

**Leo Pasvolsky Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Leo Pasvolsky Papers

**Span Dates:** 1937-1953

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1944-1945)

**ID No.:** MSS35568

**Creator:** Pasvolsky, Leo, 1893-1953

**Extent:** 4,200 items

**Extent:** 12 containers

**Extent:** 4.8 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78035568>

**Summary:** United States State Department official and economist. Correspondence, diaries, memoranda, workbooks, drafts of resolutions and speeches, and printed matter pertaining chiefly to the founding of the United Nations and to Pasvolsky's role at international conferences.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Gerig, Benjamin, 1894-1976--Correspondence.

Hiss, Alger--Correspondence.

Hull, Cordell, 1871-1955--Correspondence.

MacLeish, Archibald, 1892-1982--Correspondence.

Pasvolsky, Leo, 1893-1953.

Stettinius, Edward R., Jr. (Edward Reilly), 1900-1949--Correspondence.

### Organizations

Conversations on International Organization (1944 : Washington, D.C.)

Inter-American Conference on the Problems of Peace and War (1945 : Mexico, City, Mexico)

United Nations Conference on International Organization (1945 : San Francisco, Calif.)

United Nations.

United Nations. Security Council.

United States. Department of State--Officials and employees.

### Subjects

Economics.

Reconstruction (1939-1951)

World politics.

### Occupations

Economists.

Public officials.

## Provenance

The papers of Leo Pasvolsky, United States State Department official and economist, were given to the Library of Congress in 1958 by Christine M. Pasvolsky.

## Processing History

The papers of Leo Pasvolsky were arranged and described in 1972. The collection was expanded and revised in 1999, and additional revisions were made to the finding aid in 2008.

## Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Leo Pasvolsky in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Leo Pasvolsky are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Leo Pasvolsky Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1893, Aug. 22	Born, Pavlograd, Russia
1905	Immigrated to the United States
1916	A.B., City University of New York, City College, New York, N.Y.
1916-1918	Graduate study, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. Editor, <i>Russia Review</i>
1917-1920	Editor, <i>Rosskoye Slovo</i>
1917-1918	Editor, <i>Amerikansky Vestnik</i>
1921-1922	Free-lance writer
1922-1953	Member of research staff, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.
1926	Married Christine McCormick
1932-1933	Studied at University of Geneva, Switzerland
1934-1935	Economist, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce
1935-1936	Economist, Division of Trade Agreements, Department of State
1936	Ph. D., Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.
1936-1946	Special assistant to the secretary of state
1941-1942	Chief, Division of Special Research, Department of State
1943	Supervisor, Division of Political and Economic Studies, Department of State
1944	Member, American delegation to Dumbarton Oaks Conference, Washington, D.C.
1945	Member, American delegation to the Inter-American Conference on Problems of War and Peace, Mexico City, Mexico Member, American delegation to the United Nations Conference on International Organization, San Francisco, Calif. President, first session of Preparatory Commission of the United Nations
1945-1946	Supervisor, Office of Special Political Affairs, Department of State
1946	Member, American delegation to the General Assembly and Security Council, United Nations
1946-1953	Director, International Studies, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

1953, May 5

Died, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Leo Pasvolsky span the years 1937-1953, with the bulk of the material dated between 1944 and 1945. The collection contains correspondence, memoranda, workbooks, resolutions, speeches, press releases, invitations, and a copy of the United Nations charter.

The papers focus on the founding of the United Nations and Leo Pasvolsky's role at international conferences. The collection is divided into three series [Diaries](#), [Subject File](#), and [Conference File](#). The [Diaries](#) series consists of appointment calendars kept by Pasvolsky for two brief periods, 1945-1946. The [Subject File](#) consists primarily of material relating to international organizations, especially reference material generated by the Department of State. The series also relate to postwar planning, international economic relations, and the United Nations Security Council. The [Conference File](#) consists of records accumulated by Pasvolsky through his involvement in international conferences as a representative of the Department of State during and following World War II. Conferences covered in the collection include the Dumbarton Oaks Conference on International Organization in 1944, the Inter-American Conference on Problems of War and Peace, and the United Nations Conference on International Organization.

Significant correspondents include Benjamin Gerig, Alger Hiss, Cordell Hull, Archibald Macleish, and Edward R. Stettinius.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in three series:

- [Diaries, 1945-1946](#)
- [Subject File, 1937-1953](#)
- [Conference File, 1944-1952](#)

## Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1	<u><b>Diaries, 1945-1946</b></u> Appointment calendars. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 1-7	<u><b>Subject File, 1937-1953</b></u> Correspondence, memoranda, reports, printed matter, and other material. Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.
BOX 8-12	<u><b>Conference File, 1944-1952</b></u> Correspondence, memoranda, press releases, reports, printed matter, and other material. Arranged alphabetically by name of conference.

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BOX 1	1945, Feb. 21-Mar. 8
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BOX 1-7	<b>Subject File, 1937-1953</b> Correspondence, memoranda, reports, printed matter, and other material. Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.
BOX 1	International economic relations, 1937-1944 (6 folders)
BOX 1	International organizations
BOX 1	Basic questions
BOX 1	Basic reference book, 1941-1944
BOX 1	Charter for an international deliberative body, 1945 (2 folders)
BOX 2	(1 folder)
BOX 2	Conversations with Latin American ambassadors, 1944-1945 (2 folders)
BOX 2	Coordination committee, 1946 (2 folders)
BOX 2	Draft constitution, 1943
BOX 2	Draft of proposals, 1944 (2 folders)
BOX 2	Dumbarton Oaks Conference, Washington, D.C., 1945
BOX 3	General, 1943 (6 folders)
BOX 3	International trusteeship, 1944
BOX 3	Joint steering committee, 1944 (2 folders)
BOX 3	Memoranda for the president, 1943-1945
BOX 4	Memoranda of conversations, 1943-1945 (5 folders)
BOX 4	Official statements and views, 1944
BOX 4	Parallel texts of tentative proposals, 1944
BOX 4	Permanent international organization functions, powers, machinery, and procedures, 1943
BOX 4	Possible plan for an international organization (1 folder)
BOX 5	(1 folder)
BOX 5	President's statements, 1944-1953
BOX 5	Progress reports, 1944

## Subject File, 1937-1953

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BOX 5	Dumbarton Oaks Conference, Washington, D.C., conversations
BOX 5	General
BOX 5	Senate resolution, 1945
BOX 5	State Department work in international organization, 1944
BOX 5	Unidentified, 1944-1945, undated
BOX 5	United Nations
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BOX 5	Proposal, 1944-1945
BOX 5	United States foreign policy and international organization, 1944
BOX 5	Views on international organization, 1944
BOX 5	Working books, 1944
	(2 folders)
BOX 6	(8 folders)
BOX 7	Postwar planning, 1937-1944
	(6 folders)
BOX 7	United Nations Security Council, 1946
	(2 folders)
BOX 8-12	<b>Conference File, 1944-1952</b>
	Correspondence, memoranda, press releases, reports, printed matter, and other material. Arranged alphabetically by name of conference.
BOX 8	Basic planning documents, 1943
BOX 8	Crimea Conference, 1944
BOX 8	Dumbarton Oaks Conference, Washington, D.C.
BOX 8	American group meetings, 1944
BOX 8	Agenda
BOX 8	Minutes
BOX 8	Proposals and notices
BOX 8	Post-conference documents, 1944-1945
	(3 folders)
BOX 8	Proposals, 1944
BOX 8	Proposed amendments, 1945
	(5 folders)
BOX 9	Washington, D.C., conversations, 1944
	(7 folders)
BOX 9	Inter-American Conference on Problems of War and Peace, Mexico, 1945
BOX 9	Columbian proposal
BOX 9	Draft resolutions
BOX 9	Instructions to Pasvolksy
BOX 9	Invitations and clippings
BOX 9	Mexican resolution
BOX 9	Remarks of Edward R. Stettinius
BOX 10	Reports
BOX 10	Speeches
BOX 10	United Nations Conference on International Organization, San Francisco, Calif.
BOX 10	Admission of Argentina, 1944-1945

## Conference File, 1944-1952

Container	Contents
BOX 10	Amendments to Dumbarton Oaks Conference proposals, 1945 (2 folders)
BOX 10	General correspondence, 1945 (2 folders)
BOX 10	Memoranda from the executive secretary, 1945
BOX 10	Minutes, 1945
BOX 10	Committee of five deputies of the heads of delegations
BOX 10	Four-power and Latin American meetings
BOX 11	Five-power meetings
BOX 11	Miscellany, 1944-1945
BOX 11	Newspaper clippings, 1945
BOX 11	Notices and instructions, 1945
BOX 11	Post-conference documents, 1945-1952, undated (4 folders)
BOX 11	Regional arrangements, 1945 (2 folders)
BOX 12	Reports on proposals, 1945
BOX 12	Vandenberg, Arthur H., amendments to Dumbarton Oaks Conference proposals, 1945
BOX 12	Voting procedures, 1945 (3 folders)