



SILAS H. STRAWN PAPERS

Silas H. Strawn and John Van A. MacMurray, Minister of the U.S. to China, were appointed by President Calvin Coolidge as delegates to the Special Conference on American Relations with China held in Peking on October 26, 1925, as provided for in the 1922 treaty relating to the Chinese Customs Tariff. Strawn also served as chairman for the Chinese Extraterritoriality Commission. The following collection includes Mr. Strawn's letters, memoranda, speeches, special reports on China, the four-part Report of the Extraterritoriality Commission, and Mr. Strawn's own report as chairman. The correspondence between 1924 and 1927 is all related to U.S.-China relations and includes letters and memos from Strawn; Frank B. Kellogg, Secretary of State; John Van A. MacMurray, Minister to China; Stanley K. Hornbeck; Rodney Gilbert; Judge Charles Evans Hughes, and others.

Silas H. Strawn, who was prominent in local business and civic affairs, served as a trustee of Northwestern University from 1930 until his death in 1946 at the age of 79. Mrs. Strawn donated these papers to the Library in 1949.

Correspondence, including letters, memoranda, Strawn's carbon copies of letters, and reports.

F. 1 1924-1925 correspondence includes:

- Memo summarizing treaties with China, 5/31/24, 3pp.
- American claims against the Chinese government, 6/30/25, 9pp.
- Preliminary Report of the Conference on American Relations with China, 9/20/25, 11pp.
- Correspondence with John Van A. MacMurray and others.

F. 2 1926 includes:

- Misc. memos on the current political situation in China.
- Exchange of letters and memos between Strawn (carbons) MacMurray, and Frank B. Kellogg, Secretary of State.
- Report of boycott and closing of Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow, China, 4/5/26, 10pp.
- Memo by Stanley K. Hornbeck on the Special Conference on Chinese Customs Tariff, 11/13/26, 4pp.
- Draft of Recommendations by the Commission on Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in China, 8/26, 6pp.
- Strawn's personal report to Kellogg on the conditions in China, 11/26, 22pp.

- F. 3 1927 correspondence includes:
Correspondence with Kellogg and others, including the Chinese delegates Hsiang Che-Chun and Wang Chung Hui. Regulations and detailed rules for the liquidation of the Russo-Asiatic Bank in China, 10/26 (published in English and Chinese), 27pp.
- F. 4 Conference on American Relations with China. Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, September 17-20, 1925. Outline for the conference; issues suggested; and Preliminary papers #I-VII with topics on extraterritoriality, trade and customs, foreign relations, missionaries, and diplomacy. 55pp.
Special papers by L.H. Roots and Frank B. Kellogg, 12pp.
List of people attending Conference, 9pp.
Conference on American Relations with China Bulletin, no. I-V, September 1-15, 1925, 32pp.
- F. 5 A Chronological and Topical Account of the Special Conference on Chinese Customs Tariff, 1925-1926, 158pp. Initials SKH (Stanley K. Hornbeck) appear throughout, so he is the likely author. Outer folder marks this as Strawn's copy of the confidential report.
- F. 6 Report of the Commission on Extraterritoriality in China. Opening session held January 12, 1926.
Introductory remarks - pt. I, pp. 1-61; Present Practice of Extraterritoriality in China.
- F. 7 Report of the Commission on Extraterritoriality. . . Pt. II, pp. 62-131; The Laws and Judicial and Prison Systems of China.
- F. 8 Report of the Commission on Extraterritoriality. . . Pt. III-IV, pp. 132-166; Administration of Justice in China; Recommendations.
- F. 9 Silas H. Strawn, Chairman of the Commission; The Report of the Commission on Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in China (carbon copy), 31pp.
- F.10 Declaration of the Chinese Commissioner, 1p.
Memorandum. . .on the present practice of extraterritorial jurisdiction in China, 3/23/26, 13pp.
Additional memorandum. . .4/26/26, 8pp.
- F.11 Statement of Silas H. Strawn on the Tariff Conference and the Extraterritoriality Commission (carbon copy), 14pp.
The Special Conference on Chinese Customs Tariff and the Commission on Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in China, 15pp.
Interview with Russian Ambassador Karakhan, 2/15/26, 5pp.

- F.12 Strawn speeches in China, 1925-1926.
Remarks at the University of China, 11/27/25, 6pp.
Remarks at the Peking University, 12/17/25, 5pp.
Address. . .Tsing Hua College, Peking, 1/15/26, 12pp.
Locarno; address. . .before the Peking American Women's
College Club, 4/5/26, 16pp.
- F.13 Strawn speeches in the U.S., 1926-1927.
China Today; an address before the China Society of
New York, n.d., 21pp (incomplete)
Address to the National Union of Students, Cambridge,
3/30/26, 6pp.
Address . . .Chicago Association of Commerce, 10/27/26,
12pp.
Address before the Canadian Club, Ottawa, Canada,
3/5/27, 18pp.
The American Businessman in the Far East; address before
the Export Managers' Club of New York, 3/22/27, 18pp.
- F.14 Lt. Col. Stanley K. Hornbeck
The Present Situation in China, 1/11/27, 22pp.
The Situation in China, 2/12/27, 53pp. (notecards)
The Situation in China (New York, China Society, April,
1927), 23pp.
- F.15 Misc. reports, addresses or memos on China
Memorandum on American Policy in the Far East, 20pp.
China and the Chinese, 15pp.
The Truth about China, 7pp.
A Few Facts about China, 13pp.
- F.16 Newspaper clippings, 1923-1927.
- F.17 Periodicals and pamphlets.
W.E. Soothill, A History of China (London, 1927), 79pp.
H.G.W. Woodhead, Leading Statesmen of Modern China,
1925, 12pp.
International Conciliation; Diplomatic Relations
between the United States and Japan, 1908-1924, June,
1925, no. 211; 219pp.
The Nation, 11/24/26, with "The Edge of China" by Lewis
S. Gannett, pp. 526-527.
The China Weekly Review; special number on Extraterri-
toriality, 6/19/26; 88pp.