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Summary information

Repository:	Library and Archives Canada
Title:	UWAC and Ukrainian Refugees, 1940s-1960s
Title [Letters from Refugees 1940s-60s] :	Letters from Refugees 1940s-60s
Title [Other title information] :	Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada Correspondence
Date:	1940s-1960s (creation)
Physical description:	- Approximately 1500 pages of letters (typed and handwritten) - envelopes - postcards - photographs - booklets - brochures - series - press clippings - administrative correspondence - printed ephemera - other documents Approximately 1500 pages of letters (typed and handwritten), envelopes, postcards, photographs, booklets, brochures, series, press clippings, administrative correspondence, printed ephemera and other documents.
Language:	English
Language:	French
Language:	German
Language:	Spanish
Language:	Ukrainian
Language:	Cyrillic
Language:	Latin

Custodial history

The collection was preserved by the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada and, in recent years, maintained by Lesia Perritt with the support of UWAC leadership. Digitization and initial translations

were supported by the Sustainable Ukrainian Canadian Heritage (SUCH) Program coordinated by the Kule Folklore Centre.

Scope and content

This collection comprises over 1000 letters (in Ukrainian and other languages), postcards, and related documents collected and preserved by leaders of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada—most recently by Lesia Perritt. It captures the voices of skytaltzi, Ukrainian displaced persons (DPs), refugees, and forced labourers (Ostarbeiters) in post-Second World War Europe, particularly from 1945 to the early 1960s. The materials document appeals for assistance, personal narratives of survival, searches for loved ones, and expressions of cultural identity and resilience.

Included are:

Correspondence between UWAC leadership and Ukrainian displaced persons.

Letters to and from notable individuals, including military leaders, artists, writers, and educators.

Letters from Ukrainian pupils in DP camp schools in Germany addressed to Canadian schoolchildren.

A 1940s letter from UWAC to Eleanor Roosevelt urging the non-repatriation of Ukrainians to the Soviet Union.

Official UWAC correspondence with Canadian and British governmental departments in support of DPs and wartime efforts.

Printed materials such as a 1942 Canadian Women's Army Corps conference program, brochures, press clippings, and internal reports.

The collection is multilingual—primarily in Ukrainian and English—and spans a wide geographic range, including Canada, Europe, North and South America, and the Middle East.

Notes

Title notes

- **Variations in title:** Skytaltzi : Letters from Refugees

Location of originals

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Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on access. Permission for use required. Subject to the Copyright Act.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected

Other notes

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	u I[nternational] R[efugee] O[rganization] i znaczna czastyna naszych czleniow distala wz paszporty i dozwl na wyjzd z Nimeczczny wid Headquarters USA-Army w Frankfurci. Dalszi distajut. My prosymo Was, Wysokopowazani Panowe, zrozumity nasze polozennia emigracji do neznanoj krajiny i dlatoho duze horiaczo prosymo Was o nadislannia nam kilkoch knyzok i map pro Paraguay, szczyby my zapiznalysia chotaj teoretyczno z ceju derzawoju. Tut tych knyzok nimeckych siohodnia ne distanemo – nemaje w prodazi. Moze deszczo nadiszlete nam pro uprawu takych chliborobskych kultur jak Bawowna, ryz, tiutiun, piwdenni owoczewi derewa. Dity naszych skytalcu, dla kotrych tam musyt buty szkoly, potribujut deszczo iz szkilnych knyzok, dla kulturno-oswitnych naszych hurtkiw-choriw nuty naszych pisen dla spivu i muzyky. My tam musymo plekaty swoju ukrajinsku pisniu, maty swoju szkolu. Duze prosymo widpysaty nam czy mozemo czyslyty na Waszu dopomohu knyzkami. Ci prosymo wysylaty jako “GIFT” druk na adresu holowy naszoji uprawy : Iwan Wyslotskyj München 45 Freimann DP Camp SS-Kaserne, Block C-III-24. American Zone, Germany, Europe, W oczikuwanniu Waszoji widpowidy i pomoczy, za kotru szczyro i horiaczo diakujemy naszym starym ukrajinskym SPASYBIH i pozistajemo w hlybokym powazanniu: [#####] # #####
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