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CONFERENCES

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

Midwest Slavic Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, March 27-29, 1968.

Conference on the Baltic Languages, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, April 5-6, 1968.

Conference of the National Association for Soviet and East European Studies in Great Britain and Ireland, Westfield College, University of London, April 19-21, 1968.

Conference on Medieval Muscovite History, Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, California, April 9-13, 1968.

Southwestern Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Dallas, Texas, April 19, 1968.

Rocky Mountain Social Science Association, Denver, Colorado, May 3-4, 1968.

Far Western Slavic Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, May 4-5, 1968.

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

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Central European History, a new journal dealing with the history of German-speaking Central Europe, begins quarterly publication this year. Sponsored by the Conference Group for Central European History of the American Historical Association and published by Emory University, it will include research articles, bibliographical articles, and selected reviews. The members of the board of editors are Gordon A. Craig, Carl J. Friedrich, Oron J. Hale, Theodore S. Hamerow, Hajo Holborn, Robert A. Kann, Enno E. Kraehe, Otakar Odložilík, and Hans Rosenberg. Douglas A. Unfug is serving as editor, Theodor V. Brodek as assistant editor. The subscription rate is \$7 a year for members of the Conference Group, \$10 for others; membership is open only to individuals. Those who are or wish to become members may include membership dues for 1968 (\$1) with the subscription. Manuscripts, subscriptions, and inquiries about advertising should be sent to *Central European History*, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia 30322.

The American-Yugoslav Project in Regional and Urban Planning Studies was initiated at the International Urbanistic Conference held in Ljubljana in June-July 1966. It is supported by the Ford Foundation, the U.S. Department of State, and the Yugoslav Federal Council for the Coordination of Scientific Research. The American director is Jack C. Fisher of Cornell University; the Yugoslav director is Vladimir Mušić of the Urbanistični inštitut, Ljubljana.

Establishment of a National Association for Soviet and East European Studies in Great Britain and Ireland

On April 21-23, 1967, at the most recent annual Conference of Teachers and Research Workers on the USSR, which has been meeting, normally at London University, for the past fourteen years, the ninety-five British participants resolved to establish a National Association for Soviet and

East European Studies. Besides putting the *ad hoc* conference on a formal "membership" basis, the decision explicitly extended the purview of the association to eastern European studies. The Committee elected at the foundation meeting comprises R. W. Davies, University of Birmingham; J. Erickson, University of Edinburgh; M. C. Kaser, Oxford University; J. Miller, University of Glasgow; A. Nove, University of Glasgow; R. Pethybridge, University College, Swansea; L. Schapiro, London School of Economics; M. Seton-Watson, London School of Slavic Studies; D. Shapiro, University of Essex; J. Veverka, University of Leicester; D. M. Waller, University of Lancaster; M. Wheeler, Royal Institute of International Affairs; and P. Wiles, London School of Economics. The Committee appointed Mr. Kaser as chairman and Mr. Wheeler treasurer.

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A handbook of members is in preparation which will provide for the social sciences an equivalent for the British Isles of the Directory of Members of the AAASS (the remainder of the Slavic and East European field is covered by the British Universities Association of Slavists, of which Paul Foote, Queen's College, Oxford, is secretary). The Conference has in the past been attended by foreign visitors (thirty-one at the 1967 meeting), and scholars from overseas will continue to be welcome at future sessions (see above, Conferences). For an account of the last Conference see the current *Newsletter*.

SCHOLARS ABROAD

Under the terms of the exchange program between the American Council of Learned Societies and the Academy of Sciences of the USSR three American scholars were scheduled to spend part of the current academic year conducting research in the Soviet Union: Evelyn Jasiulko Harden of Simon Frazer University (literature), Marc Raeff of Columbia University (history), and Walter N. Vickery of the University of Colorado (literature).

The postdoctoral program of the Inter-University Committee on Travel Grants involved research in the Soviet Union this year for: Billy Richard Baker, Stanford Research Center (engineering), at Moscow State University; Robert Louis Jackson, Yale University (literature), at Dom Plekhanova, Leningrad; Thelwall True Proctor,

Humboldt State College (literature), at Moscow State University; and Clark S. Robinson, University of Illinois (physics), at Novosibirsk State University.

Under the IUCTG's program for graduate students and young faculty thirty-two scholars were scheduled to spend all or part of the academic year in the Soviet Union. Twenty-one were assigned to Moscow State University: Donald Barry, Lehigh (political science), Seymour Becker, Rutgers (history), Jared Gordon, UCLA (Slavic languages), Gary Hanson, Wisconsin (history), Burkett Huey, Chicago (literature), Ellen Hurwitz, Columbia (history), Robert Lefkowitz, Indiana (Slavic linguistics), Byron Lindsey, Cornell (literature), Nancy McAuliffe, Brown (literature), Frank Miller, Indiana (Russian language), James Muller, Johns Hopkins (medicine), Edward Nordby, Stanford (literature), Arthur Pittenger, Stanford (mathematics), Richard Robbins, Columbia (history), Joseph Sanders, University of Washington (history), Rolf Theen, Iowa State (history), Virginia Van Wynen, Cornell (literature), Joyce Vining, Yale (literature), Eugene Vinogradoff, Columbia (history), Nicholas Vontsolos, Ohio State (Slavic linguistics), and Patrick Wreath, Cornell (literature). Leningrad State University was to be host institution for eight participants: Steven Allister, Princeton (history), John Gantvoort, Illinois (history), William Mathes, Seton Hall (history), Robert Richardson, Harvard (Russian language and literature), Munir Sendich, New York University (literature), Richard Stites, Harvard (history), Gerald Surh, Berkeley (history), and Richard White, Michigan (literature). In addition Frank Jankunis, UCLA, was to work in geography at Samarkand State University; Karl Von Loewe, Kansas, in history at Vilnius State University; and Bryce Zender, Michigan State, in comparative education at the Moscow Institute of Energetics.

Under the terms of the IUCTG exchange with Bulgaria, Philip V. R. Tilney, Indiana, was scheduled to go to the University of Sofia for research on contemporary Bulgarian folklore. On the program with Czechoslovakia, Herbert Galton, Kansas, was to do linguistics research at the Academy of Sciences in Bratislava; Thomas D. Marzik, Columbia, was slated to be at the Historical Institute of the Academy of Sciences in Prague; and Jan L. Perkowski, Texas, will also be in Prague for work on Pan-Slavic dialectology. The following were scheduled to participate in the IUCTG program with Hungary: John C. Alleman, Columbia, in Debrecen for research in linguistics; Robert Harms, Texas, in Szeged

and Budapest for research on Samoyed; and Marian Low, Michigan, in Budapest for work on intellectual history.

The Institute of International Education administers exchange programs with Poland, Rumania, and Yugoslavia. The following were expected to participate during the current academic year: In Poland: James Peter Coronas, Boston University, in theoretical physics at Warsaw University; Jean Elynn Irwin, UCLA, in dance choreography at the Theater of Thirteen Rows in Wrocław; Edward Victor Kolyszko, Iowa, in Polish history and sociology, and Enith Ena Vardaman, Harvard, in literature, both at the Jagellonian University in Kraków. In Rumania: Frances Bloland in folk dance at the Institute of Ethnography and Folk Dance; Donald W. Wade, North Carolina, in classics and Rebekah Wade, Georgia, in language and literature, both at the University of Cluj; and Elmer Bennett Warnstrom, Lewis and Clark College, in Romance philology at the University of Bucharest. In Yugoslavia: Harvey Seth Finn, Brown, in literature at the University of Belgrade; Mary Patricia Goldstone, University of Washington, in Slavic linguistics at the University of Belgrade; Lynn Carol Oulman, Portland State College, in Serbo-Croatian at Zagreb University; and Thomas David Stauffer, Riverside, at the Music Academy in Zagreb.

For further information see the *Newsletter*.

APPOINTMENTS AND STAFF CHANGES

American University: Frederick J. Piotrow named dean of the School of International Service. *Amherst College*: Peter Czap, Jr., promoted to associate professor of history; William Taubman of Columbia University appointed instructor in political science. *Barnard College*: In-ho Lee Ryu of Harvard University appointed instructor in history. *Boston College*: Joseph M. McCarthy appointed assistant director of financial aid. *Boston University*: Thomas Hegarty of Brandeis University appointed associate professor of history. *Brandeis University*: Charles E. Gribble promoted to assistant professor of Russian; Elizabeth Sessions of Princeton University appointed lecturer in Russian; Robert Szulkin promoted to assistant professor of Russian. *University of British Columbia*: Ivan Avakumovic promoted to professor of political science; Zbigniew Folejewski of the University of Illinois appointed visiting professor of Slavic languages and literatures.

University of California, Davis: Andrzej

Brzeski promoted to associate professor of economics. *University of California, Irvine*: Rainer V. Grenewitz of Cornell University appointed acting assistant professor of Russian language and literature. *University of California Study Center, Bordeaux, France*: Andrew Lossky of the University of California, Los Angeles, appointed associate director for 1967-69. *California State College, Hayward*: Helen Schulak of the University of California, Berkeley, appointed assistant professor of Russian. *Central Connecticut State College*: Norton H. Mezvinsky appointed associate professor of history. *University of Chicago*: Sumner Benson of Harvard University appointed assistant professor of Russian history; Milton Ehre of Columbia University appointed assistant professor of Russian literature; Barbara Monter appointed instructor in Russian literature; Edward Stankiewicz named chairman of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures.

City University of New York: Jesse D. Clarkson of Brooklyn College has retired; Michael Luther of Hunter College promoted to associate professor of history. *Coe College*: Patrick Alston of the State University of Iowa appointed associate professor of history. *University of Colorado*: Howard Daugherty appointed assistant professor of Russian literature; Larry Feinberg appointed assistant professor of Slavic linguistics; C. Nicholas Lee named chairman of the Department of Slavic and Eastern Languages; Thomas Riha of the University of Chicago appointed associate professor of Russian history. *Columbia University*: Istvan Deak promoted to associate professor of history; Ronald G. Suny appointed lecturer in history. *University of Connecticut*: Benedict V. Maciuka promoted to associate professor of history. *University of Delaware*: Stephen Lukashevich promoted to associate professor of history.

Denison University: William J. Bishop appointed assistant professor of political science. *Duke University*: Stephanie Prost appointed instructor in Slavic languages. *Dumbarton Oaks*: Merlin W. Packard promoted to librarian. *Eastern Kentucky University*: Jane Gurganus appointed assistant professor of political science. *East York Public Library, Toronto*: Vivian D. Newman of Columbia University appointed Leaside Branch librarian. *Elmira College*: Theodore S. Tatsios of the U. S. Army appointed assistant professor of history. *University of Evansville*: Richard B. Bayley of the University of Illinois appointed assistant professor of journalism. *Fordham University*: Eugene Magerovsky of New York Uni-

versity appointed assistant professor of history. *George Washington University*: Kosara Bavrilovic of Johns Hopkins University appointed in the Department of Slavic and Oriental Languages and Literatures; Charles Moser of Yale University appointed associate professor of Russian; Richard Y. C. Yin of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, appointed jointly in the Department of Economics and the Institute for Sino-Soviet Studies.

University of Georgia: Victor S. Mamatey of Florida State University appointed research professor of history; Edward Sokol of the University of South Carolina appointed professor of history. *Harvard University*: David Eliab Bynum appointed assistant professor of Slavic languages and literatures and assistant curator of the Milman Parry Collection; Philip E. Leinbach appointed book selection specialist; Joseph Patrick Manson appointed assistant professor of Slavic languages and literatures. *Harvard University, Russian Research Center*: Donald D. Barry of Lehigh University appointed research fellow; Karl E. Birnbaum of the Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Stockholm, appointed research associate at the Center for International Affairs; Peter Czap, Jr., of Amherst College appointed associate; Charles Feinstein of Clare College, Cambridge, appointed research fellow; Barbara B. Green of Wellesley College appointed associate; Patricia K. Grimsted of Radcliffe College appointed associate; Edward L. Keenan named associate director of the Soviet Union Program; Kazo Nonomura of Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, appointed associate; Richard Pipes named director of the Soviet Union Program; John B. Quigley appointed research associate in the Harvard Law School.

University of Illinois: Michael A. Curran of Harvard promoted to assistant professor in Slavic languages and literatures; Clayton L. Dawson of Syracuse University appointed professor of Slavic languages and literatures and department head; Rasio Dunatov promoted to assistant professor of Slavic languages and literatures; Peter B. Maggs promoted to associate professor of law; J. Alden Nichols promoted to professor of history; Frederick W. Ryan promoted to bibliographer with rank of assistant professor. *Indiana University*: Robert F. Byrnes named distinguished professor of history; Frank L. Ingram appointed assistant professor of Slavic languages and literatures; Barbara Jelavich promoted to professor of history; Alexander Rabinowitch of the University of Southern California appointed assistant professor of history; John M.

Thompson promoted to professor of history. *University of Iowa*: Jaroslav Pelenski of American University appointed associate professor of history.

Johnson State College: John J. Colozzi promoted to assistant professor of social sciences. *University of Kansas*: Anna M. Cienciala promoted to associate professor of history; Edward J. Czerwinski of the State University of New York, Buffalo, appointed associate professor of Slavic languages and literatures; Gerald E. Mikkelson of the University of Wisconsin appointed assistant professor of Slavic languages and literatures; Stephen J. Parker of the University of Oklahoma appointed assistant professor of Slavic languages and literatures. *Kansas State College*: Surendra K. Gupta appointed assistant professor of history. *Kutztown State College*: L. Andrew Bordwell of Pennsylvania State University appointed associate professor of history. *Longwood College*: James W. Crowl of the University of Virginia appointed instructor in history. *University of Maryland*: George L. Yaney promoted to associate professor of history. *University of Massachusetts*: Joel M. Halpern of Brandeis University appointed associate professor of anthropology.

Memphis State University: Michael Ihnatenko of Pennsylvania State University appointed assistant professor of history. *University of Michigan*: Joseph A. Placek appointed head of the Slavic section, technical services, of the general library. *Michigan State University*: Alan W. Fisker, Jr., of Columbia University appointed assistant professor of history; Vladimir I. Grebenschikov promoted to professor of Russian language and literature. *University of Missouri*: Charles E. Timberlake of the University of Washington appointed assistant professor of history.

New York State University College, Buffalo: Walter M. Drzewieniecki promoted to professor of history. *New York State University College, Geneseo*: Bohdan S. Wynar named dean of the School of Library Science. *New York State University College, New Paltz*: Jeremiah Schneiderman promoted to associate professor of history. *North Carolina Wesleyan College*: Cheston V. Mottershead, Jr., of the University of Illinois appointed instructor in history. *Northern Illinois University*: Albert Resis promoted to associate professor of history. *Oakland University*: Leonard Bushkoff of Carnegie Institute of Technology appointed assistant professor of history. *Ohio State University*: Frank R. Šilbajoris promoted to professor of Slavic languages and literatures. *Oklahoma State University*: George F. Jews-

bury of the University of Washington appointed instructor in history. *Old Dominion College*: Patrick Rollins of Syracuse University appointed associate professor of history. *Oxford University*: Isaiah Berlin of All Souls College named president of Wolfson College.

University of Pennsylvania: Alfred J. Rieber named chairman of the history department. *Princeton University*: Henry Bienen appointed assistant professor of politics; Clarence F. Brown promoted to associate professor of Slavic languages. *Purdue University*: Peter John Georgeoff promoted to associate professor of education. *Quinnipiac College*: Christopher Becker promoted to associate professor of history. *Rutgers—The State University*: Seymour Becker promoted to associate professor of history; James E. Hassell promoted to assistant professor of history; Traian Stoianovich promoted to professor of history. *Sonoma State College*: Mary R. Arnold of the University of California, Berkeley, appointed assistant professor of Russian. *University of Southern California, Los Angeles*: Alan A. Brown promoted to associate professor of economics. *Southern Methodist University*: James R. Hawkes of Virginia Polytechnic Institute appointed assistant professor of history.

Stanford University: Donald Fanger named director of the Slavic languages and literatures division; James C. McClelland of Princeton University appointed instructor in history. *State University of New York, Buffalo*: George P. Majeska of Dumbarton Oaks appointed lecturer in history. *Syracuse University*: John H. Hodgson promoted to associate professor of political science. *Temple University*: Roderick McGrew of the University of Missouri appointed professor of history. *University of Tennessee*: Lawrence F. Silverman promoted to associate professor of history and named associate dean of the liberal arts college. *University of Texas*: Jan L. Perkowski promoted to associate professor of Slavic languages; Paul Schmidt of Harvard University appointed assistant professor of Russian literature. *Texas Technological College*: Idris Rhea Traylor, Jr., named deputy director, International Center for Arid and Semi-Arid Land Studies.

University of Toledo: Melvin Wren of Montana State University appointed professor of history and chairman of the department. *University of Toronto*: Stephen Clarkson promoted to associate professor of political science. *Trinity University*: Terry L. Smart of the University of Kansas appointed assistant professor of history. *U.S.*

Information Agency: William Solzbacher appointed policy application officer for Voice of America. *U.S. Military Academy*: Thomas F. Plummer, Jr., promoted to assistant professor of geography. *U.S. Mission to NATO, Brussels*: Raymond L. Garthoff of Johns Hopkins University appointed counselor for political-military affairs. *U.S. Passport Office, Department of State*: John M. Hotchner appointed staff assistant to the chief of the Domestic Operations Division. *Utica College*: James Cobb Mills, Jr. of Duke University appointed assistant professor of history.

Vanderbilt University: Forrest A. Miller promoted to associate professor of history. *University of Vermont*: William G. Gard promoted to assistant professor of history. *University of Virginia*: Paul Shoup promoted to associate professor of political science. *Washington State University*: Davis A. Strausz appointed assistant professor of economics. *University of Waterloo*: Karen Eide Rawling of the University of North Carolina appointed assistant professor of political science. *University of Western Ontario*: B. Kymlicka promoted to associate professor at Middlesex College. *Western Washington State College*: Paul L. Roley of the University of Colorado appointed assistant professor of history. *Whitman College*: Ronald V. Sires of the department of history has retired.

University of Wisconsin: Alfred E. Senn promoted to professor of history. *Wisconsin State University, Eau Claire*: Jack M. Lauber of Ohio State University appointed assistant professor of history. *Wisconsin State University, Platteville*: Thomas F. Mish of the University of Minnesota appointed assistant professor of history. *University of Wyoming*: Deborah Hardy appointed instructor in history. *Yale University*: Deno J. Geanakoplos of the University of Illinois appointed professor of history; James M. Holquist appointed lecturer in Slavic languages and literatures; Firuz Kazemzadeh promoted to professor of history; Wolfgang Leonhard appointed lecturer in history.

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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ANDRE MAZON, 1881–1967

On July 13, 1967, France lost its leading Slavist, André Mazon, who died at the age of eighty-five.

Mazon's scholarly interests were varied and included both Slavic languages and Slavic literatures. His training went back to that enviable age which was still spared the increasing and, alas, inevitable specialization that was to come. His linguistic work was, however, merely an approach to literary studies. He produced two books on the Russian verbal aspect, a feature which never fails to fascinate foreigners: *Morphologie des aspects du verbe russe* (1908), which he later regarded as largely outdated, and *Emplois des aspects du verbe russe* (1914), a finely analyzed collection illustrating the aspectual use of Russian, which has lost nothing of its initial value. He published two grammars: *Grammaire de la langue tchèque* (1921; 3d ed. 1952) and *Grammaire de la langue russe* (1943; 4th ed. 1963). New terms and expressions which invaded Russian during the First World War and the revolution of 1917 are listed in a *Lexique de la guerre et de la révolution en Russie* (1920). Materials for this book were partly collected in a Soviet prison where Mazon, like so many others, spent a few months in 1918. As a highly civilized Frenchman, with a wide and solid humanistic culture, Mazon regarded language first and foremost as a means for expressing human values, both aesthetic and intellectual. It was therefore inevitable that he should remain utterly impervious to that trend of modern linguistics which is attempting to reduce the study of the language to the impersonal level of a dull mechanical science. The presumption of its adherents was for Mazon an unmistakable evidence of its debasement.

Mazon was also interested in folklore, from both a literary and linguistic point of view. For him folklore was merely a "littérature dite populaire," and in that he followed the tradition of French scholarship. Two significant studies on Russian *byliny* appeared in the *Revue des études slaves* (1931, 1932). At the end of the First World War he spent some time in Macedonia and became deeply interested in its Slavic population, which was then still living in a preliterate era. In four books Mazon did important pioneer work in making known their dialects, folkloric materials, and even a religious text: *Contes slaves de la Macedoine sud-occidentale* (1923); *Documents, contes et chansons slaves de l'Albanie du Sud*, Vol. I (1936), Vol. II (1965); *L'Évangéliste slave de Kulakia: Un parler slave du Bas-Vardar* (1938), in collaboration with A. Vaillant.

It is, however, in connection with his interest in Russian literature that Mazon will be remembered most. His doctoral thesis, *Un maître du roman russe: Ivan Gontcharov* (1914), is still one of the best books on the subject. Mazon worked mostly with primary sources, and this very contact with original manuscripts had an irresistible fascination for him. He was fond of editing, and his work as editor is both considerable and important. In 1930 he published a description, with substantial quotes, of some of Turgenev's manuscripts then in the possession of the Viardot

family: *Manuscrits parisiens d'Ivan Tourguénev*. The following year the book was translated into Russian. Among these manuscripts were a few unknown poems in prose, which Turgenev himself called *Senilia*, and probably hesitated to publish. Mazon did it for him: *Nouveaux poèmes en prose d'Ivan Tourguénev* (1930). He produced also the first complete edition of the poems: *Poèmes en prose d'Ivan Tourguénev* (1945). To the second of the three double volumes of *Literaturnoe nasledstvo* devoted to Franco-Russian cultural relations (Vol. XXXI-XXXII, 1938) Mazon contributed poetic material from the pen of a Russian aristocrat, Prince Elim Meshchersky (1808-44), and so was able to add a modest name to the glorious French literature of the first half of the nineteenth century. Later he combined this study, enlarged and translated into French, with one on another French poet of Russian origin, Prince Alexander Beloselsky (1752-1809), into a book, *Deux Russes écrivains français* (1964). It gives an attractive and extremely readable account of French and Russian literary ties.

Mazon's interest in Old Russian literature is also marked by an edition of an important text (1672) of the first Russian play, which was believed lost, but quite unexpectedly turned up in Paris: *La Comédie d'Artaxerxès* (1954), in collaboration with F. Cocron. He wrote also a number of small studies on different old Russian works. His most important contribution to this field, however, is his part in the controversy concerning *The Igor Tale*. His acute sense of literary history and aesthetic values, as well as a discriminating taste, could not fail to make him perceive the awkwardness of fitting the *Tale* into a Russian twelfth-century context. In trying to find a way out of this blind alley, he saw no other possibility than to join those who had, before him, regarded the text as a forgery of the late eighteenth century. He made known his arguments in a series of articles which later formed a book, *Le Slovo d'Igor* (1940), followed by another series of articles. For too many Russians, Red and White alike, it was tantamount to lese majesty. For some it was, in addition, a painful blow to their vested scholarly interests. A rather sterile controversy followed, each side speaking its own language and using arguments irrelevant to the other. None the less, Mazon's courageous attempt succeeded in raising the whole problem out of the morass in which it had slept undisturbed for more than a century. In spite (or because?) of the vehement vociferousness of the traditionalists, especially in the USSR and this country, Mazon was convinced that the silent majority was slowly switching to his side.

In addition to his work as scholar and as teacher (from 1924 to 1951 he was Professor at the Collège de France, the highest academic position a French professor can hope to attain), Mazon will be remembered as the organizer of Slavic studies in France. It was mainly his initiative which resulted in the founding of the renowned Institut d'Études Slaves in 1921. He was its first Secretary and from 1937 its President. He devoted himself entirely to the huge task of providing Slavic studies in France with all the modern tools of scholarly work; and now, after forty-five years of unremitting and selfless endeavor, the results are obvious: an admirable Slavic library, one of the richest in Western Europe, more than a hundred volumes of scholarly publications, and forty-six volumes of the *Revue des études slaves*, of which Mazon was particularly and justly proud. The Institut d'Études Slaves has been not only a library and a publishing house but also a center of academic and cultural relations with teachers and students from Slavic countries. This activity, too, was conceived and directed by Mazon. Thus, for half a century Slavic studies in France were, to their benefit, marked by Mazon's dominant and not infrequently domineering personality.

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