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SOME SOURCES OF ECONOMIC INFORMATION ON THE SOVIET BLOC

Note by the Secretary

The attached list of sources of economic information on the Soviet bloc has been prepared by the International Staff at the request of the Working Group. It is not claimed to be exhaustive and delegations are invited to suggest amendments. To avoid making the list too long, none of the numerous articles on the Soviet economies which appear in various learned journals have been included.

2. The International Staff is making arrangements to obtain most of the publications included in sections A, B and C of the list, that is, those published outside the Soviet countries. It seems likely, however, that there will be some difficulty in obtaining a number of the publications in section D, i.e. those published inside the Soviet countries.

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A. Publications of International Organizations

1. The following United Nations publications contain some statistics on the Soviet countries.

- The Statistical Year Book
- The Demographic Year Book
- The Monthly Bulletin of Statistics
- National Income Statistics 1938-1947
- National Income Statistics 1938-1948
- National and Per Capita Incomes of 70 Countries, 1949
- Statistical Papers

The information on the Soviet Bloc in these books is based on published sources from the countries themselves or on figures furnished by their statistical services. The UN statistics on the Soviet bloc countries are, as a rule, very limited and do not cover recent years.

2. The two regular publications issued by the Economic Commission for Europe, namely:

- Economic Survey of Europe (annually), and
- Economic Bulletin for Europe (quarterly or half-yearly)

from time to time contain economic analyses of the USSR and the European Satellites. Most of the figures shown in these publications are used as a basis for the economic arguments in the articles, and cannot readily be applied for other purposes. The ECE probably possesses more statistics on the Soviet bloc than those in these publications.

3. One of the most comprehensive analyses of the population of the USSR is to be found in a book issued by the League of Nations - M. Lorimer: "The Population of the Soviet Union".

B. Books

4. The following is a list of a few of the more recent books on various aspects of the Soviet bloc economies:

The USSR

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| Alexander Baykov: | "The Development of the Soviet Economic System" Cambridge (UK), 1948.
(Contains an excellent bibliography of Russian economic literature, mostly from prewar years). |
| Balzak, Vasyutin and Reigin: | "Economic Geography of the USSR" Macmillan, New York. |
| Abram Bergson: | "The Structure of Soviet Wages" Harvard University Press, 1946 |
| Abram Bergson: | "Soviet National Income and Product in 1937" Columbia University Press, New York, 1953. |

DECLASSIFIED - PUBLIC DISCLOSURE / DÉCLASSIFIÉ - MISE EN LECTURE PUBLIQUE

- Abram Bergson and
Hans Heymaum: "Soviet National Income and Product 1940-1948"
Columbia University Press, New York, 1954.
- Abram Bergson
Ed: "Soviet Economic Growth"
Row, Peterson & Co., White Plains, 1953
- Colin Clark: "A Critique of Russian Statistics"
London, 1939.
- I. Deutscher: "Soviet Trade Unions", RIIA
London, 1950
- Maurice Dobb: "Soviet Economy and the War"
Rutledge & Sons, London, 1941
- Heinrich Hassmann: "Oil in the Soviet Union"
Princeton University Press, 1953
- Naum Jasny: "The Soviet Economy during the Plan Era"
Standford, 1951
- M.V. Kolganov:
Ed. "Narodnyi dokhod SSSR" ("National Income of
the USSR") Moscow, 1940
- G.H. Kozlov:
Ed. "Khoziaistvennyi Raschët v Sotsialisticheskom
Obshchestve" ("Economic Accounting in Social-
ist Society") Moscow, 1945
- Hans Langer: "Das Preissystem der Sowjetunion"
Verlag der Wirtschaft, Berlin, 1953
- Serge N. Prokopovicz: "Histoire Economique de l'URSS"
Flammarion, Paris, 1952
- G.T. Robinson: "Rural Russia under the old Régime"
Macmillan, New York, 1949
- Jean Rometif: "Le Niveau de vie en URSS"
Presses Universitaires de France, Paris, 1954
- W.W. Rostow and
Alfred Allen: "The Dynamics of Soviet Society"
Secker and Warburg, London, 1953
- A. Rothstein: "Man and Plan in Soviet Economy"
Frederick Muller, London, 1948
- N.N. Rovinskii: "Gosudarstvennyi Biudzhët SSSR" ("Government
Budget of the USSR"), Moscow, 1949
- T. Shabad: "Geography of the USSR"
A Regional Survey
Columbia University Press, New York, 1951
- M. Sonian: "Voprosy Balansa Rabochei Sily" ("Problems of
the Balance of the Labour Force")
Moscow, 1949
- Harry Schwartz: "Russia's Soviet Economy"
Jonathan Cape, London, 1951

European Satellite Countries:

- Paul Barton: "Frague à l'Heure de Moscou"
Editions Pierre Horay, Paris, 1954
- François Fejtő: "Histoire des Démocraties Populaires"
Editions de Seuil, Paris, 1952
- Rudolf Meimberg: "Economic Development in West Berlin
and in the Soviet Zone"
Berlin, 1952
- Secomski K: "Inwestycje w planie sześcioletnim" ("Invest-
ments in the Polish Six-Year Plan")
State Publishing House, Warsaw, 1951
- Z. Vas: "A hároméves terv befejezése ("The Fulfil-
ment of the Hungarian Three-Year Plan"),
1950
- Z. Vas: "Az 5 éves terv második évének feladatai"
("The tasks of the Second Hungarian Five-
Year Plan"), 1951

China

- Rostow, W. and others: "The Prospects for Communist China"
Chapman and Hall, London, 1955

C. Newspapers, Periodicals, etc. published outside the Soviet Countries

5. The Joint Committee on Slavic Studies of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council publishes weekly The Current Digest of the Soviet Press, which contains a summary of economic information appearing in the most important Russian newspapers. Europa-Archiv, Frankfurt, issues material on the European Satellites. The publication "Ost-Probleme", issued by Press Division, NICOG, Bonn, contains summaries of articles appearing in newspapers and periodicals of the Soviet countries. West-German research institutes publish a wealth of material on economic conditions in Eastern Germany. Das deutsche Institut für Wirtschafts und Konjunkturforschung has i.a. issued "Wirtschaftsprobleme der Besatzungs-
zonen" (1948). Bundesministerium für gesamt-deutsche Fragen publishes the series:

"Bonner Berichte aus Mittel- und Ost-Deutschland" and
"Materialien zur Wirtschaftslage in der Sowjetischen Zone"

In the latter series the following three publications were issued on Deutscher Bundes-Verlag in Bonn during 1954:

"Die Industrieproduktion der Sowjetischen Besatzungszone im Jahre 1953 und Planziffern für 1954"

"Die Investitionen in der Sowjetischen Zone 1951 und 1952 nach den staatlichen Planen"

"Taschen und Nachschlagebuch über die Sowjetische Besatzungszone"

6. The following newspapers outside the Soviet Bloc publish from time to time economic information on the Soviet bloc including China:

Le Monde (Paris)
Neue Zürcher Zeitung (Zurich)
The Times (London)
The Economist (London)
The New York Times

There is also an increasing number of economic studies on the Soviet bloc (mainly on the USSR) published in various learned journals which it is not practicable to list here.

D. Newspapers, periodicals, etc. published by the Soviet countries

USSR

7. The most important sources of current information on the economy of the USSR are the two daily newspapers Pravda and Izvestia. For example, the annual reports of the Gosplan and of the Central Statistical Board are published in Pravda in January of each year. Speeches made by high officials are quoted verbatim in these papers and all new economic measures are announced to the public through them. The Soviet newspaper Trud contains information on labour problems.

8. The periodicals Voprosy Ekonomiki and the organ of the Communist Party: Komunist, formerly Bolshevik, are sources of general economic information. The periodical Vestnik Statistiki is a general statistical publication, giving information i.a. on activities in the statistical field and containing articles on practical and theoretical statistical problems.

9. Other periodicals which contain a certain amount of economic information are the monthlies: Vneshnyaya Torgovlya, which deals with foreign trade, Finansy i kredit SSSR (Finance and Credit in the USSR), Sotsialisticheskoye selskoye khozyaistvo (Socialist Agriculture), Sovetskaya torgovlya (Soviet Internal Trade), Sovetskiye profsoyuzny (Soviet Trade Unions), and Stroyitelnaya Gazeta (Construction Newspaper).

10. Current information on the economic plans and their fulfilment is contained in the periodical Planovoye Khozyaistvo, which is issued by the State Planning Commission and appears every two months. Information on the 1946-1950 economic plan may also be found in Law on the Five-Year Plan for the Rehabilitation and Development of the National Economy of the USSR, 1946-1950, Moscow, 1946, and Report on the Fulfilment of the Five-Year Plan 1946-1950, Moscow, 1951. Both these publications were issued in English by Soviet News, London. Printed reports on the previous economic plans have also been published.

11. The Soviet Embassy in London issues Soviet News three times a week and the Soviet Weekly which both contain extracts from Soviet sources for foreign consumption.

Other Soviet Countries

Bulgaria

Planvo Stopanstvo (issued monthly by the State Planning Commission)
Rabonichesko Delo (newspaper: publishes the plan fulfilment reports)

Czechoslovakia

Statistický Obzar (issued monthly by the State Statistical Office)
Plánované Hospodárstvi (issued monthly by the State Planning Office)
Hospodár (weekly newspaper)
Rudé Prava (newspaper: publishes the plan fulfilment reports)

Eastern Germany

Die Wirtschaft (weekly)

Hungary

Statisztikai Szele (issued monthly by Central Bureau of Statistics)

Statisztikai Tájékoztató (issued quarterly by the Central Bureau of Statistics)

Hair Közleményei (monthly bulletin of the National Bank of Hungary)

Poland

Gospođarka Planorva (issued monthly by the State Planning Commission)

Recznik Statystyczny (issued by the Central Statistical Office)

The Six-Year Plan of Economic Development, Warsaw, 1950

Rumania

Probleme economice (issued monthly by the Supreme Economic Council)

Bulletin d'information et de documentation (issued quarterly by the Banque nationale de Roumanie)