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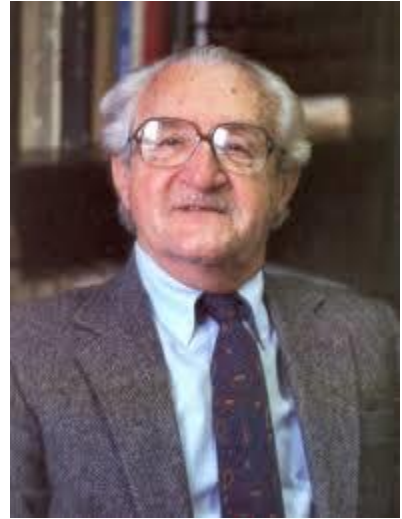
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Biographical Note

Dr. Edward Chaszar (September 29, 1920-September 11, 2011) was born in Nagyrákos, a small Hungarian town at the intersection of Austria, Hungary, and the former Yugoslavia. He actively participated in Boy Scouts and attended the World Jamborees in Hungary (1933), the Netherlands (1937), and in Canada (1955). He studied law and political science in Budapest, when in 1944, he was drafted into the Hungarian Army during World War Two. His unit chose to surrender to the United States Army in Austria rather than to the advancing Soviet Army. In 1950, he was sponsored to immigrate to the United States and lived in Ohio. Edward Chaszar remained active in the Boy Scouts of America and troops in Cleveland, Ohio. He married Maja Hartmann, and had three children. In the aftermath of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956, he reached out to young refugees, providing counseling and acting as interpreter. His commitment to help the advancement of young people was one of the hallmarks of his life.



He pursued graduate studies in politics and government at Case Western Reserve University to focus on international law, international organizations and world politics. In 1969, he joined the faculty of Indiana University (IUP) to teach those subjects. He earned his Ph.D. from George Washington University in 1972. After teaching at IUP for more than 22 years, Dr. Chaszar retired as Professor Emeritus of Political Science of Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1991.

His professional and personal life was dedicated to the rights of ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities throughout the world. While teaching international law and politics at IUP for over 22 years (1969-1991), Dr. Chaszar was engaged in research on the human rights of national and ethnic minorities. His many published articles, papers and books include *Decision in Vienna: The Czechoslovak-Hungarian border dispute of 1938* (1978) and *The International Problem of National Minorities* (1988 and 1999). For 14 years, he participated in the work of United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva.

Dr. Edward Chaszar was also a human rights activist who spoke up and provided assistance to minority politicians such as Miklós Duray, the ethnic Hungarian leader persecuted under the Communist regime of Czechoslovakia, and later sponsored Duray's visit to the United States. He was a founding member of Hungarian American Coalition and was Secretary General of the National Committee of Hungarians in Slovakia, a human rights organization focusing on the human rights of the Hungarian community of Slovakia. In recognition of his concern for minorities, in 1992 he was awarded the Officers' Cross of Merit by the President of Hungary "for meritorious service on behalf of national minorities." For many members of the Hungarian communities in the Americas and Europe, "Csede ba" will be remembered

as an engaging scout leader, with a song in his heart, who looked forward to attending the annual Hungarian scout camps in upstate New York.

Scope and Content Note

Dr. Edward Chaszar was an internationally known political science teacher for 22 years at IUP (1969-1991). He was heavily engaged in research and activities involving human rights of national and ethnic minorities. The collection documents his career in three series, and includes manuscripts, and correspondences. Some items in this collection are restricted, and permission is needed for their use. See also Record Group 64 Publications for additional works.

Series Descriptions

Series A: Bound Volumes

This series, contained in boxes one, two, and three, includes originals and copies of papers and articles published by Chaszar, including his M.A. thesis and doctoral dissertation, as well as copies of lectures presented both at IUP and at many human rights conferences.

Series B: Correspondence 1969-1991

Arranged chronologically by the donor, these papers, in boxes three, four, and five, contain materials relating to the "Case of Dr. Duray." (Dr. Miklos Duray was a former Czechoslovakian prisoner who was released following a concerted effort by the campus chapter of Amnesty International, and who came to IUP in 1988 and embarked on a year-long lecture tour of the U.S.) Additional papers in this series reflect other professional and personal highlights in Dr. Chaszar's career.

Series C: Bound Volumes of Restricted Correspondence

These three bound volumes contain (1) Correspondence, In Hungarian, titled "Material Concerning Transylvania, (2) Correspondence dated 1979-1990 titled "Concerning Trips to Geneva." And, (3) correspondence dated 1978- 1985, in Hungarian. This series is contained in box five.

Provenance

Donated by Dr. Edward Chaszar.

Restrictions

Access to part of Box 5 of the Edward Chaszar Collection requires special permission.

Processor

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Container List

Series A: Bound Volumes

Box 1

Volume 1

1. "The Interrelation of Law and Politics"
2. "The Importance of Peaceful Settlement"

3. "The Law in Pacific Settlement"
4. "Programs for World Peace"
5. "Recognition"
6. "The Law and Politics of Recognition"
7. "The Question of a Neutral Zone in Central Europe, September 1967"
8. "Case on Methods Short of War"
9. "Case on Alliances"
10. "Treaties"
11. "The Effect of Mineral Products on the National Income"

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Volume 2: Papers presented by Edward Chaszar, 1973-1978

12. "The United Nations and the Problem of Protecting the Rights of Minorities"
13. "NGO Report from Geneva: Protecting the Rights of Minorities"
14. "The International Protection of Minorities: A Status Report"
15. "Human Rights Report from Geneva for 1986"
16. "The Hungarian Minority in Czechoslovakia: A Status Report"
17. "Are There Two Latin Americas?"
18. "Christian Marxism: The Political Philosophy of the Brazilian Popular Action"
19. "The Attitudes of Young Catholic Elites toward Christian Democracy in Brazil"
20. "The Alliance for Progress in Brazil under Goulart, 1961-1964"
21. "Students and Politics in Brazil under Goulart"
22. "Environmental Management Problems in Pennsylvania"

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Volume 3: Papers presented by Edward Chaszar, 1977-1989

23. "The United States & Central Europe"
24. "The Consequences of the Central European National Revolutions for International Law & Diplomacy"
25. "Can the United Nations Protect the Rights of Minorities"
26. "Setting Standards for the Protection of Minority Rights in the United Nations"
27. "National Interests and the Setting of Standards for the Protection of Minority Rights in the United Nations"
28. "International Protection of Minorities in the Middle East: A Status Report"
29. Translation of Title: Group Rights and the Protection of Minorities in the United Nations: Current Status (Text in German)
30. "The Ethnic Principle and National Boundaries: A Case Study of the Czechoslovak-Hungarian Border Dispute of 1938."

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Volume 4: Papers on Soviet and Eastern Europe Affairs

31. "The Liberation of Eastern Europe"
32. "The Communist Takeover of Danubian Europe" (In 5 Parts)
33. "The Concepts of Law in Soviet Russia"
34. "Yugoslavia: Ally of the West?"

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Volume 5: Papers on Latin America

35. "The Brazilian Student Movement"
36. "Are There Two Latin Americas?"
37. "Ideological Problems of 'The National Liberation Movement' in Latin America"
38. "The Inter-American Peace System in Theory and Practice"
39. "Trends in Christian Democracy: Italy"
40. "The Alliance for Progress in Brazil under Goulart, 1961-1964"
41. "The Attitudes of Young Catholic Elites toward Christian Democracy in Brazil"

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Volume 6: Decision in Vienna: The Czechoslovak-Hungarian Border Dispute of 1938

42. Manuscript: Edward Chaszar's master's thesis at Western University, Cleveland, Ohio, 1958.
Published by Danubian Press Inc. Astor, Florida.

Series A: Bound Volumes

Box 2

Volume 7: Book Reviews

1. "Papers in Hungarian"
2. "Papers in Hungarian"
3. "Central Europe Symposium" Portola Valley, 1988
4. "Papers Published by Minority Rights Research Program" (Edward Chaszar, Director) Minority Rights Research Program Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 1985-1991
5. Professor Chaszar's Correspondence with the Internationales Institut fur Nationalitatenrecht und Regionalismus, 1982-1989
6. The Hungarian Quarterly (Bound Magazines)
Volume 7: International Law: Syllabus, Cases, and Materials
7. Course Outline
8. File: Human Rights (Course Syllabus and Materials)
9. Research Monograph: "The Attitudes of Young Elites Toward Strategies of Political Development in Brazil," 1973

Series A: Bound Volumes

Box 2 (continued)

Volume 8: Staff Discussion Papers, George Washington University, Washington D.C.

10. "Science and Technology in the Theories of Social and Political Alienation," 1967
11. "Science and Technology in the Theories of Social and Political Alienation," 1969

12. Explorer Post #11 at IUP, 1983-1991
13. Graduate Students: Theses

Series B: Correspondence

Box 3

1. Correspondence, 1970-1971
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12. Correspondence, 1981-1982
13. Correspondence, 1982-1983
14. Correspondence, 1984-1985
15. Correspondence, 1986-1987
16. Duray: Publicity and Travel Arrangements and Itinerary- Visiting Scholar at IUP, 1987-1988
17. National Endowment for Democracy (NED) Duray: Grant (not awarded)
18. Hungarian Human Rights Foundation
19. Fund For Free Expression
20. Speeches & Lectures: Printed Copies; (in both English and Hungarian)
21. Memoranda: (in Hungarian and English)
22. Master Copies: Duray papers on Human Rights
23. Duray Case: Newspaper Articles, Press Releases, Correspondence

Series B: Correspondence

Box 4 (25 folders)

1. Accident Report
2. Duray Case: Petitions; Correspondence
3. Duray Case: Petitions; Correspondence
4. Duray Case: Petitions; Correspondence
5. Emeritus Status/Documents
6. Emeritus Status/Documents
7. Academic Violations
8. Hungarian Human Rights Foundation (old) Grants
9. Minority Rights Research Program
10. Minority Rights Book Records
11. Proposals
12. Released time, Fall 1984; Spring 1986
13. Release time

14. Sabbatical Leave Act
15. Distinguished Faculty Award
16. Evaluation Forms
17. Chaszar: IUP File
18. IUP & Chaszar
19. Minorities and Human Rights- Recent
20. Submission to Proteus
21. Princeton Conference
22. Capitol Hill Testimony
23. Central European Forum
24. Hungarian Quarterly
25. HHRF (Hungarian-American Human Rights Foundation)

Series B: Correspondence

Box 5 (15 folders)

1. Slovak Documents
2. The Yellow Book of Documents on the Hungarian Minority in Czechoslovakia, 1979-1980
3. The Yellow Book of Documents on the Hungarian Minority in Czechoslovakia, 1984-1987
4. Lecture by Dr. Puspoki Nagy Peter
5. Background information on Dr. Puspoki Nagy Peter
6. Material and correspondence concerning Transylvania
7. Charles Wojatsek proposal to study abroad

Series C: Restricted Materials

Box 5 (continued)

8. Academic Violations
9. Duray Defense Fund Final Accounting
10. Duray Defense Fund Final Accounting
11. Duray Defense Fund Final Accounting
12. CSMNB National Committee from Czechoslovakia, 1978-1985
13. CSMNB, 1990-1991
14. CSMNB, 1990-1991
15. United Nations Commission on Human Rights: Correspondence concerning trips to Geneva, 1979-1990