



Slavic & East European Collections at UC Berkeley

Russian Emigre Collection

The Russian Emigre Literature Collection at the University of California, Berkeley Library is the result of two Title II-C grants that were procured for the library in the late seventies and early eighties by the Librarian for Slavic Collections at that time, Edward Kasinec.

The first of the grants preserved the newspaper collection of the Museum of Russian Culture, San Francisco entitled the Dalnevostochnyi Arkhivnyi Fond. The titles in this collection were from the library of Anatolii Stepanovich Lukushkin, former curator of the Obshchestvo izucheniia Manchzhurskogo kraia. Supplemented by holdings from the Hoover Institution Library and the Library at Berkeley, this collection numbers 101 titles and contains newspapers published by the Russian communities of the Pacific rim.

The second grant was broader in scope. It targeted Russian emigre books and serials throughout the world and included the publications of all the "waves" of Russian emigration. Excluded were Russian emigre publications that predated the October Revolution. This grant was managed by Julie Christiansen (Project Director), Bela Shirman (Project Assistant), in consultation with Gareth Perkins, Acting Slavic Librarian and Susan Rosenblatt, Associate University Librarian for Technical Services. The addition of new serial and newspaper titles gathered and preserved during the administration of this second grant was significant. The list of serials preserved rose to over 600 titles and the number of books that were acquired and preserved now numbers about 5000.

On-line Catalogs:

Items that are part of this collection appear in the on-line catalog for UC Berkeley, Pathfinder, and the on-line catalog of the UC System, Melvyl. To retrieve the works in this collection do the following:

- On **Pathfinder**: To retrieve the items in the collection do a Title Phrase search for "russian emigre literature collection*". You can limit to books or journal titles to separate the two formats. To find only the publications that were part of the first preservation project, do a Title Phrase search for "dalnevostochnyi arkhivnyi fond*". The * character is necessary for correct results.
- On **Melvyl**: To retrieve the items in the collection do a Title (exact) search for "russian emigre literature collection". You can limit to books or journals.

Printed Catalogs:

- Urbanic, Allan. *Russian Emigre Serials: a bibliography of titles held by the University of California, Berkeley* can be found in the Doe Library Reference Collection under the call number DK269 .U73 1989
- Urbanic, Allan. *Russian Emigre Literature : a bibliography of titles held by the University of California, Berkeley*. (books only) can be found in the Doe Library Reference Collections under the call number Z2519 .U55 1993.

About the Museum of Russian Culture in San Francisco: While the Slavic Collections of the University of California, Berkeley and the Hoover Institution of War, Peace, and Revolution are well known to scholars throughout the world, the resources of the Museum of Russian Culture may not be as familiar to the users of this collection. The Museum and its library, located at 2450 Sutter Street in San Francisco, are truly one of the great treasures of Russian memorabilia and publications in the West. The Museum houses both a collection of artifacts of the Russian migrations in the Pacific regions as well as treasures of the culture in exile that was created after the fall of the Romanov dynasty in 1917. The Museum and its library was headed at the time of this project by Mr. Nicholas Slobodchikoff and is staffed by volunteers from the Russian community. The library contains about 20,000 volumes and dozens of collections of manuscripts. A great many of the titles contained in this collection were filmed from the holdings of the Museum library and are so designated in the bibliographic records.

Access to the materials: All titles in the collection can be used on site in the Doe Library (Main Library). Main stack materials can be paged at the circulation desk on the first floor of the library; microforms can be viewed in the Periodical/Newspaper/Microform Room in rm 150 of the Library Annex. Facilities for photocopying both originals and film are available for nominal fees. On site users should be aware that certain titles are kept in a remote storage facility which requires twenty-four hour notice for retrieval. All materials are also available through Interlibrary Lending. Consult this department of your local library for regulations governing this procedure.