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**Title:** Morgan Philips Price Collection

**Name of creator:** Price, Morgan Philips (1885-1972)

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**Biographical history:** PRICE, Morgan Philips (1885-1972)

Born 29 January 1885, son of Major William Price and Margaret Price (née Philips). Educated Harrow; Trinity College, Cambridge. Travelled in Central Asia, Siberia, Persia, Turkey, 1908-14; Liberal candidate for Gloucester (City), 1911-14; correspondent of *Manchester Guardian* in Russia, 1914-18; joined ILP and Labour Party, 1919; correspondent of *Daily Herald* in Berlin, 1919-23; Parliamentary Labour Party candidate for Gloucester (City) in General Elections of 1922, 1923 and 1924; MP (Lab.) Whitehaven Division of Cumberland, 1929-31; Forest of Dean Division of Gloucestershire, 1935-50; West Division of Gloucestershire, 1950-59; PPS to Sir Charles Trevelyan, 1929-31; Forestry Commissioner, 1942-45; Parliamentary Charity Commissioner, 1945-50. Married, 1919, Elisa Balster: 1 son, 1 daughter. Died 23 September 1973.

**Scope and content:** Papers relating to Philips Price's travels in, or research on, Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, Afghanistan, Kurdistan, Armenia, & USSR. Including notes "Zeitun: a remarkable Armenian stronghold", 2 January 1914; memo on a Persian visit in October 1953; unpublished MS entitled "The National Revolution in Turkey, Persia and the Middle East"; diaries of travels in Iran, Iraq and Turkey, 1947; memos, notes and interviews relating to Afghanistan, Turkey, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, 1946-53, including interviews with the Shah; correspondence 1941-59; press-cuttings relating to the Middle East 1889-1972. Photographic collection.

**System of arrangement:** Unpublished MSS & diaries; memoranda, notes, interviews & articles; correspondence; presscuttings & pamphlets; additional papers

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English

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**Custodial history:** In the possession of Morgan Philips Price

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**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE MORGAN PHILIPS PRICE  
COLLECTION**

**Unpublished Manuscripts and Diaries**

Box 1

File 1	Unpublished Manuscript entitled 'The National Revolutions in Turkey, Persia and the Middle East'. Five chapters covering the period 1912-1947	
File 2	Diary of M. Philips Price's travels in Iraq, Syria, Iran and Egypt	1945-1946
File 3	Diary of M. Philips Price's travels in Palestine	1946
File 4	Diary of M. Philips Price's travels in Turkey and Iran	1947

**Memoranda, notes, interviews and articles**

Box 2

File 1	A Article entitled 'The Persian situation' written for <i>Contemporary Review</i>	[1946]
	B Memo sent to the Russian Embassy and the Foreign Office re: the Russian presence in Iran	1946
	C Lecture entitled 'Afghanistan. Relic of the Ancient World'	1949
	D Lecture on Pakistan given to the East India Association	1949
	E Notes on a journey through Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon	1950
	F Press and radio interviews – Turkey, Iran and Syria	1950-1953
File 2	A Notes and articles on Iran	1951
	B Notes on a visit to Iran which includes details of an interview with the Shah	1953
File 3	A Notes for lectures on the Middle East	c1953
	B Notes on a journey to Turkey (including an interview with Halide Edib) Syria, Iraq, Jordan and Iran	1953
	C Notes on a visit to Iran	1962

**Correspondence 1941-1963**

File 4	A	Correspondence re: Cyprus and Aden	1941-1957
	B	Correspondence with Sir R Bullard, Sir Percy Lorraine, Antony Nutting and others re: E. Turkey, Iran, Anglo-Iraqi relations etc	1951-1958
	C	Letters from constituents about Suez	1956
	D	Correspondence about the Asswan Dam and Nile waters	1956-1959
	E	Correspondence and pamphlets about the Dead Sea Scrolls	1959-1963
	F	File containing names and addresses of M. Philips Price's contacts in the Middle East	

**Press Cuttings and Pamphlets**

**Box 3**

File 1		Iran – History and literature	1889-1964
File 2		Iran – Economic and Social Policy	1911-1953
File 3		Iran – Foreign Relations	1945-1971
File 4		Iran – Oil	1946-1956
File 5		Iran – Agriculture, villages etc	1949-1970

**Box 4**

File 1	A	Kashmir	1948-1957
	B	Afghanistan	1949-1968
File 2	A	Turkey – the Straits	1940-1957
	B	Cuttings from Turkish newspapers	1946-1948
File 3	A	Turkey – Constitution and justice	1946-1951
	B	Turkey – Trade and industry	1947-1959
File 4	A	Turkey – Education and welfare	1947-1968
	B	Turkey - Defence	1950-1960

**Box 5**

File 1	A	Turkey - Finance	1950-1962
	B	Turkey – Economic development	1950-1964
File 2	A	Turkey – History and general affairs	1950-1969

	B Turkey - Antiquities	1950-1969
File 3	Turkey – General Affairs	1968-1972

Box 6

File 1	A Iraq and the Arab Middle East	1930-1966
	B Middle East defence, Baghdad Pact	1951-1957
File 2	A Prospects of peace in the Middle East	1941-1971
	B Islam, communism, nationalism	1948-1966

**Philips Price Additional Papers**

Box 7

File 1	Turkey – Correspondence, press cuttings and memoranda	1946-1966
File 2	Kurdistan and Armenia – correspondence, press cuttings, articles and notes	1946-1966
File 3	Turkey – file containing names and addresses of M. Philip’s Price’s contacts	1947-1969
File 4	Georgian Churches in Turkey. Correspondence and press cuttings	1954-1968
File 5	A Notes on a journey to Turkey 1956, covering home and foreign affairs, recent history, Van vilayet, economics, art and letters, Jacobite Church history	1956
	B Notes on a journey to Iraq 1956, covering Mosul Oil Field and Jacobite Christians in Mosul	1956
	C Notes on a journey to Turkey in 1960, covering agriculture, political situation, education and forestry	1960

Box 8

File 1	Armenia – articles, press cuttings and correspondence (includes an article on the Armenian massacre of 1915)	1963-1970
File 2	U.S.S.R. – press cuttings, articles, book reviews and maps	1949-1971
File 3	Kazakhstan – correspondence, press cuttings and articles	1952-1967
File 4	Typed articles	
	A G.K. Dulling ‘Turkic Languages of the U.S.S.R.’	

- B C.G. Simpson 'A new classification of Turkic languages'
- C 'A note on the history of the Turco – Caucasian border' no author stated
- D O.N. Kazara 'Georgia and Turkey – the historical background'

File 5 Pamphlets and articles

- A 'Intelligence reports concerning Tribal repercussions to the events in the Punjab, Kashmir and India (Lahore, 1943) 1948
- B S.D. Joumalieff 'The Greco – Bulgarian frontier, the Aegean and Greek territorial claims' (Sofia 1946) 1946
- C 'Afghanistan' Vol II no. 4 (1947) and Vol III no. 1 (1948) 1947-1948
- D 'Inside Kashmir' (Lahore 1948) 1948
- E 'Iran Today' Vol II (7) Serial No. 14
- F 'An Economic Survey of Iran' published by the Iranian Embassy, London 1957 1957
- G Map of the city of Kabul. Scale 1" = 150 yards not dated