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OVERVIEW

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CREATOR: Ford Motor Company. Archives.

TITLE: Rosika Schwimmer collection

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1927

QUANTITY: 1 folder

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: Rosika Schwimmer organized a peace expedition financed by Henry Ford in 1915. After the expedition was unsuccessful, Schwimmer was lambasted as a fraud who swindled Ford. These papers contain correspondence between Schwimmer, Ford and her lawyers concerning her request to Ford to make a statement clearing her name.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born in 1877 in Budapest, Hungary, Rosika Schwimmer became a suffragist leader, trade union organizer, land reformer, and peace activist who lectured around the world. During World War I, Schwimmer concentrated her efforts primarily on peace activities, garnering Henry Ford's support and participation in 1915 for a peace expedition to Europe aboard a ship, the Oscar II, chartered by Ford.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This small collection includes 1927 correspondence between Rosika Schwimmer and Ernest G. Liebold, Henry Ford's secretary; correspondence from Hays, St. John & Buckley, a law firm representing Ms. Schwimmer in a libel suit against New York Commercial editor Fred R. Marvin; and several newspaper clippings. The material relates to Schwimmer's requests for Henry Ford to publicly acknowledge her personal integrity, especially regarding the failed "Peace Ship" expedition.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Ford, Henry, 1863-1947

Schwimmer, Rosika, 1877-1948

Liebold, Ernest. (Ernest Gustav), 1885-1956

Oscar II (Ship)

Meetings or Events

Henry Ford Peace Expedition (1915-1916)

Subjects

World War, 1914-1918--Peace

Peace movements--United States

Pacifism

Suffragists

Women and peace

Peace Ship

CONTAINER LIST

Box no. **Description**

Folder 1

Correspondence

Schwimmer to Mr. Ford, asking him to make a statement about her sincerity for the Peace Ship expedition, September 1 and 29, 1927

Hays, St. John & Buckley, lawyers for Rosika Schwimmer, to Mr. Ford requesting he sign depositions to clear Schwimmer of charges of having duped and swindled Mr. Ford in connection with the finances of the Peace Ship, April 4 and May 5, 1927

Ernest Liebold, private secretary to Henry Ford, replies to Schwimmer and Hays, St. John & Buckley, June 3 and October 3, 1927

Clippings

"Woman insists Ford clear her as to Peace Ship," *New York World*, September 4, 1927

"Woman asks Ford to vindicate her," *New York Times*, September 4, 1927

"Wants Ford apology," *Daily Mirror*, September 5, 1927

"Denies Peace Ship led to Ford attack," *New York Times*, September 5, 1927