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RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN RESOURCE CENTER

The Russian and East European Center at the University of Washington has not been immune to the financial woes which are presently affecting U.S. education. Nevertheless, the Center will continue to serve the community as it has in the past. Our large collection of educational materials, which includes films, a telecourse on Soviet society, slide programs, filmstrips, and language learning games, are still available to teachers and educators. In addition, we have obtained access to the large School of International Studies videotape library (catalogs of this collection are available from the REEU office by calling 543-4852). The videotapes are available to schools for mailing and handling charges.

One of the areas which we will be forced to curtail are the workshops and mini-courses. We can still arrange these for large groups, but for smaller groups we suggest the use of our film and videotape libraries.

For any additional information about our services, please call the REEU office on the University of Washington campus at 543-4852.

WE ARE INTERESTED IN HEARING FROM YOU!

We are most anxious to help the community in any way that we are able. The *REEU Newsletter* is an excellent tool for us to get information out to the educational community. We would be pleased to receive any suggestions that you have of ways in which we might make the *Newsletter* serve your needs. Some of the kinds of information that we hope to include in the *Newsletter* are: reviews of recent films, records, and books, and short articles by University of Washington faculty.

Please send your suggestions to the REEU office, 503 Thomson Hall, DR-05, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

On the tube . . .
TELEVISION PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

During the month of October two television programs will be shown on cable in the Seattle area which will be worthwhile viewing for anyone interested in the Soviet Union. The programs will be available to Group W subscribers on Channel "E" and to Viacom subscribers on Channel 3. On Monday, October 11, and Friday, October 15, at 9:30 p.m. the program "The Human Rights Movement in the Soviet Union" will be shown, and on the following Monday and Friday, October 18 and 22, at 9:30 p.m. the program "Soviet Science and the Scientist" will be aired. On both programs the physicist, Yuri Yarim-Agaev, is interviewed by Professor Herbert J. Ellison, Chairman of the Russian and East European Studies Program at the University of Washington. Yarim-Agaev was one of the founders of the Moscow Helsinki Watch Group, which was organized to monitor the Soviet Union's compliance with the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Accord. At the time of the Moscow Olympic Games in 1980, Yarim-Agaev was ordered to leave his native country or to face arrest. Subsequently he came to the U.S., and is presently doing research at Stanford University.

OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS

Opportunities to teach abroad and to attend seminars abroad are available under the Fulbright Teacher Exchange program of the U.S. Department of Education for the 1983-84 year.

Elementary and secondary school educators, college instructors and assistant professors are eligible to participate in the academic year abroad teacher exchange program. Exchanges are currently conducted with the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Switzerland, Denmark, Canada, and New Zealand. Basic requirements are: U.S. citizenship, a bachelor's degree, and three years of teaching experience for one-year positions. As most of the positions are on an interchange basis, applicants must be employed currently.

As for the 1983 seminars, those eligible to apply include teachers of the classics, German, Italian, and World history and area studies, social studies supervisors, curriculum directors, teacher educators, and school administrators responsible for curriculum development. Basic requirements are: U.S. citizenship, a bachelor's degree, and two years of teaching experience.

Applications are due by October 15, 1982. An application may be obtained by writing to:

Teacher Exchange Branch
 International Education Programs
 U.S. Department of Education
 ROB-3, Room 3068
 Washington, DC 20202

PARTIAL LISTING OF VIDEOTAPES

The School of International Studies at the University of Washington maintains a large library of videotapes which have been produced at the University. Many of these videotapes, which are available on loan to schools for a handling fee of \$15, have themes of interest to those studying the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Some of our recent videotapes include:

Stalin and Stalinism, a discussion between Professor Robert Tucker, Princeton University, and Professor Herbert Ellison, University of Washington

Regulating Soviet-American Relations, with Ambassador Malcolm Toon, former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, being questioned by Professors Herbert Ellison and Donald Treadgold of the University of Washington

Vasily Aksyonov: Writer in Exile, Vasily Aksyonov being interviewed by Professor Willis Konick of the University of Washington

The Siberian Seven, and *The Siberian Seven: An Update*, two conversations between Professor Kent Hill of Seattle Pacific University, and Professor Lawrence Lerner, University of Washington

Poland: Continuing Crisis, a discussion between Professors Judith Thornton and Herbert Ellison, both of University of Washington

For information about these and other videotapes, please contact Professor Lawrence Lerner, 206/543-4852 or write to him at the REEU Center, 503 Thomson, DR-05, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.



We now have a videotape describing the area centers at the University of Washington. The tape, which is entitled *Area Resource Centers, School of International Studies, University of Washington*, is narrated by Pat Emerson of the South Asia Resource Center of the University of Washington. Ms. Emerson describes the holdings of the four centers at the University of Washington (REEU, South Asia, East Asia, Near East), and tells how the centers can be of use to the community.

For information about this videotape, contact Professor Lawrence Lerner at 206/543-4852, REEU Center.

Books On Russia



BOOK REVIEWS

by Thom Richardson

Andrea Lee, *Russian Journal*, NY: Random House, 1981.

Perhaps better than any other, this book describes what it is like to live in the Soviet Union as an American university student. Lee was not herself a student while there; her husband was. But that may have afforded her the time to better examine Soviet society.

She was not an historian, nor a student of anything Russian but the language. Thus, she claims her vision of Russian reality was one which, "if not refined by study, was at least not much distorted by prejudice for or against communism." For all that her view is indeed the more personal and anecdotal, especially when compared with that of Hedrick Smith, whose *The Russians* was marked by frustrated attempts to talk to "the people."

Lee spent time with young people and talked with them about rock music, the women's movement, long hair on men, and wars past and potential. Hers is the experience of an ordinary American in the USSR, with all the myopia and added insight that that may imply to the scholar. For that reason it became something of a best seller, after having first appeared in serialized form in *The New Yorker*.

Elizabeth Pond, *From the Yaroslavsky Station: Russia Perceived*, NY: Universe Books, 1981.

Pond's book lies somewhere between Lee's and Smith's. Like Smith, she was there as a correspondent for a major American newspaper, *The Christian Science Monitor*. Like Lee she had a certain amount of freedom of movement, and met a number of quite ordinary, quite fascinating, Soviet citizens.

Hers is a collection of reminiscences, stories, political and historical explanations all set down on paper while she rode the Trans-Siberian railroad to the Far East. Her account is more current than Smith's, and in some ways more lively. It is not as personal as Lee's, but her obvious study of the Soviet scene, and her ability to reflect thoughtfully on what she saw, make it a most stimulating contribution.

THE RUSSIAN HOUSE 1982

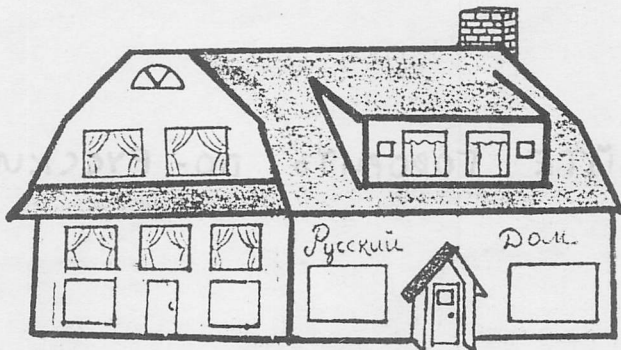
The Russian House, administered through the Slavic Department of the University's Housing and Food Services Office, continues to offer its residents the opportunity to live in a Russian-only environment under the supervision of an Academic Counselor, usually a native speaker. The House itself is a popular location for many cultural activities that attract visitors from both campus and community. These include parties, films, and lectures by faculty and visiting Russian literary figures.

Russian House residents will have a new Academic Counselor this year. She is Ms. Vera Uchitel, who has had a varied career as teacher, editor, and scientific researcher in Kiev, USSR. Uchitel has already begun to talk with students about her plans for the upcoming year. She will help "Zarya," the Russian House Choir, continue its traditions, introduce Russian folkdances, and organize special dinners. She is also thinking of ways to decorate the House to give it an even more "homey" atmosphere.

High school and college teachers of Russian--and their students--are always welcome to visit the Russian House. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the annual holiday party, tentatively scheduled for Saturday evening, December 11, where there will be live music for dancing, refreshments, and abundant Slavic hospitality. Teachers might also wish to bring their Russian students on a "field trip" to the University where they can visit Russian language and area classes, and tour the Russian House. These arrangements can be made through the REEU office (543-4852).

During the past two winters Russian House residents have rented the Russian Center on Capitol Hill for a Benefit Dance. This dance is important both as a lively evening of entertainment and as the opportunity to raise funds for other cultural activities throughout the year.

The Russian House is located at 2104 N.E. 45th. For further information about Russian House activities, please call the Slavic Department (543-4852).



LEARN RUSSIAN AT HOME!

Russian C101 and C102, five-credit correspondence courses, have recently been added to the curriculum of Independent Study, an office of Continuing Education at the University of Washington. It covers the same material as the University of Washington on-campus course in first-year Russian, introducing the student to basic structural features of the language and to grammar, reading, and composition. Students will work from the study guide, a text (*Russian for Everybody*), and tapes designed to supplement the text, made available by the U.W. Slavic Department. The course includes supervised midterm and final examinations.

The instructor of Russian C101 and C102 is Charlotte Wallace, who has taught Russian at a high school in Massachusetts, at the University of Michigan (as a Teaching Fellow), and at Washington State University's summer Russian workshop, in addition to teaching the course here. She has visited the Soviet Union five times, once as a student, three times working as a tour leader for high school students, and most recently as a Russian-speaking guide on an American photography exhibit. Ms. Wallace has done graduate work toward a doctoral degree in Russian Literature at both the University of Michigan and the University of Washington. She received her Master's Degree in Russian Literature from New York University in 1971.

REGISTRATION. It is not necessary to be enrolled at the University of Washington in order to take correspondence courses, and one can register at any time. Students have one year from the date of registration in which to complete the course; after that time, the registration can be renewed for an additional year upon payment of a renewal fee. Tuition for Russian C101 is \$130 plus \$9 for cassettes. Tuition for C102 is \$130 plus \$4.50 for a cassette.

You may enroll for these classes by coming to the Independent Study registration counter at 222 Lewis Hall, or you may register by mail. For a registration application, call or write the Office of Independent Study, 222 Lewis Hall, DW-30, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195. The telephone number is 206/543-2350.

ДАВАЙТЕ ГОВОРИТЬ ПО-РУССКИ !!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 5-November 16, 1982

"Critical Issues in U.S. Foreign Policy," a weekly noontime lecture series to be held at the Plymouth Congregational Church in the University District, 543-2490.

October 11, 1982

"Soviet Economic Policies in Western Europe," REEU seminar, Dr. John Hardt, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, 3:30 p.m., 317 Thomson, School of International Studies, University of Washington, 543-4852.

October 19, 1982

Shura Cherkassky, a pianist in the Romantic tradition of Liszt, Rubinstein and Rachmaninoff, University of Washington, Meany Hall, 543-4880.

October 21, 1982

"Montenegro" (Yugoslavia), by Dušan Makavejev, Neptune Theater, 633-5545.

October 21-27, 1982

"An Unfinished Piece for Player Piano," a new comedy by Nikita Mikhalkov, director of "Oblovov" and "A Slave of Love," Crest Theater, 363-6338.

October 23-24, 1982

Russian Food Fair and Bazaar, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral, 1714 13th Avenue, Natalie Tracy, 633-1222.

October 29 or 30, 1982

Halloween Party, Russian House, University of Washington, 543-4852.

October 30, 1982

Halloween Dance, Russian Community Center, 704 19th Avenue, 885-4228.

November 1, 1982

Slovak Chamber Orchestra, a 15-member ensemble will perform works by Bach, Mozart, Vivaldi and others, University of Washington, Meany Hall, 543-4880.

November 3, 1982

"Western Economies: Transition or Decline," Ambassador Peter Jay of London, Distinguished Lectureship Series in Foreign Affairs, School of International Studies, University of Washington, 8 p.m., Meany Hall, 543-4852.

November 13-14, 1982

Russian Food Fair and Bazaar, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral, 1714 13 Avenue, Natalie Tracy, 633-1222.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (continued)December 4, 1982

Andras Schiff, a young Hungarian pianist known in Seattle for his performances at the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, University of Washington, Meany Hall, 543-4880.

December 31, 1982

New Year's Party, Russian Community Center, 704 19th Avenue, 885-4228.

January 25-February 5, 1983

"The Three Sisters," Chekhov, School of Drama, University of Washington, 543-4880.

February 9, 1983

"The Question of Palestine Now," Professor Edward Said, Columbia University, Distinguished Lectureship Series in Foreign Affairs, School of International Studies, University of Washington, 8 p.m., Meany Hall, 543-4852.



THE THREE SISTERS

April 6, 1983

"Ronald Reagan's New-Look Foreign Policy," Arnaud deBorchgrave, Distinguished Lectureship Series in Foreign Affairs, School of International Studies, University of Washington, 8 p.m., Meany Hall, 543-4852.

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