter in Lititz, Pennsylvania for January 12, 1943	November 12, 1942
	Travel itinerary for Shultz for a day in New York City	December 28, 1942
	Typed letter to Shultz regarding the firm of "Instrument Hechler" who specializes in inventing 'contraptions' for the hard of hearing	January 28, 1943
	Envelope from the Office of Strategic Services addressed to Schultz at 32 Elm Street, Westport, CT	February 18, 1943
	Envelope from the Office of Strategic Services (with names in corner) addressed to Schultz's Westport address	March 17, 1943
	Invitation from the Feature Writers, Artists, and Staff for the Chicago Tribune - New York News Syndicate's annual Syndicate Party on April 21	April 21, 1943
	RSVP invitation from the Overseas Press Club of America for a luncheon in honor of the visit of Eduard Benes, President of Czechoslovakia, to be hosted by the club in New York	May 26, 1943
	Wedding "save-the-date" for the future matrimony between Dorothy Thompson and Maxim Kopf in Barnard, Vermont	June 15, 1943
	Envelope from Schultz addressed to Pelham Manor, N.Y.	August 8, 1943
	Typed letter from K. Fellowes from the Office of The Inspector of Income Tax Ottawa attached to Canadian income tax forms asking for Shultz to fill out form due to Shultz getting paid from a source within Canada	October 12, 1943
	Typed letter by Shultz responding to K. Fellowes discussing her source being a broadcast she did in Canada on April 9, 1943, on the Norwegian Airforce and the Invasion of Norway by the Nazis	October 18, 1943
	Invitation to Shultz to attend the Columbia University fifth anniversary award of the Maria Moors Cabot Prizes	December 14, 1943

	Complete edition of The Trib with an article about Schultz's recent time spent in Chicago and her exclusive story on German President Ebert's death	October 1928
	New Jersey Educational Review magazine October 1942 edition with a reference on Shultz on page 27	October 1942
	Playbill for "Over Twenty-One" playing at The Music Box theatre in New York, with a handwritten note on the cover referencing Bud Powell, his wife, and Frank Taylor	April 1944
	Typed letter written by Shultz discussing what "national socialism"/"Nazism" is like in the lives of the majority of Germans	1935
	Coupon of Shultz's \$2.00 contribution to the Hospital Relief Futurity Fund	1942
	Envelope addressed to Mrs. Alexander von Schimpff in Berlin and the enclosed letter from Amy Gray (Boston, MA) to her niece, Elizabeth	March 5
	Program for "Olga d'Allaz" (a recital of Eastern Europe Folk Songs and Dances in Costume: "From the Baltic to the Black Sea") at the Guild Theatre in New York	Sunday, March 29
	Wedding invitation from Captain and Mrs. Oldham for the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Beverley, to Samuel M. Chesney Ryburn in Washington, D.C.	Saturday, June 5
	RSVP invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Hans V. Kaltenborn at their new home address, 167 East 64 th Street, New York	Thursday, July 8
	Letter from Alice Smart at the Office for Emergency Management titled "Rehearsal for 'This Is Our Enemy' Sunday, September 13" -- includes the rehearsal and broadcast schedule	September 11
	Handwritten letter to Schultz signed "D" with "scores" of objects that have been damaged ... (handwriting)	October 27
	Typed letter given to Wally...? About the German language press with the question "What had been done to direct the German Language Press?" on the back	November 25
	Handwritten letter from Schultz to unidentified	Sunday afternoon
	Handwritten letter to Schultz from [Asa Kalle...? (handwriting)] asking that she meet for lunch or drinks before or after her lecture at the Little Club	n.d.
	Handwritten in French and German that appear to include lists of items	n.d.
	Typed notes in German discussing Speyer & Co. and its partners	n.d.
	Typed note declaring American citizenship and establishing (Sigrids..?) husband as an American citizen at the time of his death	n.d.
	Typed game instructions on how to play "military checkers"	n.d.
	Informational pamphlet on the "Personal Victory: Away" spa hotel in Norwalk, CT, given to Shultz by Zillals Wenzell with the note "Yours sincerely + for Personal Victory"	n.d.

		Written letter titled "The Days of the Revolution in Berlin"	n.d.
		Typed letter discussing the dedication of ambulances to France by the American Womens Hospital Reserve Corps	n.d.
		Typed paper in German with a list of books offered to a public library	n.d.
		Program of artists in German about the big arts show (Grosse Kunstschau Worpswede)	n.d.
		Note from Eva Lewis from the Information Services Department containing two German stamps	n.d.
		Photo of Shultz and an unidentified man at a formal dress event at Hotel Alden	n.d.
		Flyer advertisement to join the American Women's Hospital Reserve Corps with another typed letter about the history of the Corps	n.d.
		Holiday card made by Shultz with a picture of her home on the front in black and white and a note saying "Merry Christmas and Happy New year"	n.d.
		Typed informational letter from the National Information Bureau about women's war activities	n.d.
		List of names on Commerical N.Y.C Stat'y CO paper along with locations (Stohen?, Hune n Hoyenyen?, Rundotrat?, Rhenbaben?, Rachel Nonfrate, Ley, Weedemam, War Ministry Confidential, Ribbentrop, Darre, Switzerland-Spain, Fuehr, Bram/Miltsen?, Leo Slezgals, Hanke, Eruch Koch, Ederuon Colen?)	n.d.
		Typed informational letter discussion nationalism and how the pan-Germans formulated the purpose of their association – Par. I and Par. II state the plans and formulas in directing the association	n.d.
		Typed informational letter titled "Insert - History of Revolution." Summarized historical recollection about the German revolution and the events that took place.	n.d.
		Poster/infographic advertisement for a lecture to be given by Shultz printed by W. Colston Leigh	n.d.
		Public Affairs Pamphlet titled "Where Can we get War Workers?: Results of a Manpower Survey in Baltimore." written by Sanford Griffith. Note in inside cover says – love stone, cubrzeuo? for victory, (labor branch), Aolte..?)	n.d.

Series 8: Oversized Materials

Box	Folder		Date
5		Various newspaper articles, magazines and larger or fragile paper items	