

News of the Profession

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CONFERENCES

Reports on the following conferences will be given in the AAASS *Newsletter*:

Sixth International Congress of Slavists, Prague, Czechoslovakia, August 7-13, 1968.

Fourth Congress of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, Washington, D.C., August 30-September 1, 1968.

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

The CIC Cooperative Summer Institute in Slavic Language and Area Studies will be held at the University of Michigan, June 26-August 17.

A part of the Codex Suprasliensis recently turned up in the United States. Through the efforts of R. G. Dennis, III, of the Harvard University Library it was bought by H. B. Moeller, president of Atalanta Products Corporation of New York City,

and in a ceremony at the Polish Embassy in Washington on January 25 was presented to His Excellency Jerzy Michałowski, the Ambassador, to be returned to the National Library in Warsaw. The manuscript was authenticated by Horace G. Lunt of Harvard as the Warsaw section of the Old Church Slavonic monument, which had been missing since 1944.

APPOINTMENTS AND STAFF CHANGES

Brooklyn College: Fan Parker promoted to professor of Russian language and literature. *University of California, Los Angeles*: Henrik Birnbaum appointed director, Russian and East European Studies Center; Lucille Liets appointed administrative assistant. *University of Hawaii*: Betty Jo Winchester of Indiana University appointed acting assistant professor of history. *Hunter College*: Filia Holtzman promoted to associate professor and put in charge of the Russian Division. *Library of Congress*: Frank M. Reilly promoted to senior analyst. *Manhattanville College*: Jane P. Shapiro promoted to assistant professor of political science.

Miami University: Samuel Lieberstein of Wisconsin State University appointed assistant professor of history. *University of Nevada*: Harold L. Kirkpatrick promoted to associate professor of European history and named assistant dean, College of Arts and Sciences. *North Dakota State University*: Yur-Bok Lee of Little Rock University appointed associate professor of Asian and Russian studies. *University of Plano*: Genevieve V. de Chellis of the Library of Congress appointed professor and chairman of the Department of History and Political Science. *Pomona College*: Vladimir G. Ulitin promoted to associate professor of Russian. *Principia College*: Marina Bliss promoted to assistant professor of foreign languages. *Skidmore College*: Philip S. Gillette of Harvard University appointed instructor in government.

State University College of New York, Oneonta: Robert Kragalott promoted to associate professor of history. *State University of New York, Binghamton*: William W. Derbyshire named chairman, Department of Russian Language and Literature. *State University of New York, Stony Brook*: Egon Neuberger of the Rand Corporation appointed professor of economics. *U. S. Atomic*

Energy Commission: Richard D. Hughes of Sacramento State College appointed foreign affairs officer.

NOTES

Contributions both to this section and to the *Newsletter* are welcome at any time. The deadlines for inclusion in this section are November 15 for the March issue, February 15 for the June issue, May 15 for the September issue, and August 15 for the December issue. The deadlines for the *Newsletter* are March 15 for the spring issue and October 15 for the fall issue. Send all items to Frank Y. Gladney in care of the AAASS in Urbana.

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ALEXANDER G. KOROL, 1900–1967

Alexander G. Korol, Research Associate of the Center for International Studies, M.I.T., died of cancer on October 12, 1967.

Alex Korol led an exceptional life. The son of a tsarist exile in Siberia, he was born and received his early education in Irkutsk. During the Civil War he emerged the sole survivor from an encounter with an impromptu Bolshevik firing squad and in 1920, along with fellow cadets at the Naval Academy in Vladivostok, commandeered a ship and escaped to Japan. For the next three years he lived the life of a merchant seaman, with a brief interlude as a student at the Ecole National des Langues Orientales Vivantes in Paris. He emigrated to Seattle in 1923, where he attended the University of Washington for a year before joining an engineering firm as draftsman and, eventually, chief engineer. In 1936 he accepted a position with Hawaiian Tuna Packers, Ltd., in Honolulu, and became manager and vice president of the firm.

After the war, at the age of forty-eight, Korol decided to leave the business world and resume the education interrupted so many years before. He spent a semester at George Washington University, then transferred to Columbia, where he received the B.S. degree in economics in 1950 and the M.A. in 1952, along with the Certificate of the Russian Institute. Following a brief period with the New York office of the Harvard Russian Research Center's Project on the Soviet Social System, he joined the newly organized Center for International Studies at M.I.T. as one of its first staff members. He first collaborated in the study of the Soviet political system which resulted principally in W. W. Rostow's book *The Dynamics of Soviet Society*, then completed his own monograph, never published, on the forced labor camp system in the USSR.

By 1953 Korol had found the field to which he would remain committed for the rest of his life—the study of education and of scientific research and development in the Soviet Union. His first book, *Soviet Education for Science and Technology*, published in 1957, analyzed organization and curricula at all levels of Soviet education, providing a particularly thorough and detailed examination of the higher educational system. Although it stressed those aspects of education most directly related to the selection and training of engineers and scientists, the book succeeded in giving