

SELECTED RECORDS OF THE FONDS VANIKOFF FROM THE FRENCH NATIONAL ARCHIVES, 1931–1955

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Scope and Content: Records from the personal collection of Maurice Vanikoff (1886-1961), who in the 1930s was active in defense of rights of political refugees and victims of anti-Semitism, active in similar cause in Casablanca 1940-1943, and continued as an activist in France after the war. Includes government decrees concerning political refugees (1938-1939) and various associations and groups

involved with their cause and anti-Semitism; reports on the situation of Jews in France before the war (1936-1939), under Vichy, as well as in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia (1940-1944); documents of the Center of Political and Social Documentation (1943-1944) created by the Commissariat of Information in Algiers; records from Vanikoff's time as founder and General Secretary of the Association for Judeo-Christian Friendship (1948-1952), records of the Federation of Jewish organizations of France (1947-1950); personal correspondence; subject files on diverse topics such as the author Céline, the Pastor Lemaire; anti-Semitism in France after the Liberation; and press clippings catalogued by year. Also included are some anti-Semitic cartoons and pamphlets.

CONTAINER LIST

Reel 1:

72AJ/590: Circulars from the Ministry of the Interior concerning political refugees in France, 1938-1939. The French working committee for refugees, 1938-1939. Accord committee for refugees in France and the French confederation of committees for refugee assistance, 1939. Committee of associations for French-Jewish veterans and volunteers, 1934-1935. Actions for finding refugee housing, 1939. Anti-Semitism in Germany before the war. Frames 1-524.

72AJ/591: Assistance committee for volunteers and legionnaires of the war period, 1939-1940. Volunteer Poles, 1939-1940. Frames 525-1523.

72AJ/592: Anti-Semitism in France before the war, 1936-1939. Frames 1524-2826.

72AJ/593: Jews who left during the Vichy government, 1941-1943. The correspondence of Maurice Vanikoff, while director of the archives of the Information Commission of Algeria for Social and Political History, 1943-1944. The situation for Jews in Algeria, 1940-1943. Algeria, 1941 and 1944-1945. Tunisia, 1940-1944. Frames 2827-3930.

Reel:2

72AJ/594: Morocco, 1940-1943. Foreign volunteers in Morocco and the Friends of Foreign Volunteers; situation for the Jews of Morocco, 1940-1944. Frames 1-1676.

72AJ/595: Union of Jewish volunteer war veterans, 1945-1949. International Council of Christians and Jews, 1948. Judeo-Christian Friends Association, 1948-1953. Frames 1677-2500.

72AJ/596: Maurice VaniKoff's personal papers and correspondence, 1945-1952. Federation of Jewish Societies in France, 1947-1950. The Representative Council of French Jews, 1949-1951. The Finaly affair. Various tracts, newspapers, and bulletins. Conferences, press clippings, and the incident concerning the Oliver Twist film, 1949. Frames 2501-3548.

Reel 3:

72AJ/597: World Organization of the Nationalist Socialist Party of Germany in Spain and correspondence of the German consuls in Spain, 1931-1936. General Secretary for Information and Propaganda in the Vichy government, 1942-1943. Frames 1-720.

72AJ/598: Documents addressed to Maurice Vanikoff by the CFLN during August 1944. File concerning Pastor Lemaire, Maurice Hirschovitz, and Louis-Ferdinand Céline. Anti-Semitism in France after liberation. Cases taken up by the Action Committee of the Resistance (Oberg and Knochen, Arolsen, moving Pétain's ashes, and the Franco-German accord of 1954.) Death notices of Nazi party members, 1944. Frames 721-1581.

72AJ/599-600: Press clipping organized by year, 1933-1938. Frames 1582-3797.

Reel 4:

72AJ/601: The Alsace-Lorraine, 1935-1939. Frames 1-1173.