

McDonald's diaries record meetings with Hitler and Mussolini; Presidents Hoover, ^{the} Roosevelt and Truman; Cardinal Pacelli, the future Pope Pius XII; and Israeli leaders such as David Ben Gurion and Golda Meir, among many others.

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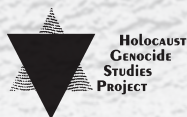
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Through a number of key diplomatic posts—from League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the 1930s to the first U.S. Ambassador to Israel in 1949—James Grover McDonald was witness to many of the defining moments of the 20th century. A shrewd observer, McDonald meticulously recorded his extraordinary insights into their thoughts and motives in his diaries—which until April 2004 were hidden from the public eye.

Archivist Stephen Mize tells of the search and acquisition of this extraordinary diary that is now part of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Collection.



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