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Guide to the

**Harold M. Fleming papers**

1917-1971

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## Summary

**Creator:** Fleming, Harold M. (Harold Manchester)

**Title:** Harold M. Fleming papers

**Date:** 1917-1971

**Size:** 14 linear feet (13 boxes and 7 oversize folders)

**Source:** October 6, 1972, Received from Mrs. Julia Lutsky (daughter)

**Abstract:** Harold Manchester Fleming (1900-1971) was an American financial writer and political economist. He went to the Soviet Union in 1922 as a field inspector for the American Relief Administration and worked for the Bureau of Education and as a reporter in Peking. On his return to the U.S., he was a securities analyst, stockbroker and statistician before becoming the Wall Street correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor. He wrote books and articles on banking, federal reserve policies, commodity markets, and other subjects related to business and political economy. Collection contains Fleming's research notes, correspondence, typescripts, memoir, and posters. Bulk of the papers consists of notes for his writings on economics and finance. Correspondence, 1922-1924, concerns his activities in the Soviet Union, Peking and Shanghai; correspondence, 1950-1952, is with publishers about his books. Typescripts of books and articles include an incomplete work on antitrust legislation. Also, a memoir of his experiences in the Soviet Union, and Bolshevik and anti-Bolshevik posters which reflect the ideological warfare of the period 1917-1922.

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## Creator History

Harold M. Fleming, financial writer and political economist, was born in Salem, Mass. in 1900 and died in 1971. After graduation from Harvard he went to the Soviet Union as a field inspector for the American Relief Administration which was created in 1919 to help feed the children of post-war Europe. In 1923

he crossed Russia to Peking where he worked for the Bureau of Economic Education, and as a reporter for the Peking Leader. A year later he moved to Shanghai to work on the Shanghai Times. On his return to the U.S. he worked as a securities analyst, stockbroker, and statistician on railroad rate cases at the Bureau of Government Research and as the Wall Street correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor. He was the author of books and articles on banking, Federal Reserve policies, Commodity markets, and other subjects related to business and political economy.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The bulk of the papers consists of notes for a work [-in-progress] on antitrust legislation, notes for a history of Sinclair Oil, and notes for related articles. There are letters, 1922-1924, in which he writes at length about his activities and experiences in Russia, Peking, and Shanghai, and some correspondence, 1950-1952, concerning his books, *When Russians Were People*, and, *Farewell to Hard Times*. Typescripts of his books and articles include, *As Michigan Goes....* 1965, which is concerned with the problems besetting the free enterprise system, *Farewell to Hard Times*, a work on the gold standard begun in the 1920s and completed just after the end of World War II; *The Trouble with the Banks*, co-written with Joseph A. Wallis in response to the closing of the banks by President Roosevelt in 1933; an untitled incomplete work on classical economics; and a memoir of his experiences in Russia, *When Russians Were People*. While in Russia, Fleming Collected samples of the Bolshevik and anti-Bolshevik posters which were an important part of the ideological warfare of the period. Among the events they depict are the October Revolution of 1917, the ensuing civil war, and the intervention of the allied forces of France, Great Britain, and the U. S. Many of the "White" posters are anti- Semitic in tone. There are approximately 130 posters in the papers.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Antitrust law  
Authors and publishers -- United States  
Economics  
Finance  
International relief  
Journalism, Commercial

### **Geographic Names**

China -- History -- Republic, 1912-1949  
Soviet Union -- Description and travel  
Soviet Union -- History -- 1917-1936

### **Titles**

Christian Science monitor

### **Occupations**

Economists  
Journalists

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Posters

**Names**

Fleming, Harold M. (Harold Manchester)  
American Relief Administration

## Container List

### Papers

- b. 1 Letters from Russia, Peking, Shanghai 1922-1924
- b. 1 Correspondence with publishers 1950-1952
- b. 1 Typescripts
- b. 2 Typescripts
- b. 2 Notes for history of Sinclair Oil
- b. 3-13 Notes on antitrust legislation and notes on other business-related subjects

### Russian Revolutionary Era Propaganda Posters

#### Kogout. N. 1891-1959

We Don't Want to Fight - But We'll Defend the Soviets! 1922  
48

Happy New Year  
57

The Entente Prepares New Attack - Look at Both  
79

Army of Millions - Army of Labor!  
89

Moscow

May Day  
95

verse by Sergei Gorodetsky

In Fighting for Fuel - Fighting for Revolution 1920  
99  
Moscow

#### Osinin, I.

White Troops Burn Bread  
46

#### Apsit, Alexander Petrov. Alexander Petrovich, 1880-1944

How the Peasant Lost Will and Land  
68

People's Power in Ancient Russia 1918  
69

Vengeance to the Tsar  
36  
tune of Warshavianka

Tsar, Priest, Rich Man  
39

Internationale  
41

Treachery to Brothers October 1918  
43  
verses by Demyan Bedny

Why We Need the Don Basin... Coal and Iron  
83  
Moscow. Number 3.

Kurkov/Kirka?

Russian Revolutionary Era Propaganda Posters (cont.)

Kurkov/Kirka? (cont.)

Master of World Capital, Golden Idol

70

Kost, V

Parasites and Idlers 1920

85

Moscow. Number 1014.

Life of an Illiterate. Life of a Literate 1920 May 10

96

The Illiterate is Blind 1920

105

Petersburg

Mayakovsky, Vladimir (ROSTA)

Ukrainians and Russians Together

80

G. V. or J. B

Down with Illiteracy, No. I 1921

113

Moscow

Down with Illiteracy, No. II 1921

26

Down with Illiteracy, No. III 1922

28

Down with Illiteracy, No. IV 1922

27

Down with Illiteracy, No. V

24

Moor, Dmitri / Orlov. 1883-1946

The Devil Doll 1920

9

Number 121

Singing Too Soon

13

verses by Ivan Kasatkin

Long Live the Third International! 1921

34

Number 104

Christmas

35

verses by N. Gorlov

Two Fortresses 1922

37

Be On Guard!

49

Text by Leon Trotsky

Red Guards Don't Want Blood, But They Are Ready

51

To the Peoples of the Caucasus

55

Georgian, Armenian, Arabic; No. 70

Russian Revolutionary Era Propaganda Posters (cont.)  
Moor, Dmitri / Orlov. 1883-1946 (cont.)

Weeks Devoted to the Red Army 1921

56

Number 6

The People's Court

61

based on Mysteria Bouffe?

Before. Now 1920

62

Soviet Repka ca. 1921

81

Number 83

Hand of the Deserter

86

Number 82

The Tsar's Regiments and the Red Army

88

Number 35

Labor 1920

102

Number 79

Aspid

The Vessel of Counter-Revolution

42

Cheremnykh. M

No Fronts - But Danger There Is 27 December 1921

30

from a report of Trotsky

Zeiler. G. F.?

7 November 1918

32

V. M. (Masyutin? /Mavakovsky?)

The Co-operatives Open to All 1918

10

Never Buy at Private Stalls 1918

12

Number 918

I. N. (Ignacy Nivinsky?)

Read the Co-operatives' Literature 1918

15 (lithograph)

Moscow. I. N. Kushnerney

I. M.(?)

Light and Knowledge to the People

31

M. I

What Working Moscow Did for Red Army Week 1922

50

S. I.(?)

Reading Is Obligatory to Man

74

Russian Revolutionary Era Propaganda Posters (cont.)

S. I.(?) (cont.)

A Book Is Nothing But a Man Speaking Publically 1920?

71

Petersburg

A Book Is Nothing But a Man Speaking Publically

72 (Black and white)

P. A

How to Make Calico from Bread

84

S. K

Register for the Red Army

94

verse by Demyan Bedni

Mashistov. I. M

Workers! The October Revolution Gave You Factories and Free Labor

58

V. B

Labor Will Lead the World 1920

52

I. R. (Rabinowich?)

The Cooperative Movement Doesn't Recognize Boundaries 1919

104

Number 23

Monogrammed

Enemy at the Gate!! All for the defense of Petrograd 1919

47 (lithograph)

Number 53; Kushnerev

Monogrammed (Fyodor Malevin?)

Day of Wounded Red Army (2 November 1919) Forward to Victory

45

Unidentified

All as in the Past

1

Gos. Iz. Pet parody of Maximov painting in Tretyakov

against Typhus

2

RSFSR

Take Care of Books

3

RSFSR, Moscow

"Three Grenadiers" Yudenich, Denikin, Wrangel 1921

4

Moscow. Number 58 Verse by Andrei Stubeda (pseud?)

What have you done for the Front?

5

Number 127

Day of Soviet Propaganda - Knowledge for All

6

Russian Revolutionary Era Propaganda Posters (cont.)  
Unidentified (cont.)

Only the Red Army Will Give Us Bread

7

Moscow. Number 23

Cossack, You Have Only One Path

8

Number 132. Based on painting, "Warrior at the Crossroads"

Dubinushka (little oak tree song)

11, 77

Moscow. Agri.

Literacy the Path to Communism 1920

14

Moscow

Red Ploughman

18, 93

Gos. Iz. Moscow.

Citizen! Understand that the End of the Famine

19

Gos. Iz. Moscow.

The Enemy Wants to Get Behind the Front

20

Number 55

At the Grave of Counter-Revolution 1920-1923

21 (Lithograph; 9 copies)

Number 115. Kushnerev(1920-23; Anon. Litho. 34 1/2 x 26. Stanford, p. 63,68)

League of Nations

22

Number 30

Labor Will Be the Masters of the World 1920

23 (2 copies)

Number 962. Gos. Iz. Moscow

In Place of the Old World Comes the World of Labor 1922

24a

Gos. Iz. Moscow

Comrades! /Peasant/You Must Possess a Rifle as Well as a Hoe

25

Growth of National Economy 1919

29

Moscow

Down With Capital 1920

33

Moscow

Workers Brought Peace

40

Old and New

44

verse by Demyan Bedny

The Denikin Gang Banner: Down with Workers and Peasants

53

No. 48 verse by Demyan Bedny



Russian Revolutionary Era Propaganda Posters (cont.)

Unidentified (cont.)

"Liberators" 1919

54

Number 28. Moscow. Moor?

Food Storage 1921

59

Petersburg

People Eating Each Other from Hunger are not Cannibals

60

The Efforts of Every One... 1921 Mos 1921

63

Moscow

Long Live the Sun! Hide the Darkness! 1921

73 (2 copies)

Petersburg. Simakov?

In Order to Have More - Must Produce More/In Order to Produce More -  
Must Know More

75

Petersburg. A. Zelinsky?

Cooperatives Help People Be Brothers

76 (flower border)

He Is a Criminal

78

layout by S. Davydov Petersburg

Give Bread to the Revolution! 1920

82

Moscow

Who Lives in the Attic? 1920

87

Moscow

Red Laughter

92

Moscow

Women, Go into the Cooperatives

97

Women, Go into the Cooperatives

98

Manifesto - All Power to Property Owners and Capitalists 1920

101

Moscow

Remember the Starving! 1921

103

The Strongest Culture Makes the Strongest Cooperation 1918

106 (2 copies)

Moscow

Electrification and Counter-Revolution 1921

107

Petersburg

Bourgeois, Priest, Kulak pulling Kolchak No. 20

112

Number 20

Russian Revolutionary Era Propaganda Posters (cont.)

Unidentified (cont.)

The Old and the New. Long live the general military trade of the workers

114

verse by Demyan Bedny

Anti-Bolshevik Posters

Monogrammed

Your Family and Near Ones

38

For a United Russia L'Exposition

64

Monogrammed

Asiatic Bolsheviks shooting priest

66

Christ with cross vs. Trotsky

67

To the Victim of the International

109

Unidentified

Pyotr and Vasili

16

How the Punitive Bolshevik Regiments of Latvians and Chinese Forcibly  
Seize Bread, Destroy Villages, and Shoot Peasants

17

How the Bolsheviks Punish Villages

65

Peace and Freedom Together (caricature of Trotsky and prikaz Odessa)

90

Men's Clothing Getting Worse, 1915-1919

91

Fewer Shoes, 1915-1919

100

Retribution

108

Happy Worker... (Odessa)

110

Thus Is Resolved... (Odessa)

111