



Sigrid Schultz Papers RG 16

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Summary Information

Repository:	Westport Museum for History & Culture
Title:	Sigrid Schultz Papers
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Language of the Material:	English.
Abstract:	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.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

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.

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Scope and Content of Collection

A more detailed finding aid for the collection is available at the repository.

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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Arrangement

The material is arranged in seven series:

1. Writings and Speeches
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Administrative Information

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Restrictions

Collection open for research.

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Acquisition Information

Material was found in the house that Schultz owned in Westport.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Westport (Conn.)--History.
- Correspondence.

General

Collection guide written by:

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Collection Inventory

Writings and Speeches

Title/Description	Instances
Typescript writing regarding disenfranchisement of German-born Jews , 1935 October 1	Box 1 Folder 1
"Mail stories" sent from Berlin office for potential publication , 1935 January - October	Box 1 Folder 2

Scope and Contents

Titles of stories include: Highest buildings in Berlin; German invention, warming chemical for car or room; Hitler's call for more babies; Record sales during spring Fair of 1935; Prussian school children leave for country; World's fastest locomotive; "Angriff" pictures; German universities students drop from Nazi quota system; New tactics to combat machine gun menace; German serums combat malaria and sleeping sickness; Auto buses driven by lighting gas; Hitler Youth given medals for physical and intellectual tests; "Discovery"

of the Kaiser's moustache; Year two of era Hitler
Fuehrer Germany

"Mail stories" sent from Berlin office for potential publication, undated, circa 1934-1935	Box 1	Folder 3
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Scope and Contents

Titles of stories include: Brides receive free books on motherhood and children; New method to cure tuberculosis; Berlin sells less newspapers after Nazi "press muzzle"; Sparrow plague; youth offenders decrease; steel and oil deal; 12th Anniversary of beerhall putsch; Schwester Pia honored at anniversary of Munich Putsch; Small furnace to produce gas; All schools to have apparata [sic] to show films; Winterhelp Organization's detailed cash distribution; Warning against foreign fashion by Nazi female writer; "Comradship of German artists"; German Air Protection League; "Schwarzes Corps" criticizes female seeking male advertisement; Interview with Princess Djavidan Hanoum on cruelty to animals; Nazi "court of social honors" resume activities; German government making more room, peacefully; Postcard delayed by 24 years; Boy boasts of four living great-grandmothers; Record salmon trout; A ncient church scores discovered; Average German Citizen

Various speech drafts , undated	Box 1	Folder 4
"Check Your Facts" drafts , undated	Box 1	Folder 5
"Clear the Deck of Bunk" - various versions , undated	Box 1	Folder 6
Memoir of Schultz (complete and drafts) , undated	Box 1	Folder 7

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Memos and Notes

Title/Description	Instances	
Timeline, undated	Box 1	Folder 8
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 (two versions, with slightly different wording), 1942 November 19	Box 1	Folder 8
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 (3 versions), 1942 December 3	Box 1	Folder 8
Memo on Nazi peace feelers, discussing Charles. E. Soerensen, the chief representative of the Ford Company in Copenhagen, Eric Archdeacon (a resident of Greenwich),	Box 1	Folder 8

and other Wall Street bankers and their roles regarding rumors about peace feelers (5 versions), 1942 December 4

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	Box 1	Folder 8
Typescript note regarding the firm of "Instrument Hechler" who specializes in inventing 'contraptions' for the hard of hearing, 1943 January 28	Box 1	Folder 9
Typescript note discussing what "national socialism"/"Nazism" is like in the lives of the majority of Germans , 1935	Box 1	Folder 9
Typescript writing titled "The Days of the Revolution in Berlin" , undated	Box 1	Folder 9
Typescript writing discussing the dedication of ambulances to France by the American Womens Hospital Reserve Corps , undated	Box 1	Folder 9
Typescript writing - discussion of 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 , undated	Box 1	Folder 9
Typescript writing titled "Insert - History of Revolution." Summarized historical recollection about the German revolution and the events that took place, undated	Box 1	Folder 9
Typescript note 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	Box 1	Folder 9

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Office of Strategic Services (OSS) Profiles

Title/Description	Instances	
OSS Profiles - Organizations / groups, 1941-1945	Box 2	Folder 1-2

Scope and Contents

Including regarding: Deutsche Staedtetag, German War Ministry, German agents, Hitler's entourage, Carl Schurz Association, Delbrueck, Schickler and Co; White Russians, Catholic Nazis, Press Section of the German High Command, Biologische Reichsanstalt fuer Land und Fortswirtschaft, German official economic experts, German newspapermen, Denmark

under Nazi rule, The Hague, Nazi Party, Berlin Office
of the Chicago Tribune

OSS Profiles – Individuals (A-M), 1942-1943

Box 2

Folder 3-5

Scope and Contents

Including: Dr. Asendorf, Geheimrat Aschmann, Wilfrid Bade, Mr. And Mrs. Zech Ballot, Dr. Paul Bang, Benecz, Dr. Karl Bertling, Walter Buemelburg, Max Blokzill, Ernst Wilhelm Bohle, Gabriel Bolifraud, Phillipp Bouhler, Marguerite Boveri, Dr. Brandt, Hermann Brassert, Eva Braun, Victoria Louise von Braunschwig, Brauweiler, Wilhelm Bueckner, Dr. Clodius, Canaris, Rene de Bourbon-Parma, Marques de Magas y Pera, Dr. Dieckhoff, Rolf Diels, Otto Dietrich, Dr. Harald Diettrich, Mrs. Dilling, Radu Djuvara, Dr. Drechsler, Hugo Eckener, Helen Elliat, Prince Louis Ferdinand of Hohenzollern, Hanns Frank, Wilhelm Frick, Dr. Froelich, Sandra Fuehr, Walter Funk, Marfarete Gaertner, Gafencu, Goering, Jakob Goldschmidt, Barbara Green, Princess Djavidan Hanoum, Wolf Heinrich, Count Helldorf, "Kaiserin" Hermine, Phillip, Prince of Hessen, Konstantin Hierl, Alois Hitler, Dr. Hoffman, Dr. Camille Hoffman, Prince "Auwi" of Hohenzollern, Baron Hune von Hoyningen, Jeschonnek, W. Kepple, Kirkien, Koerner, Dr. H. H. Lammes, Dr. Elisabeth Lueders, Albrecht Luitpold, Dr. Hans Luther, Lycus, Maria Paudler, Arthur Mahraun, Dr. Karl Megerle, Dr. Meissner, Carl Mierendorff, Erhard Milch, Count Moltke, Dr. Theo Morel

OSS Profiles – Individuals (N-Z), 1942-1943

Box 2

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Scope and Contents

Including: General Richard Ott, Major Waldemar Pabst, Major Paschasius, Kurt Pastenacci, Dr. Fitz Randolph, Raubuechel, Joachim Ribbentrop, Leni Rifenstahl, Karl Ritter, Alfred Rosenberg, Dr. Sallet, Karl Edward, Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Scheel, Paul Scheffer, Dr. Paul Schmitt, Dr. Schnurre, Frau Gertrud Scholz-Klink, Leo Slezak, Heinrich Georg Stahmer, Consul Strack, Otto Strasser, Hela Strehl, Hans Thomsen, Fraeulein Dr. Unger, Schwarz van Berk, Field Marshal von Brauchitsch, Adolf von Buelow, Edit von Coler, von der Marwitz, von Epp, General von Falkenhausen, Otto von Habsburg, Dr. Hans George von Mackensen, Baroness von Mirbach, Hans Adolf von Moltke, Rudolf von Nadolny, Baroness von Nostitz, Thea von Puttakammer, Maria von Renzow, Frau von Reichenau, H. von Ritgen, Baron Werner von Rheinbaben, Leo von Schimpff, Dr. Edgar von Schmitt-Pauli, von Studnitz, Braun von Stumm, von Stutterheim, von Weizsaecker, Rosie "Countess" Wakdeck, Prince Josias, of Waldeck and Pymont,

William Warnock, Christian Weber, Dorothea Wieck,
 Prince Victor of Weid, Captain Fritz Wiedemann, Dr.
 Wiehl, Dr. Woerman, Dr. Wohltat, Wrede, Reinhold
 Wulle, Hermann zu Wied

OSS Profiles – Individuals Inserts (A-Z) , 1942-1943	Box 2	Folder 8
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Correspondence

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Personal correspondence sent by Schultz , 1942-1943	Box 2	Folder 9
Scope and Contents		
Letter from Sigrid to Dr. And Mrs. Hans Meyer in Switzerland regarding Schultz not feeling well enough to travel and checking in on them 1942 October 28		
Personal correspondence sent to Schultz, 1925-1943	Box 2	Folder 10
Business correspondence sent by Schultz, 1943 January 10 – October 27	Box 2	Folder 11
Business correspondence sent to Schultz, 1931-1944	Box 3	Folder 1-2
Scope and Contents		
Including letter from K. Fellowes from the Office of The Inspector of Income Tax Ottawa attached to Canadian income tax forms asking for Schultz to fill out form due to Schultz getting paid from a source within Canada, and Schultz's reply (1943)		
Correspondence to and from Curtis V. Crellin , 1942-1943	Box 3	Folder 3
Correspondence Concerning trial of George Sylvester Viereck , 1942-1943	Box 3	Folder 4
Correspondence with Office of Strategic Services , 1942-1943	Box 3	Folder 5

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Biographical Documentation

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Photocopied resources about Schultz, circa 1980	Box 3	Folder 6
Excerpt from The Women's Book of World Records and Achievements discussing Schultz's career and accomplishments , 1979	Box 3	Folder 6

Letter from Anne Hecker to the Westport Historical Society on sources mentioning Schultz and a professor with information on her role in journalism , 1997 March 27	Box 3	Folder 6
Scope and Contents		
Excerpts from Who's Who in America and A History of Women Journalists in which Schultz is mentioned are enclosed.		
Collection of excerpts from personal accounts (books, diary entries, etc.), mostly of ambassadors, in which Schultz is mentioned or described , undated	Box 3	Folder 6
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	Box 3	Folder 6
Telegram to Schultz in Hamburg from the Chicago Tribune giving Schultz a September/October vacation to go home, adding that the Tribune will pay for her travels, 1939 August 28	Box 3	Folder 7
Handwritten entries by Schultz made on April 1 and May 13 discussing her time and recovery in New York, 1941 May 13	Box 3	Folder 7
Diary entry written by Schultz on Hotel Schenley notepad paper discussing the travelling and events she has been doing over the past week, 1942 November 4	Box 3	Folder 7
Travel itinerary for Schultz for a day in New York City, 1942 December 28	Box 3	Folder 7
Typed note declaring American citizenship and establishing (Sigrids..?) husband as an American citizen at the time of his death , undated	Box 3	Folder 7
Contract between W. Colston Leigh, Inc., and Ford Hall Forum negotiating Schultz's lecture at the latter in Boston Massachusetts for January 24, 1943, 1942 September 8	Box 3	Folder 7
Contract between W. Colston Leigh, Inc., and Linden Hall Seminary negotiating Schultz's lecture at the latter in Lititz, Pennsylvania for January 12, 1943, 1942 November 12	Box 3	Folder 7
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, 1942 November 2	Box 3	Folder 7
Poster/infographic advertisement for a lecture to be given by Schultz printed by W. Colston Leigh , undated	Box 3	Folder 7
Pamela Boyd report on Schultz (8 pages) , circa 1976	Box 3	Folder 8

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Clippings and Articles Related to Schultz

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The Trib magazine issue with reference to Schultz on page 7 , 1926 April	Box 3	Folder 10
The Trib magazine issue with article about Schultz's recent time spent in Chicago and her exclusive story on German President Ebert's death , 1928 October	Box 3	Folder 10
New Jersey Educational Review magazine issue with a reference on Schultz on page 27, 1942 October	Box 3	Folder 10
New York Times interview with Schultz, includes a photograph of her at her Westport home, 1977 March 13	Box 3	Folder 10
Westport News article on the likely demolition of Schultz's Elm St home to construct a parking lot after she died earlier that year, 1980 October 1	Box 3	Folder 10
Westport News article and photographs on the demolition of Schultz's historic Elm St home by the town, 1981 January 16	Box 3	Folder 10
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Receipt from Hanewacker & Co. for Schultz, 1929 August 20	Box 3	Folder 9
Menu of American Club luncheon at Hotel Bristol in Berlin, 1930 January 5 (May 5?)	Box 3	Folder 9
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 Schultz, 1930 June 16	Box 3	Folder 9
Envelope from B.W. Kpull of Chicago addressed to Schultz's Westport address (with Berlin address crossed out), 1941 August 23	Box 3	Folder 9
Wedding "save-the-date" for the future matrimony between Phyllis Leslie and Ernest Russel Pope in South Weymouth, Massachusetts, 1941 December 25	Box 3	Folder 9

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Envelope to Schultz from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1942 April 10	Box 3	Folder 9
Envelope from the Office of Strategic Services addressed to Schultz at 32 Elm Street, Westport, CT, 1943 February 18	Box 3	Folder 9
Envelope from the Office of Strategic Services (with names in corner) addressed to Schultz's Westport address, 1943 March 17	Box 3	Folder 9
Invitation from the Feature Writers, Artists, and Staff for the Chicago Tribune - New York News Syndicate's annual Syndicate Party on April 21, 1943 April 21	Box 3	Folder 9
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, 1943 May 26	Box 3	Folder 9
Wedding "save-the-date" for the future matrimony between Dorothy Thompson and Maxim Kopf in Barnard, Vermont, 1943 June 15	Box 3	Folder 9
Envelope from Schultz addressed to Pelham Manor, NY, 1943 August 8	Box 3	Folder 9
Invitation to Schultz to attend the Columbia University fifth anniversary award of the Maria Moors Cabot Prizes , 1943 December 14	Box 3	Folder 9
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 , 1944 April	Box 3	Folder 9
Coupon of Schultz's \$2.00 contribution to the Hospital Relief Futurity Fund, 1942	Box 3	Folder 9
Envelope addressed to Mrs. Alexander von Schimpff in Berlin and the enclosed letter from Amy Gray (Boston, MA) to her niece, Elizabeth, [?] March 5	Box 3	Folder 9
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	Box 3	Folder 9
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	Box 3	Folder 9
RSVP invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Hans V. Kaltenborn at their new home address, 167 East 64th Street, New York, Thursday, July 8	Box 3	Folder 9
Document 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	Box 3	Folder 9

Handwritten in French and German that appear to include lists of items, undated	Box 3	Folder 9
Typed notes in German discussing Speyer & Co. and its partners , undated	Box 3	Folder 9
Typed game instructions on how to play "military checkers", undated	Box 3	Folder 9
Informational pamphlet on the "Personal Victory: Away" spa hotel in Norwalk, CT, given to Schultz by Zillals Wenzell with the note "Yours sincerely + for Personal Victory" , undated	Box 3	Folder 9
Typed paper in German with a list of books offered to a public library, undated	Box 3	Folder 9
Program of artists in German about arts show (Grosse Kunstschau Worpswede) , undated	Box 3	Folder 9
Note from Eva Lewis from the Information Services Department containing two German stamps, undated	Box 3	Folder 9
Photo of Schultz and an unidentified man at a formal dress event at Hotel Alden , undated	Box 3	Folder 9
Flyer advertisement to join the American Women's Hospital Reserve Corps with another typed letter about the history of the Corps , undated	Box 3	Folder 9
Holiday card made by Schultz with a picture of her home on the front in black and white and a note saying "Merry Christmas and Happy New year" , undated	Box 3	Folder 9
Typed informational letter from the National Information Bureau about women's war activities , undated	Box 3	Folder 9
List of names on Commercial N.Y.C Stat'y Co. paper along with locations , undated	Box 3	Folder 9

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