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Claude Stewart Collection of Kathleen Crowe/Angelica Balabanoff Papers
1940-1963

Gift of Claude Stewart

Consists of Angelica Balabanoff's personal correspondence to Kathleen Crowe, 1940-1963

Angelica Balabanoff (Anzhelika Balabanova, Balabanov) (1877-1965) was born at Chernigov, in Ukraine, Russian Empire, 14 August, 1877, and died in Rome, Italy, on November 25, 1965. The sixteenth child of prosperous businessman Isaak Balabanov, she was educated at Princess Obelenskaia Institute in Kharkov and at the New University of Brussels, 1897-99, where she took a degree in literature and philosophy, and steeped herself in Marxist thought. She later travelled in Germany studying at Leipzig and Berlin, before moving to Rome in 1900. She followed the lectures of Antonio Labriola, joined the Italian Socialist Party (PSI) in 1902, and remained active in PSI's branch in Switzerland until 1910. She was a close friend of Benito Mussolini from 1904-1914. Balabanoff first met Mussolini in 1904 when he attended one of her lectures in Lausanne. She attempted to complete his political education, lending him books, helping him earn money by translating a German Socialist tract into Italian and introduced him to other Italian socialists. He rose quickly within the party and in 1912 he agreed to edit *Avanti!*, in Milan, only if his one-time mentor became his co-editor and assistant. She associated with most of the Russian Socialist exiles in Switzerland, such as Vladimir Ilich Lenin, Julius Martov and Leon Trotsky. In 1906 she founded *Su, compagne*, at Lugano, Switzerland, a journal for Socialist women. She was involved with the 'intransigent' wing of the party and was a member of the PSI executive from 1912-1917, campaigning strongly for women's rights with the Italian Socialist Party. She proposed a general strike against war at the Socialist International office meeting in Brussels, July, 1914. In 1915 she moved back to Switzerland and organized and attended Zimmerwald and Kienthal conferences. In the summer of 1917 she visited Russia and joined the Bolshevik Party. She was secretary of the International Socialist Bureau in Stockholm, forming a major link between the Bolsheviks and Western parties. She returned to Russia in autumn of 1918 and helped found the Comintern, becoming secretary of its executive committee in May of 1919. She resigned in 1921 after many disagreements with the Bolsheviks, and returned, disillusioned, to the West. From 1921-1926 she took up residence in Vienna, moving to Paris to help edit *Avanti!* from 1926-1930, and to represent PSI in *Concentrazione antifascista*. She led the maximalist opposition within the PSI to reunification with the Social Democrats in 1930, forming the Maximalist Socialist Party in protest. In 1935 she moved to the United States, returned to Italy after World War II, joining the Socialist Party of Italian Workers in 1947, remaining an active Social Democrat until her death in Rome, 1965.

--from: *Biographical Dictionary of European Labor Leaders*. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press and *Women in World History: A Biographical Encyclopedia*, Volume 2. Woodbridge, Connecticut: Yorkin Publications, 1999.

Kathleen Crowe was an actress living in New York City and a close personal friend of Balabanoff's.

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Extent: 1 box (13 cm)

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Box 1 84 folders	Correspondence Angelica Balabanoff to Kathleen Crowe, 1940-1963 2 black and white photographs of Angelica Balabanoff
Folder 1	AB to KC 1940? 1 ANS 2 ALS 1 fragment ANS
Folder 2	AB to KC 194-? 3 ANS Rome, Florence
Folder 3	AB to KC March 14, ca. 1940 Rome 1 ALS with envelope
Folder 4	Testimonial Dinner in Honour of Angelica Balabanoff Invitation, 1940 New York City, Astoria neighborhood
Folder 5	AB to KC February 28, 1941 New York 1 ANS
Folder 6	AB to KC May 16, 1941 Poughkeepsie, New York 1 AN
Folder 7	AB to KC June 19, 1941 Poughkeepsie, New York 1 ALS with envelope
Folder 8	AB to KC July 1941 Poughkeepsie, New York 1 ANS

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Folder 9	AB to KC July 24, 1941 Poughkeepsie, New York 1 ANS
Folder 10	AB to KC August 26, 1941 New York 1 ANS
Folder 11	AB to KC 1941 3 ANS 1 envelope
Folder 12	AB to KC May 1, 1942 Boston 1 ANS
Folder 13	AB to KC May 2, 1942 Boston 1 ANS
Folder 14	AB to KC June 9, 1942 Carmel, New York 1 ANS
Folder 15	AB to KC November 10, 1942 Chicago 1 ANS
Folder 16	AB to KC 1942 1 ANS
Folder 17	AB to KC 1942 1 ANS
Folder 18	AB to KC Ca. 1942-1946

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	1 ANS
Folder 19	AB to KC January 15, 1943 New York 1 ANS
Folder 20	AB to KC September 12, 1944 New York 1 ANS
Folder 21	AB to KC October 12, 1944 New York 1 ALS 1 envelope
Folder 22	AB to KC 1/12/1945 New York 1 ALS 1 envelope
Folder 23	AB to KC 3/15/1945 1 ALS
Folder 24	AB to KC March 24, 1945 New York 1 ALS 1 envelope
Folder 25	AB to KC April 9, 1945 New York 1 ANS
Folder 26	AB to KC 8/20/1945 1 ALS
Folder 27	AB to KC 10/10/1945 Rome

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	1 ANS
Folder 28	AB to KC 31/11/1945 Rome 1 ALS
Folder 29	AB to KC 12/14/1945 New York 1 ALS 1 envelope
Folder 30	AB to KC 3/8/1946 New York 1 ALS on AB's letterhead
Folder 31	AB to KC October 21, 1946 Chicago 1 ANS
Folder 32	AB to KC January 3, 1947 1 ALS
Folder 33	AB to KC January 6, 1947 1 ALS
Folder 34	AB to KC 1/20/1947 Rome 1 ALS 1 envelope
Folder 35	AB to KC February 2, 1947 Rome 1 ALS 1 envelope
Folder 36	AB to KC October 23, 1947 Paris

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	1 ANS
Folder 37	AB to KC 1947 1 envelope
Folder 38	AB to KC 1947 1 ANS
Folder 39	AB to KC July 15, 1948 Yellow Springs, Ohio 1 ANS
Folder 40	AB to KC 1948 Florence 1 ALS 1 envelope
Folder 41	AB to KC 14/1/1949 Rome Written in French and English 1 ANS
Folder 42	AB to KC 1949 San Remo, Italy 1 ANS
Folder 43	AB to KC 4/VII/1949 1 ALS
Folder 44	AB to KC 2/I/1950 Rome 1 ANS
Folder 45	AB to KC 4/2/1950 Rome 1 ALS with one loose page

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Folder 46	AB to KC August 13, 1950 New York 1 ANS
Folder 47	AB to KC October 15, 1950 New York 1 ANS
Folder 48	AB to KC April 20, 1951 New York 1 ANS
Folder 49	AB to KC September 13, 1952 Rome 1 ANS
Folder 50	AB to KC Ca. 1952-1954 Rome 1 ANS
Folder 51	AB to KC 2/2/1953 Rome 1 ALS
Folder 52	AB to KC 1951/1952 and 1953 2 ANS 1 visitor's card
Folder 53	AB to KC 1953 1 ANS on photocard of AB at socialist ceremony
Folder 54	AB to KC 2/2/1955 Rome 1 ANS
Folder 55	AB to KC

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	August 16, 1955 1 ALS
Folder 56	AB to KC 1955 Rome 1 ANS
Folder 57	AB to KC 1955 1 ANS
Folder 58	AB to KC January 15, 1956 1 ANS
Folder 59	AB to KC January 29, 1956 Rome 1 ANS
Folder 60	AB to KC 1956 New York 1 ANS
Folder 61	AB to KC 30/4/1957 Rome 1 ANS
Folder 62	AB to KC 22/11/1957 Rome 1 ANS
Folder 63	AB to KC 1957? Rome 1 ANS
Folder 64	AB to KC 1958 Rome 1 ALS

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Folder 65	AB to KC 1958-1959 Rome 1 ANS
Folder 66	AB to KC 1/15/1959 Rome 1 ALS
Folder 67	AB to KC 6/12/1959 Rome 1 ANS
Folder 68	AB to KC 10/XI/1959 Rome 1 ANS
Folder 69	AB to KC 195-? Rome 1 ANS – water damaged
Folder 70	AB to KC 195-? Naples 1 ANS
Folder 71	AB to KC 1960 Rome 1 ALS
Folder 72	AB to KC 10/1/1961 Rome 1 ALS
Folder 73	AB to KC 18/II/1961 Rome 1 ANS
Folder 74	AB to KC

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	1963 Rome 1 ANS
Folder 75	AB to KC June 25 1 ALS
Folder 76	AB to KC Hollywood, Florida 1 ALS
Folder 77	AB to KC New York 1 ALS
Folder 78	AB to KC New York 1 ANS fragment
Folder 79	AB to KC Rome 1 ANS
Folder 80	AB to KC Undated 2 ALS 1 ANS
Folder 81	AB to KC Undated New York or New Jersey 3 ALS
Folder 82	"The Voice of Humanity, The Voice of Socialism" typescript
Folder 83	Photographs of Angelica Balabanoff 2 black and white
Folder 84	Daybook Kathleen Crowe 1997