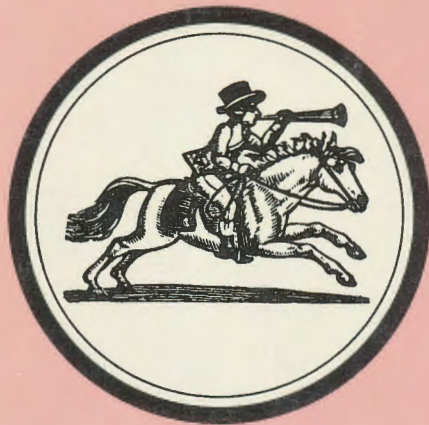


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Among the approximately five hundred formal papers and additional papers presented at the Congress, more than 150 were submitted for consideration to the editorial committee for the official English-language Congress publications. From among these a substantial number have been accepted for publication in the series of thirteen volumes to be published by Berkeley Slavic Specialties (Berkeley, CA, USA), Pergamon Press (New York, NY, USA), Russica Publishers (New York, NY, USA), and Martinus Nijhoff Publishers (The Hague, The Netherlands). In addition, several other volumes are scheduled for publication in Germany.

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