SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP PROGRAMS

Through the generosity of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, its International Foundation, and its Colorado and Wyoming chapters, the Project has been administering a scholarship program for two years now to encourage the study by undergraduate students of the history and culture of German Russians in Colorado and the U.S.

This year, through private contributions to the International Foundation and chapter support, the Project also will grant a Graduate Research Assistantship for work toward the M.A. at CSU in German Russian studies. The staff is presently soliciting applications from qualified and interested graduate students, who should contact Dr. Kenneth Rock at the CSU Department of History.

This year's recipients of the AHSGR scholarships are: Andy Klingelhoefer, Lorinda Kissler, Randall Teeuwen, and Cathy Frederick.

COLORADO GERMAN RUSSIAN HISTORY COURSE OFFERED AGAIN

For the second consecutive year, a course in the Department of History dealing with the history and culture of the German Russians, with emphasis on Colorado's settlers and descendants, is being offered by Sidney Heitman with the assistance of James Long (The Russian Background); Arthur Worrall (U.S. Immigration History); Liston Leyendecker (Colorado History); Kenneth Rock (Colorado's German Russians); Evan Vlachos (Ethnicity and Assimilation); Klaus Hoffmann (German Russian Culture); and Stan Eitzen (The Mennonites). Interest in the subject continues to be high.

THE GERMAN RUSSIAN SPECIAL COLLECTION

The German Russian Special Collection continues to grow in volume and now numbers more than 1,000 titles. An index to the Collection was published in Germans from Russia in Colorado (see below). The thrust of the Collection continues to be service to the research needs of the staff of the Project, the CSU faculty, and the undergraduate and graduate students, as well as to avoid duplication of the materials in the rich AHSGR collection in the Greeley Public Library.

TWO BOOKS PUBLISHED THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

Two books by staff members were published in recent months. One is Germans from Russia in Colorado, containing chapters by staff members and other scholars. It was published in 1978 by University Microfilms International. Copies must be ordered directly from them (300 North Zeeb Road; Ann Arbor, Michigan 58106). Price is $14.25.

PROJECT SPONSORS SPEAKERS
The Project sponsored two prominent speakers this year, Dr. Iris B. Graefe of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, a leading authority on German Russian migration and assimilation, who spoke last July on the emigration of German Russians from the USSR to West Germany in recent years; and Dr. Gene Sosin, Programming Director of the New York office of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, who spoke in the spring on "Uncensored Russia," which dealt with Soviet samizdat and dissidence, to which German Russians have contributed importantly in recent years.

STAFF ACTIVITIES
Staff members continue to be active in their respective fields of study

John Newman reports: In response to increased use by students, faculty, and persons from the local community, the Germans from Russia Collection has been enlarged and reorganized. Better bindings and boxes have been provided for most items. Some heavily-used books and articles have been duplicated, with one copy identified for reading and circulation and the other maintained for archival purposes. Photographs and audio visual material have been separated, and a new, revised catalog is being prepared. It is crucial to successful use of the collection that off-campus persons write or call in advance to John Newman or Sidney Heitman. We are always delighted to make arrangements for patrons who let us know in advance that they will visit, but limitations of staff, space and facilities as well as the fragile nature of some items, make it impossible to handle visitors on a walk-in basis.

Ken Rock reports: An on-going project for me is the continued editing and transcribing of the interviews with Colorado Germans from Russia that I have been engaged in for the past three years. As the tape-recorded interviews are transcribed, they will be of more use to scholars and browsers visiting the CSU Germans from Russia collection. I have served as the Program Chairman for the Northern Colorado Chapter of the AHSGR during the 1978 calendar year. The Chapter meets annually in March in Loveland, in July in Windsor, in October in Fort Collins, and in December in Greeley. I published "'Unsere Leute': The Germans from Russia in Colorado," The Colorado Magazine, Vol. 54, No. 2 (Spring 1977), pp. 155-183. I have been a consultant for Mrs. Thelma Stevenson of Fort Collins, who is the author of the seventy-fifth anniversary booklet for the Plymouth Congregational Church of Fort Collins, an anniversary to be celebrated on November 5, 1978. The Plymouth Congregational Church is a direct descendant of the First German Congregational Church of Fort Collins, founded by the local German-Russian community at Whedbee and Oak in 1903. I am periodically recording additional oral interviews with Colorado Germans from Russia, and I have taken additional slides of German-Russian sites and am cataloging them for the CSU collection.

James Long reports: I am continuing with research on the Volga German colonies in the Tsarist period, with emphasis on their economic development. I will publish an article in a forthcoming issue of the Slavonic and East European Review, "Agricultural Conditions in the German Colonies of Novouzensk District, Samara Province, 1861-1914." Earlier this year my Russian language bibliography (see above) was published by ABC Clio Press.
Klaus Hoffmann reports: I am doing anthropological background reading. An article has been accepted by the magazine Schatzkammer, entitled: "Die Russlanddeutschen in Amerika: 200 Jahre Auswanderungschicksal."

Sid Heitman reports: He has received three research awards to support study of the German Russians in the USSR under Soviet rule. He will be on sabbatical leave during 1979-80. The grants are from the American Philosophical Society; the U. S. State Department; and the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (German Foreign Academic Service). He will prepare a history of the German Russians in the USSR since the Second World War. The German Russians figure importantly in internal Soviet and West German relations and in the international relations between the two countries and the West. He travelled to Germany in January and in March of this year to conduct research at libraries and archives and interviews with recent emigres from the USSR in West Germany. Results of his study will be published in the series on Soviet nationalities being published by the Hoover Institution Press. During his sabbatical leave he will conduct research at the Hoover Institution in California; the Library of Congress and New York Public Library; and the Federal Institute for East European and International Studies, the Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations, and the Samizdat Archive of Radio Liberty/ Radio Free Europe, all in West Germany. Earlier this year he lectured on his research at the London School of Economics, Columbia University, and Rutgers University.

THE GERMANS FROM RUSSIA IN COLORADO STUDY PROJECT

was established at Colorado State University in 1975. Its purposes are: (1) research; (2) teaching and training; (3) publication and dissemination of information; (4) historic preservation; and (5) public service.

Among the activities of the Project are the creation of a Special Collection and Archive for the history of the German-Russians in Colorado; cooperation with historic preservation and restoration programs in the state; and the support of research by CSU faculty and students and by other scholars elsewhere.

The Project is part of the University's programs in International and Intercultural Education and in Russian and East/Central European Studies. It is supported jointly by the University, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and public and private organizations.

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In keeping with the University's objectives of education, research, and service, the Germans from Russia in Colorado Study Project has as its specific goals:

1. RESEARCH, STUDY, AND PUBLICATION
   a. Bibliographic research and study
   b. Library and field study
   c. Publication of results of study through articles, books, bibliographies, guides, collections of documents, readings, translations of original works, etc.
   d. Reports and papers for professional meetings
   e. Information bulletins, newsletters, feature stories for the media

2. HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION
   a. Collection and preservation of documentary materials
   b. Collection and preservation of museum materials
   c. Collaboration with historic preservation and restoration projects, with the State Historical Society of Colorado, with the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, and with other similar organizations and projects

3. DOCUMENTATION AND DISSEMINATION OF ETHNIC LEGACY
   a. Oral history recording of experiences, folkways, customs, etc.
   b. Recordings of music, folklore, dialects, oral traditions, etc.
   c. Filming or videotaping ceremonies, rites, dress, etc.

4. TEACHING AND TRAINING
   a. Infusion of findings into graduate and undergraduate curriculum
   b. Involvement of graduate and undergraduate students in research, study, and writing
   c. Sponsorship by Project of special speakers, exhibits, festivals, demonstrations, films, performances, and other enrichment programs
   d. Encouragement of and participation in interdisciplinary instruction on ethnic studies

5. PUBLIC SERVICE
   a. Dissemination of information of general public interest
   b. Encouragement of and assistance to various private individuals and organizations interested in the Germans from Russia or related immigration, ethnic, or historic study
   c. Service to and cooperation with various community groups interested in Centennial and Bicentennial celebrations, local and state history, the history of agriculture, urbanization, language and cultural studies, etc.
   d. Cooperation in all of the above with other colleges and universities in and beyond Colorado
PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS, 1975-1978

The Germans from Russia are the second largest ethnic group in Colorado and one of the most important contributors to the historic development of the state. Arriving around the 1880's, they became primarily the mainstay of the sugar beet growing and processing industries. Within two generations, they rose from field hands to fill leading positions in business, education, culture, and the political life of the state. Their remarkable advance from immigrant status to community leaders is one of the great American "success stories" of the twentieth century, and contemporary descendants of these hardy pioneers take justifiable pride in their cultural legacy.

Because this legacy was in danger of being lost to the ravages of time, in the summer of 1975 the Germans from Russia in Colorado Study Project was established at Colorado State University to augment the important work already underway for many years by the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia. Bringing to bear the resources of a modern university, the purposes of the Project were to: (a) conduct scientific research; (b) promote teaching at all levels; (c) publish and disseminate information; (d) assist historic preservation; and (e) provide public service.

Building on the important foundations laid by the AHSGR, the Project counts among its achievements the creation of a special collection of German Russian materials to support research and teaching at CSU. Together with the excellent, extensive collection of materials maintained by the AHSGR in the Greeley Public Library, these two archives comprise the single richest library resource relating to German Russian history and culture in the western world.
Until now the Project has been supported by the CSU Experiment Station, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and contributions from chapters of the AHSGR and its International Foundation, as well as private individuals and other organizations. This year the Project becomes entirely independent of university funding.

Activities during the first three years include:

1. An oral history program that has conducted nearly fifty interviews with members of Colorado German Russian community; only some of these have been transcribed.

2. The library collection, in addition to oral evidence, has accumulated hundreds of books, documents, and photographs to support Project research and teaching at CSU.

3. Scores of surveys, reports, and papers have been produced dealing with the history, locations, occupations, culture, and contributions of German Russians in Colorado and with resources within and outside the State for the study of German Russian history and culture. Public information reports, including newspaper, radio, and television releases, have been issued.

4. Publications including:

   - Kenneth W. Rock, Germans from Russia in America: The First Hundred Years
   - James W. Long, Russian Language Sources Relating to the Germans from Russia
   - Clara Hilderman Ehrlich, My Prairie Childhood
   - Information Bulletins, Nos. 1-5 (1915-1918)
   - German Russians in Colorado (University Microfilms International)
   - Articles, papers, and reports written by staff members published in various scholarly journals, newspapers, and other media

5. Papers, panels, and illustrated presentations have been given by staff members to schools, community groups, public and private organizations, and chapters of the AHSGR.

6. Sponsorship of visiting scholars and lecturers at Colorado State University.

7. Sponsorship of a course on "Colorado's Germans from Russia" at CSU.
Ongoing projects include a comprehensive history of the Germans from Russia in Colorado; continuation of the oral history interviewing program; comparative linguistic, anthropological, cultural, and sociological studies of the German Russians in the United States, Canada, South America, and the USSR; cooperation with the Immigration/Ethnic Studies program at CSU; the sponsorship of courses, lectures, special programs, and visiting speakers and scholars; development of a photographic archive; sponsorship of an international conference of specialists on German Russian studies; the preparation of a comprehensive guide to published and documentary sources on the German Russians; and other activities related to the research, teaching, and dissemination of information.

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