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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Volodymyr Kedrovs'kyi (Володимир Кедровський, also Volodymyr Kedrowsky) was a colonel in the army of the Ukrainian People's Republic (Ukrains'ka Narodnia Respublika, UNR), a political activist, diplomat, writer, and radio broadcaster. He wrote under the literary pseudonyms Mykola Shram, Khersonets, Petro Chevliy, Did Buchar and Batuninets. He was born in Kherson in 1890. He studied at the Imperial Novorossiia University in Odessa from 1907 to 1911, obtaining a degree in statistics and economics. He worked at the Statistical Division of the Kherson Zemstvo until the outbreak of World War I, when he was drafted into the Imperial Russian Army, in which he served as an officer. In 1917 he was appointed Deputy Secretary of Military Affairs in the UNR. He was later appointed Chief of Mobilization and Quartermaster General for the army of the Directorate. In early 1919 he was the military attaché of the UNR to the Ottoman Empire. In December 1919 he began a string of diplomatic assignments as UNR ambassador to Latvia, Estonia and Finland. In 1920 he was a UNR delegate at the Russian-Polish peace negotiations that lead to the Treaty of Riga, and in 1921 was a special military representative of the Directorate and personal representative of Symon Petliura to the Turkish government. After the Bolshevik takeover of Ukraine, he settled in Baden, Austria, and then immigrated to the United States in December 1923. He was active in Ukrainian-American organizations, and served as co-editor of the Svoboda newspaper from 1926 to 1933. From 1955 to 1963 he worked for the United States Department of State and served as the chief of the Ukrainian Service of the Voice of America. He died in Metuchen NJ in 1970. Throughout his career, he wrote articles on political, military, and historical topics.

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Scope and Contents

A major part of this collection are manuscripts of Kedrovs'kyi's memoirs, titled "1917-й рік", "1918-й рік", and "1919-й рік", only the first of which has been published. It also contains

correspondence, personal and official documents (including military and diplomatic materials, and other writings by Kedrov's'kyi and others.

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