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PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS CONCERNING EAST-CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPE IN THE LIBRARY OF THE HOOVER INSTITUTION

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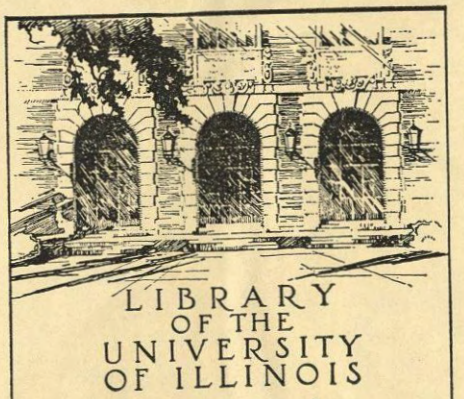
A Checklist



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Explanatory Note

The enclosed list of periodicals and newspapers published in the countries of East-Central and East Europe, and by emigres from these countries, includes only titles currently received by the Library of the Hoover Institution during the year 1958. It was compiled and produced primarily for administrative use by the staff of the Institution, but it also will provide quick information to the user and prospective user of the Hoover Institution's Library.

The titles included in this list are serial publications concerned with East European affairs in general (EASTERN EUROPE - GENERAL) as well as with matters related to the following countries:

RUSSIA
BULGARIA
CZECHOSLOVAKIA
GREECE
HUNGARY
POLAND
RUMANIA
YUGOSLAVIA

Following the multi-lingual pattern of East Europe, the periodicals and newspapers listed here are published in 15 native languages of the area (Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Estonian, Greek, Hungarian, Latvian, Polish, Rumanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Slovenian, Ukrainian, White Russian), in four Western languages (English, French, German and Italian), the language of the large Moslem group in Soviet Asia (Turkic), and a dialect which has its old-established rights in East Europe, Yiddish.

Some of the listed titles should be classified as "government documents", and in another area collection would certainly be separated as such. In East Europe, with the single exception of Greece, all publications are produced by the governments of the particular countries or under their strict control. From the 77 items received from the Soviet Union perhaps only one, the monthly organ of the Patriarchate of the Orthodox Church, can qualify as a non-governmental publication. Hence, in this area the distinction between "government documents" and private publications is nonexistent, or illusory at best. For practical reasons this separation has been avoided.

The number and scope of periodicals and newspapers from the particular countries reflect the Hoover Institution's collecting interest. The major collection on Russia attracts the largest number of users, both local students and visiting scholars. It

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therefore receives commensurate attention in the compilation of subscription lists. Second priority goes to the collections on Czechoslovakia, Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia. The remaining East European countries are less well covered. In addition to the importance of the country in the world community and the demand on the part of our users, budgetary considerations and shelving space also influence the shaping of the acquisitions policy in respect to newspapers and periodicals.

The geographical spread of the coverage of particular countries is expressed by the following figures:

List Numbers:	Country	Periodicals	Newspapers	Total
1 - 34	EASTERN EUROPE - GENERAL	34	-	34
35 - 183	RUSSIA	128	21	149
184 - 188	BULGARIA	3	2	5
189 - 229	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	38	3	41
230 - 233	GREECE	3	1	4
234 - 238	HUNGARY	3	2	5
239 - 275	POLAND	30	7	37
276 - 294	RUMANIA	14	5	19
295 - 314	YUGOSLAVIA	14	6	20
	TOTAL:	267	47	314

Owing to the great interest of Western scholars in current East European affairs, one-third of these publications (105) are published in four Western languages (English - 79, German - 14, French - 10, Italian - 2), whereas the remaining two-thirds (209) are published in the native languages of the area (Russian - 87, Polish - 31, Czech - 24, Ukrainian - 16, Rumanian - 14, Serbian - 11, and the remainder in ten other native languages and in Yiddish). The comparatively large number of 79 English language publications originate not only in English-speaking countries, but also in the East European countries which are eager to offer information on their affairs in English. These publications facilitate the limited study of East European affairs by persons who do not have command of the native languages of the area.

Almost all subscriptions of newspapers and periodicals in 1958 were continuations of files available for many years in the Hoover Tower. Only seven titles represented new subscriptions in 1958. They are mostly titles that started to appear during this year. In 1959 about twenty new subscriptions will be added and five older ones will be dropped.

One item (No. 85) deals with Chinese affairs and belongs to the Chinese Collection. It is listed here in order to show all titles received by the Institution from the Soviet Union.

Finally, it should be mentioned that about three-fourths of these serials reach the Hoover Institution as paid subscriptions and one-fourth as gifts of the publishers or by exchange.

The ground work for this list was done by Mrs. Marina Tinkoff, Junior Librarian in the East European Collection. For the classification of particular groups, the final checking, and the acquisitions policy which resulted in this list, I am responsible.

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