RECENT ACQUISITIONS:
MANUSCRIPTS, TYPESCRIPTS AND PROOFS

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My previous update of manuscript acquisitions appeared in Russell, n.s. 16 (1996): 89–92. The large entry here, of Russell’s contributions to the BBC Brains Trust radio programme, and the short entries at the end, bring the total to 550 entries of manuscript-related acquisitions since the Archives’ arrival at McMaster in 1968. See the “25-Year Index” in n.s. 15 (1995) for citations of previous updates. Bold references are to Blackwell and Rujas Bibliography of Bertrand Russell. “Ts.” means typescript.

The original proposal for the Brains Trust was “to bring every listener into personal contact with some of the best brains of the day, and in the most friendly, informal way”. Donald McCullough was the first Question Master, who posed questions from listeners to a panel of experts. Early members of the Brains Trust included regulars Julian Huxley, C. E. M. Joad and Archibald Bruce Campbell. Occasional members included Kenneth Clark, Gilbert Murray and William Beveridge. Usually five members made up the panel on any given broadcast. The programme first went on the air on 1 January 1941. Russell did not make his initial appearance until October 1944, after his return from America, but continued into the late ’50s. His presence on the Brains Trust contributed to the growth of his public reputation.

[Remarks on Brains Trust programs]. 1944–52. Russell’s contributions were extracted from transcripts at the BBC Written Archives, Reading, by the late Fred Keay with the assistance of Joan Johnson. Russell’s witty responses—often on topics not dealt with in his writings—are to questions submitted by listeners. Rec. Acq. 1,110.

30 Oct. 1944, ts., 3 leaves. Propaganda ever justified? Parents as the worst choice to raise their children? Payment of family doctors? Germans as the master race? Science and the mind?

12 Dec. 1944, ts., 3 leaves. Recommended

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16 Jan. 1952, ts., 2 leaves. (London Calling Asia.) God! Brain and the emotions? Good vs. evil?


[Nuclear Disarmament]. C59.08. T.s. of notes, 1 leaf; ts. carbon of notes, 1 leaf. For speech to House of Lords on 11 February 1959. Text is same as ms. notes in RA 230.023880. Rec. Acq. 1,314.


CORRESPONDENCE

My previous update of correspondence acquisitions appeared in Russell, n.s. 15 (1995): 133–7. There are 35 entries in the listing below (Sections A and B) covering c. 85 items; and c. 1,000 in Section C. Some were received from other institutions, to whom McMaster Library is very grateful. The latest acquisition reported is number 1,438; the latest arrived on 19 December 1994. The following abbreviations are used: 1(s). or 1(s). = letter(s); P(s). or p(s). = photocopies(s); 1(s). or 1(s). = post card(s).

The retiring Russell Archivist searched the working correspondence of the Archives for letters that throw light on Russell. The following list (Section C) is of those letters, mainly written to Blackwell, with some are addressed to Carl Spadoni and S. Turcon.
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Holtzer, Norman J. L., 1974. Holzer was a student of BR's at UCLA. Rec. Acq. 1,291.
Mallory, Constance (Colette O'Neil) 136 ls., 1968-75. Rec. Acq. 1,231
O'Mara, Joan see Follwell, Joan
Russell in Review, 1 file of ls. from the contributors. Rec. Acq. 1,239.