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The Soviet Union and Communism (Generally 1920's-1945)

Including a Report on Forced Labor in the Soviet Union

“The Committee for Carrying Fight Against the Soviet Economic Policy has until now issued and diffused in all countries, free of charge, bulletins, published in French and English, on the following subjects” “From the Researches Made by the Committee for the Study of Economic Conditions, formed by the Russian Financial, Commercial and Industrial Union...”



- This is a collection of 13 translations of summaries of various social, economic, and political situations in the Soviet Union in 1931. There is an overview sheet (in tatters) which states that there should be 13 sections overall—however, this set below (from the Library of Congress) has three sections on Soviet industry rather than one, and lacks the French

translation of #5, the "Russian Organization Abroad", and the "Economic Chronicle of Soviet Russia".

The OCLC/WorldCat locates only four of the thirteen papers: "Forced Labor" with 2 copies, "Notes on Indebtedness" with 4 (including Hoover), "Present State" with 3, and "Dumping" with 6. The others are not located.



The pamphlets are all 11x8" and are stapled together at the left side with two staples. Each section has a brown cover though they are all brittle—the text of the works however are on much better paper and are not brittle. Nearly all are stamped "Library of Congress Surplus/Duplicate" on the back cover.

- Overall: 13 items, 215pp. Very scarce. Provenance: U.S. Department of State, transferred to the Library of Congress in 1940. \$1500

The set includes:

1. Soviet Industry. Paris, June 1931. 23 leaves
2. Farm Collectivization in Soviet Russia. May 1931. 19 leaves.
3. Industry in the USSR in 1931, 1 Part. March 1931. 16 leaves

4. Industry in the USSR in 1931, II Part. March 1932. 20 leaves.
5. Military Aspects of the Five Year Plan of the USSR by Prof. Colonel A. Zaitzoff 18 leaves
6. Note on the Indebtedness and Credit of the Soviet Government. October 1931, presented by Prof. M.V. Bernatzky. 11 leaves
7. L'Endettement et la Solvabilite du Gouvernement des Soviets. October, 1931. 12 leaves
8. Memorandum on the Present Conditions of the Union of the Soviet Socialistic Republics and its Population. October 1931. 13 leaves.\
9. The Communist International and the United States of America. October 1931. 13 leaves.
10. The Economic Situation of the USSR and the Development of Soviet Foreign trade. 10 leaves.
11. The Present State of Collective Farms, by M.A. Kritsky. 24 leaves.
12. Forced Labor in Soviet Russia, May 1931, 19 leaves
13. Soviet Dumping, by B.N. Sokolov. April, 1931. 17 leaves

Note: the cover sheet (only) as mentioned and described above is found online in the State Department archives with the following classification: "Records of the Department of State Relating to Internal Affairs of the Soviet Union, 1930-1939 › Industrial Matters: Monopolies, Concessions, Contracts, Bounties, Subsidies, Cartels, Trades, Expositions And Exhibitions › 861.60 › "

FORCED LABOUR IN
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I. INDUSTRIAL PROLETARIAT.

The public opinion of Europe and America has lately become more and more interested in one of the most characteristic facts connected with the carrying out of the Five Year Plan in USSR - which is forced labour. The interest this question has aroused is quite comprehensible and natural. As stated in the preface to the Statute of the International Labour Bureau, the efforts made by the civilized countries to create more humane conditions of work, would be a failure should only one country establish its labour regulations on a different basis. The entire world is at present carrying on trade with the Soviets, in spite of the fact that, if forced labour is really employed in Russia, the competition of Soviet goods manufactured by such labour will impede social progress in all the other countries.

Convict Labour

The object of this report is to throw more light on this question which begins to worry the entire civilized world. The public opinion pays the greatest attention to convict labour in USSR. The use of convict labour has indeed taken in USSR an unprecedented development, as it can be seen from a number of special decrees issued in 1930 and approved by the last session of the All-Union Central Executive Committee. According to these decrees, any sentence of imprisonment for a period longer than three years is to

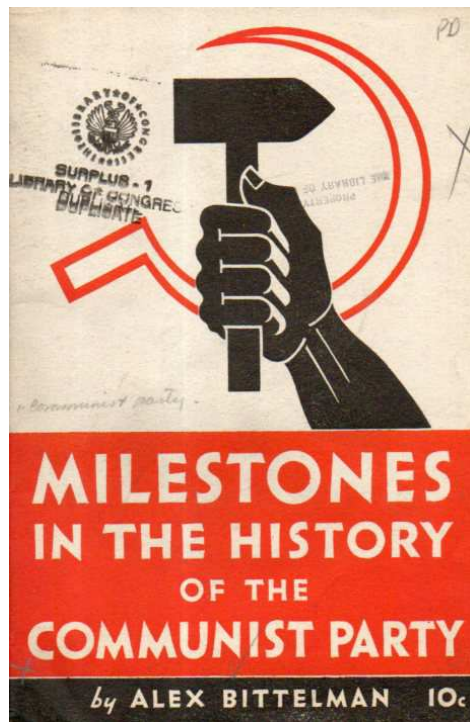
Communism

AMTER, I. The Truth about the Communists. Published by the Workers Library Publisher (1940). Has a few pages on equality, civil rights, and equal justice for Negroes. 7X5", 15pp. Brittle paper. A fair copy only \$15

_____. May Day, 1941. Published by the Workers Library Publishers, (1941). Printed wrappers. Brittle paper. Fair copy only. \$15

BITTELMAN, Alex. Milestones in the History of the Communist Party. Worker's Library Publishers, 1937. 7x5", 92pp. Very decorative printed wrappers. Nice copy. \$20

_____. Problems of Party Building. Worker's Library Publishers, 1937. 7x5", 30pp. Very decorative printed wrappers. \$20



CHARNACE, B. de. Notes on a Trip in the U.S.S.R., April-May 1931. Printed in new York by Iselin & Co., 1931. 11x8", 32 leaves. Offset from typed originals. No copies of this original edition located in OCLC/WorldCat (except for four copies of a 1975 reprint). Printed wrappers, though the front wrapper is detached. Scarce title. \$125

COMMERCIAL Handbook of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Published b the Russian Information Bureau, 1926. 40pp. 9X4". Printed wrappers. Very good copy. \$25

COATES, W.O. The Burning Question of Russian Oil: Ludicrous Failure of "Daily Mail" Deterding Campaign. Adelphi, London : Anglo-Russian Parliamentary Committee, [1927] "For Socialist and Labour Speakers". 30pp. 8X5" Printed wrappers. WorldCat/OCLC 14 copies. \$35

COLLINS, J. Amon D. Why Communism? Self published, (Detroit), 1945; 7x5", 123pp. \$45

CONSTITUTION of the Communist Party of the United States, The. Worker's Library Publications, New York, 1940. 7x5", 22pp. Printed wrappers. Deep blue front wrapper. \$20

DEMOCRATUS. Communist Circus, the Funniest Show on Earth. Published by the Labour Party, London, 1946 8x5", 15pp. Cartoon illustrations throughout by GOW. Printed wrappers. Nice copy. \$30

DOBB, Maurice. In Soviet Russia, Autumn 1930. London, 1931, 30pp. 9X6 inches. Nice copy. \$20

DOCTRINE du Communisme. Peuple de France! Avant de donner ton adhesion au Front National pour la Liberation... Printed ca. 1943. 6x4, "28pp. Striking printed wrappers. Good copy

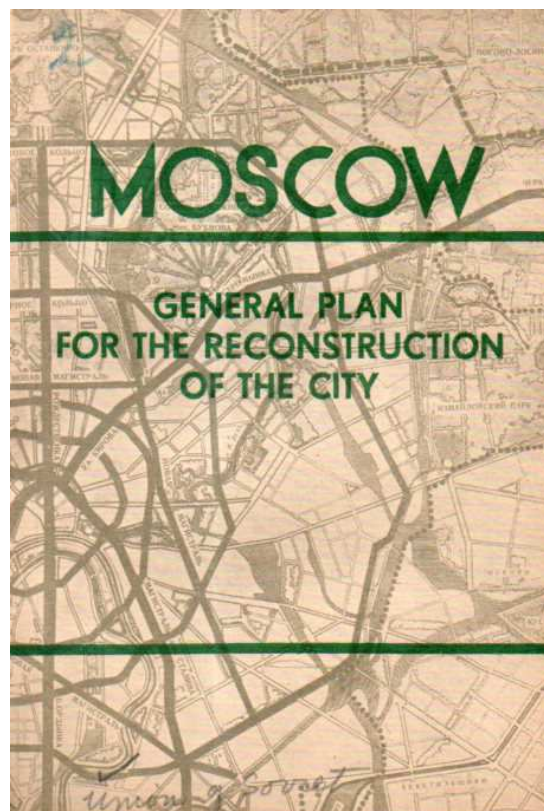
FACTS and Figures Regarding the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. Moscow, 1929. 5x3", 112p. USSR Chamber of Commerce for the West. Printed wrappers. \$25

FEENEY, Thomas J. Communism our Common Enemy. Published by The Queen's Work, St. Louis (Mo.), 1937. 7x5", 23pp. Printed wrappers. \$20

FEODOROW, W. La Russie Invincible, Conference de Mr. W. Feodorow, President du Groupe Patriotique Russe de Beyrouth...Speech given by Feodorow on the occasion of the second anniversary of the invasion of the Soviet Union by Germany, 22 June 1943. 12pp, wrappers. Provenance: the library of the OSS, with call slip at back wrapper and a routing slip laid in. Pretty nice and unusual item. \$125

FIVE Year Plan and the Cultural Revolution, The. USSR Information Series No.1, published by Modern Books, London, [1930-1?] 7x5", 45pp, illustrated front wrapper. Printed wrappers. Although it here seem to perhaps be multiple editions, WorldCat/OCLC locates surprisingly few copies (9). \$50

GOLDMAN, Albert/ Why We Defend the Soviet Union. Pioneer Press for the Socialist Workers Party, 1940. 9x6, 31pp. Printed wrappers. \$20



GOLDSTEIN, Joseph M. America's Opportunities for Trade and Investment in Russia. Published by the Russian Information Bureau in the U.S., (1919) 13pp, 9x6". Includes a large and somewhat attractive chart at end (35x23"). \$50

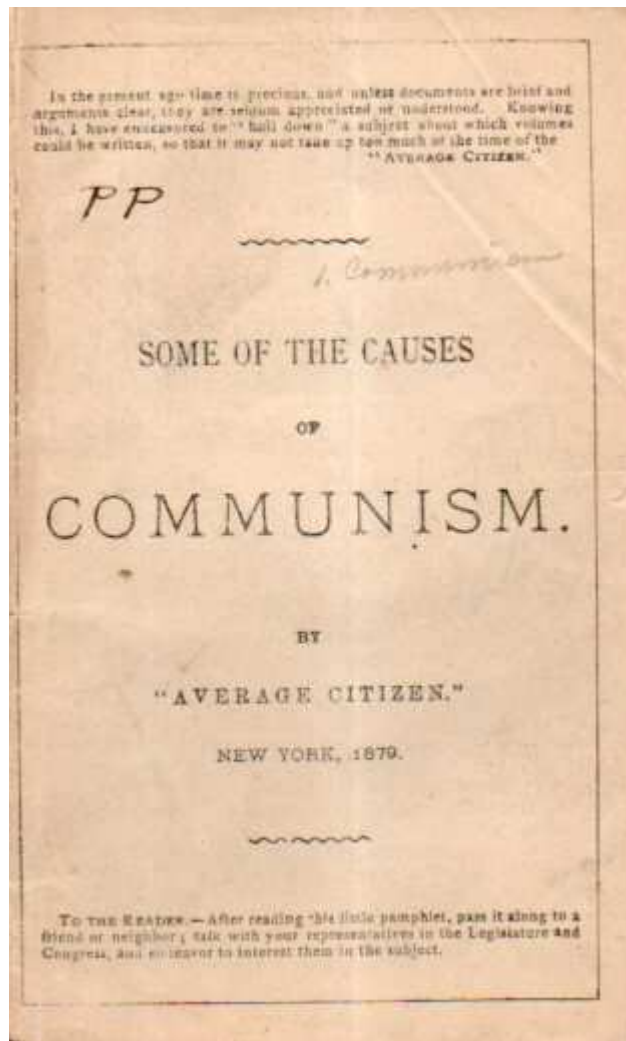
KOPMAN, Aaron. Russia Today. Published by the Chicago Tribune (1927), 48pp. 9x4". Wrappers. Provenance: Hon. Robert Luce, then Library of Congress. WorldCat/OCLC locates only (?) 1 copy. \$25

LaFARGE, John. Communism's Threat to Democracy. The America Press, NYC, 1937. 7x5", 15pp. Printed wrappers. Nice copy. Addressing the threat and force of Communism with threat and force. \$25

_____. Communism and the Catholic Answer. America Press, NYC, 7x5", 36pp. Printed wrappers. Possibly one of the Copyright Deposit copies. \$25

Die Landwirtschaftsgenossenschaften Sowjet-Russlands /[title in Russian] mit vier Bildern und einem Schema. Berlin, Allgemeiner Genossenschaftsverlag Friedrichshagen, 1925. 9x6, 32pp. Illustrated cover. WorldCat/OCLC locates 0 copies. Provenance: the Library of Congress "Pamphlet Collection". \$150 Apologia for the Soviet agricultural policies and the created famines of the 1920's and 1930's (the Povolzhye Famine 1921), the famines of WWI 1914-1918, the Civil Wars of 1918-1921, the Eastern famine of 1911, the Central Famine of 1920/4, and not to mention the coming Holodomor of the Ukraine 1932-3 in which 5-10 million people were starved to death via Soviet policy.

LEBEDEF, Col. Vladimir. The Russian Democracy in its Struggle Against Bolshevist Tyranny. New York, Russian Information Bureau in the U.S. [1919] Printed wrappers detached. Good copy. \$25



LENIN, la Vita, il pensiero, l'opera, la rivoluziene. Printed in Rome, E. Gi.Ti., (1944?). 6x4, 16pp. Printed wrappers. Good copy. \$15

LEVENSTEIN, Aaron. Make Freedom Constitutional. Published by the Young People's Socialist League, NYC, (1935). 9pp. Printed wrappers. Fair copy. \$15

LIASHCHENKO, I. The Pyatiletka for the protection of labor. Moscow, published by the Centrizdat, 1931. 4x3", 38pp. Printed on poor paper. Printed wrappers, front wrapper detached. Fair copy. WorldCat/OCLC locates 1 copy (Harvard). \$75

LINDSAY, Jack. 24 Years of Soviet Progress, an analysis of the Economic Strength of the Soviet Union. Brisbane, 1940. 8x5", 16pp. Printed wrappers. Very graphic design on front cover, a big red sickle and hammer. Surprisingly this title is not showing up in the expected places, and WorldCat/OCLC locates only 4 copies, none of which are outside Australia. \$50

McSWEENEY, Gerald M. *An Appeal to Reason. Communism and Chaos or Common Sense and Coherence.* October, 1935. 5x2", 12pp. Wrappers. Very good copy. \$25

MOSCOW, *General Plan for the Reconstruction of the City.* Union of Soviet Architects, 1935. 6x4", 51pp, with a folding map at rear. The cover design is quite striking, made of a map of Moscow. Surprisingly there are only 2 copies located by WorldCat/OCLC (Texas and Columbia). Fine copy. \$150

NEW Soviet Constitution, *The.* International Publishers, 1936. 6x4", 31pp. Printed wrappers. \$15

NOVACK, George E. *Witch Hunt in Minnesota, the Federal Prosecution of the Socialist Workers Party and Local 544—CIO.* 1942. 9x6", 23pp. Printed wrappers. \$20

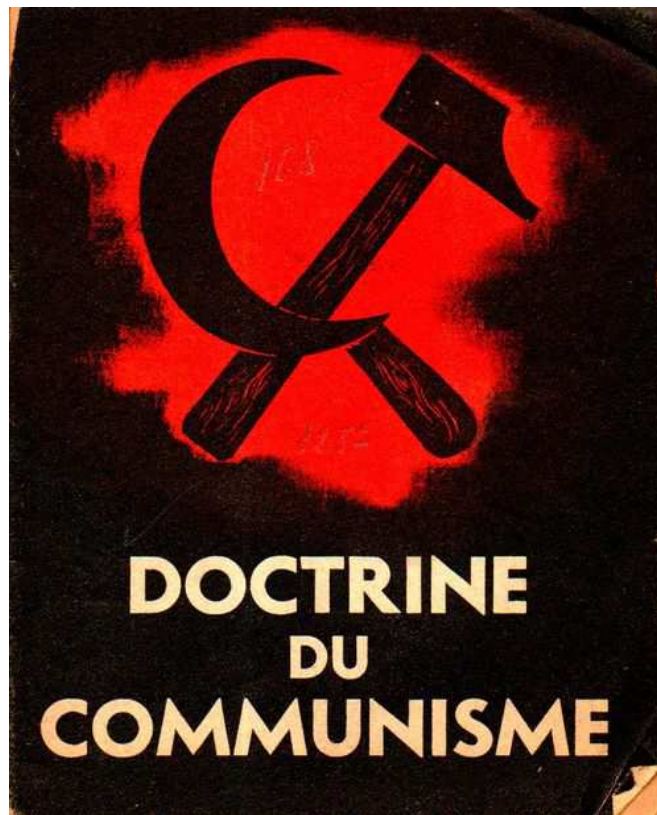
POLIAKOFF, R. *Trade with Russia After the War, an Address Delivered before the Foreign trade Association of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.* (1924) 8x5", 16pp. Printed wrappers. \$20

POSSE, W.A. *Kommunistische Ideen Uebersetzung aus dem Russischen von B. Bartels.* Printed in the Soviet Union, 1918. 9x6", 68pp. Printed wrappers. Good copy only, printed on poor paper. WorldCat/OCLC locates 1 copy. \$75

REIDMATTEN, Leon de. *Le Miracle Russe.* Editions de l'Observateur, Versailles, (February) 1945. 5x3", 30pp. Printed wrappers. Good copy. \$35

ROSENHOLZ, A.P. *The USSR and the Capitalist World.* Moscow, State publishers for the Foreign Trade, 1934. 8x6, 30pp. Nice copy. \$35

(RUSSIAN Currency) *A Stable Russian Currency, the Tchervonetz.* Rossiiskii kommercheskii bank, Moscow, 1923. 9x6", 16pp. 9x7". Printed wrappers. Good copy. WorldCat /OCLC locates 2 copies. \$150



(RUSSIAN Finance) The Imperial Russian Finances. Certain Important Points which the Guaranty Trust Company Neglected to tell Prosp[ective Investors in Russian Securities and Enterprises. Published by the International Monthly, 1916. 9x6", 15pp. Printed wrappers. WorldCat/OCLC locates 7 copies. \$75

(RUSSIA Religion) The Religious Situation in Russia. (Anonymous) dated by hand "New York City, Nov 1, 1923". 9x6", 126pp. Printed wrappers. Documentary evidence in regards to the ill-religious basis of the Soviet government. Scarce. \$75

RUSSIA, America's Greatest Export Opportunity. New York, R. Martens & Co., Inc. 1928. 8x2.5", accompanied by an 18x14 color map. Fine copy. \$95

RUSSIA a Consideration of Conditions as Revealed by Soviet Publications. New York, published by the Commission on Commerce and Marine of the American Bankers Association. 1931. 32pp, 9x6". Printed wrappers. Nice copy. Basically the collective says "Nyet" to Americans interested in doing business or investing in the Soviet Union. Overall there are situations that may exist for people to make money, but really the time was not there for investment.

RUSSIA Today, by a Special Correspondent. Reprinted by a Special Correspondent, June, 1923. 8x6:, 40pp. Printed wrappers. WorldCat/OCLC locates 1 copy. \$75

RUSSIAN Student Fund, Inc. Twenty Years of the Russian Student Fund. Printed in New York City, 1941. 11x8", 16pp. Offset printed, staple bound at top left.

RUSSIAN Glory, The. Published by Russian War Relief. 10x7", 43pp, illustrated. Printed wrappers, photo illustrated. Includes nine articles, including: •THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS by Valentin Kataev •POET WITH A GUN by Constantin Simonov •BATTLEFIELD NURSE by Military Surgeon Bagdasaryan •MEN WHO NEVER MISS by Pavel Nikitin •MARS' MUSIC IN MOSCOW by Dmitri Shostakovich Very good copy. \$75



RUSSIAN Gold, a Collection of Articles, Newspaper Editorials, and Report, and Statistical Data Regarding the Russian Gold reserve and Shipments of Soviet Gold. Amtorg Trading Corporation, 1922. 72pp. 9X6". Printed wrapper. \$75

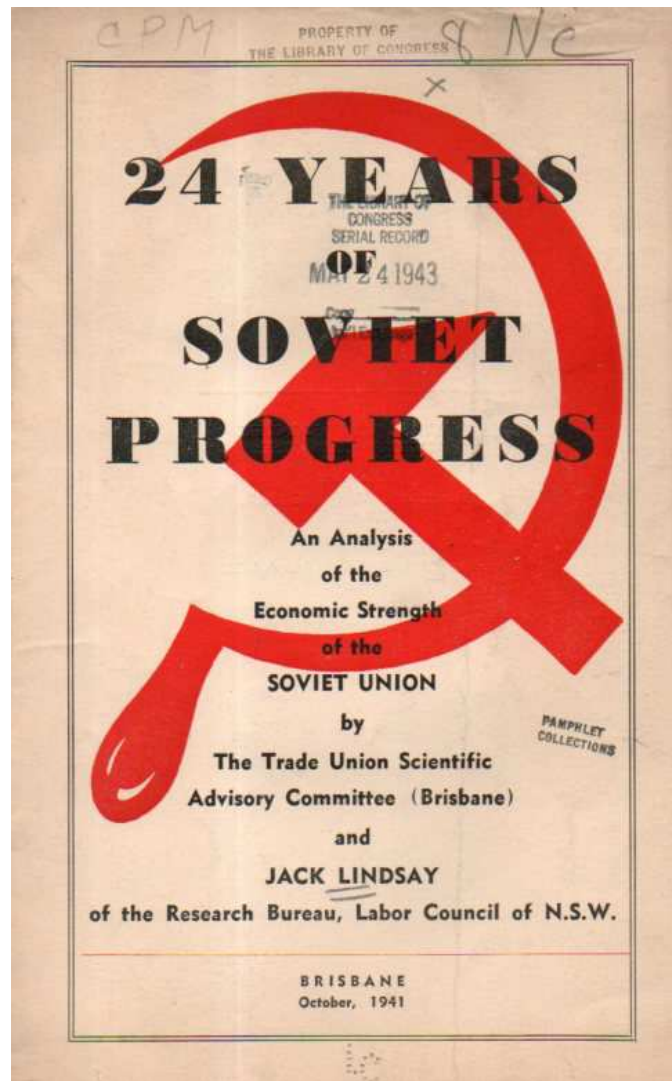
- "Amtorg Trading Corporation, also known as Amtorg (short for Amerikanskaia Torgovlia), was the first trade representation of the Soviet Union in the United States, established in New York in 1924 by merging Armand Hammer's Allied American Corporation (Alamerico)

with Products Exchange Corporation (Prodexco) and Arcos-America Inc. (the U.S. branch of All Russian Co-operative Society, ARCOS, in Great Britain). Formally a semi-private joint-stock company and American corporation, Amtorg occupied a unique position in the market as the single purchaser for a communist state. Even though it did not officially represent the Soviet government, it was controlled by the People's Commissariat for Foreign Trade and, prior to the establishment of diplomatic relations between the USA and the USSR in 1933, served as a de facto trade delegation and a quasi-embassy. Amtorg handled almost all imports from the USSR, comprising mostly lumber, furs, flax, bristles, and caviar, and all exports of raw materials and machinery for Soviet industry and agriculture. It also provided American companies with information about trade opportunities in the USSR and supplied Soviet industries with technical news and information about American companies." - ...

RUSSIA and Her Allies : Extract from the Verbatim Report of the Imperial Duma, Ivth Session, 16th Sitting. Published by London : Burrup, Mathieson And Sprague, Ltd., 1917. 7x5", 20pp. Printed wrappers, fine copy. \$25

RUSSIAN Economics. Printed by the Russian Commercial Bank, Moscow, ca. 1924. 70pp. 9X6", printed wrappers. Solid copy. \$75

RUSSIA Today Society. London, 1945. Small 4x3" handout for new subscribers with a nice design. 4Pp (one piece of paper, folded.) \$25



RUSSIAN War Relief, Financial and Operations Report of. Printed by Russian War Relief, Inc., 1943. 10x6, 18pp, lots of photos. Splashy publication for the benefit of fund raising. Fine copy, with a striking cover. \$45

SCHOLZ, Wilhelm. Moscow on Austria, for a National Committee. Published by Free Austrian Books, (1944). 6x4", 14pp. Wrappers. Provenance: from the Library of the OSS, with their call sheet on the back cover, as well as a card listing the two people who had checked out the pamphlet. \$45

SCHWERNER, Arthur. The Road to Understanding. Issue No. 1. How Far Shall We Go? A Study of Facts on the Question of "Jewish Bolshevism", published by Veritas Publishing Corp., New York City. 1938. 8x5", 16pp. Provenance: National League of Women Voters, then the Library of Congress. (Pro-Communist piece in that they were against Hitler, so the enemy of our enemy...also strongly in support of Jews and religious freedom, written by a man a long-time foe of the Nazis.) Nice copy. \$50

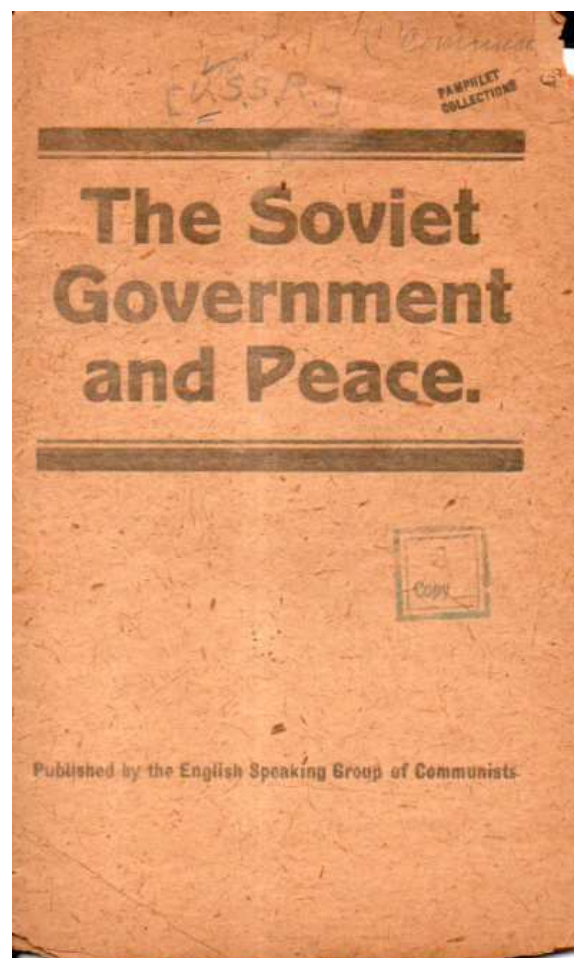
SMITH, Rembert Gillman. Communism versus Civilization. 1938, 9x6" 11pp. Printed wrappers. \$20

SMITH, William J. American or Communist? You Can't be Both. Published by the International Catholic Truth Society, Brooklyn, 1938/ 7x5", 29pp. Basically a rant against atheistic communism. Printed wrappers. This may be one of the U.S. Copyright deposit copies.

SOCIETY for Promoting Mutual Friendly relations between Russia and America. 1 sheet, printed back and front. 11X8". Printed ca. 1916-1918.

SOME of the Causes of Communism, by "Average Citizen", New York, 1879. 4x2.5". 26pp. WorldCat/OCLC locates 4 copies. Curious publication in which the author attacks railroads and the "Railroad Kings", as well as Standard Oil and the petroleum industry (in general). \$200

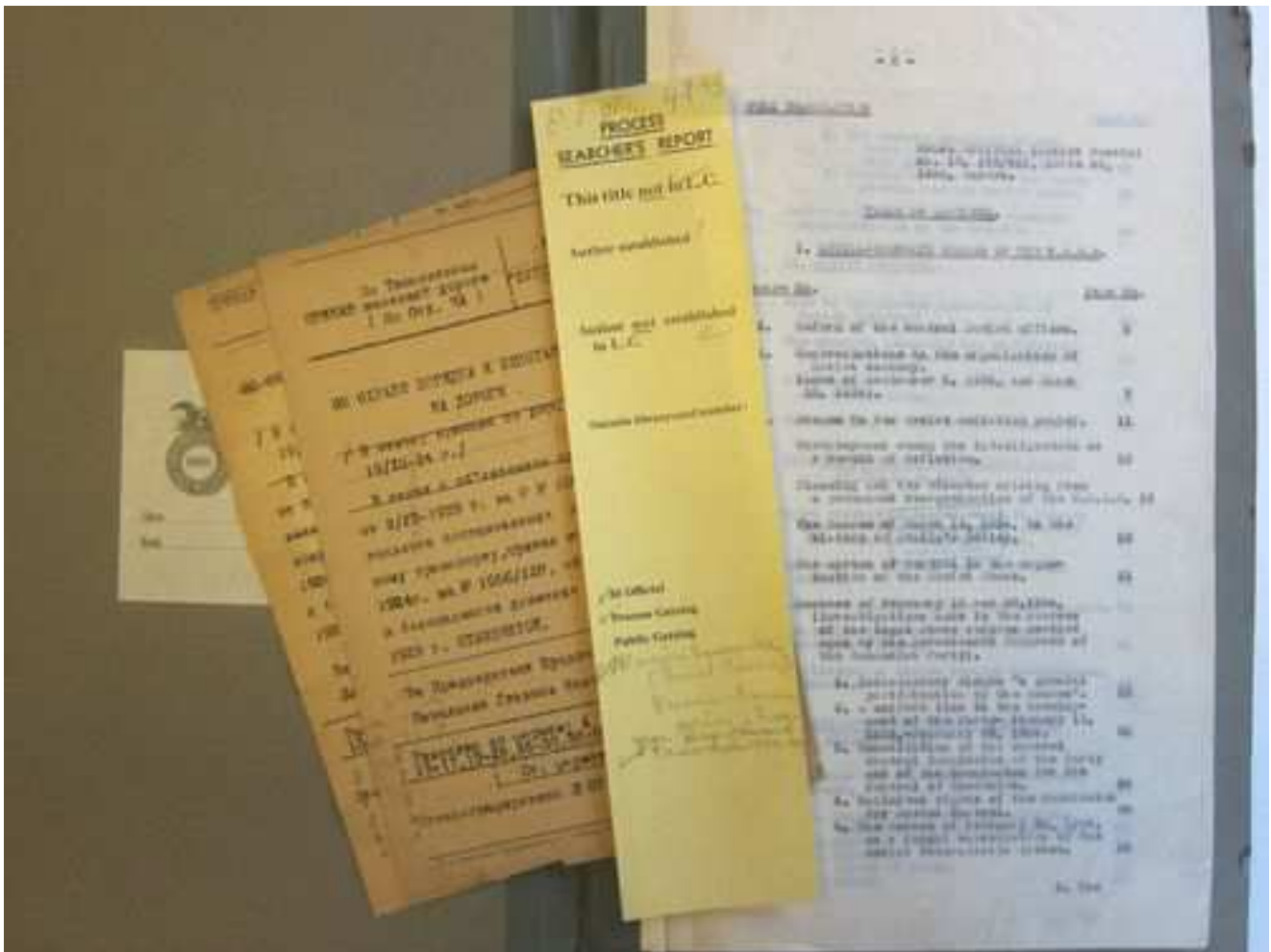
SOVIET Government and Peace. Published by the English Speaking Group of Communists. No place or year of publication, though I guess Moscow, and ca. 1918-1920. 5x3", 8pp. Printed wrappers, printed on very poor paper, now brittle. Fair copy only. This seems to address the occupation forces in Russia directly after WWI. WorldCat/OCLC locates 0 copies. \$125



SOVIET-Polish Relations. Issued by "Soviet War News", 1943. 6x4", 12pp. After (Stalin) establishing that the Soviet Union wishes for their to be a free and independent Poland after the war, there is a statement of Soviet injury on behalf of "abnormal" actions against it by Poland. Oy. Nice copy, in printed wrappers. \$30

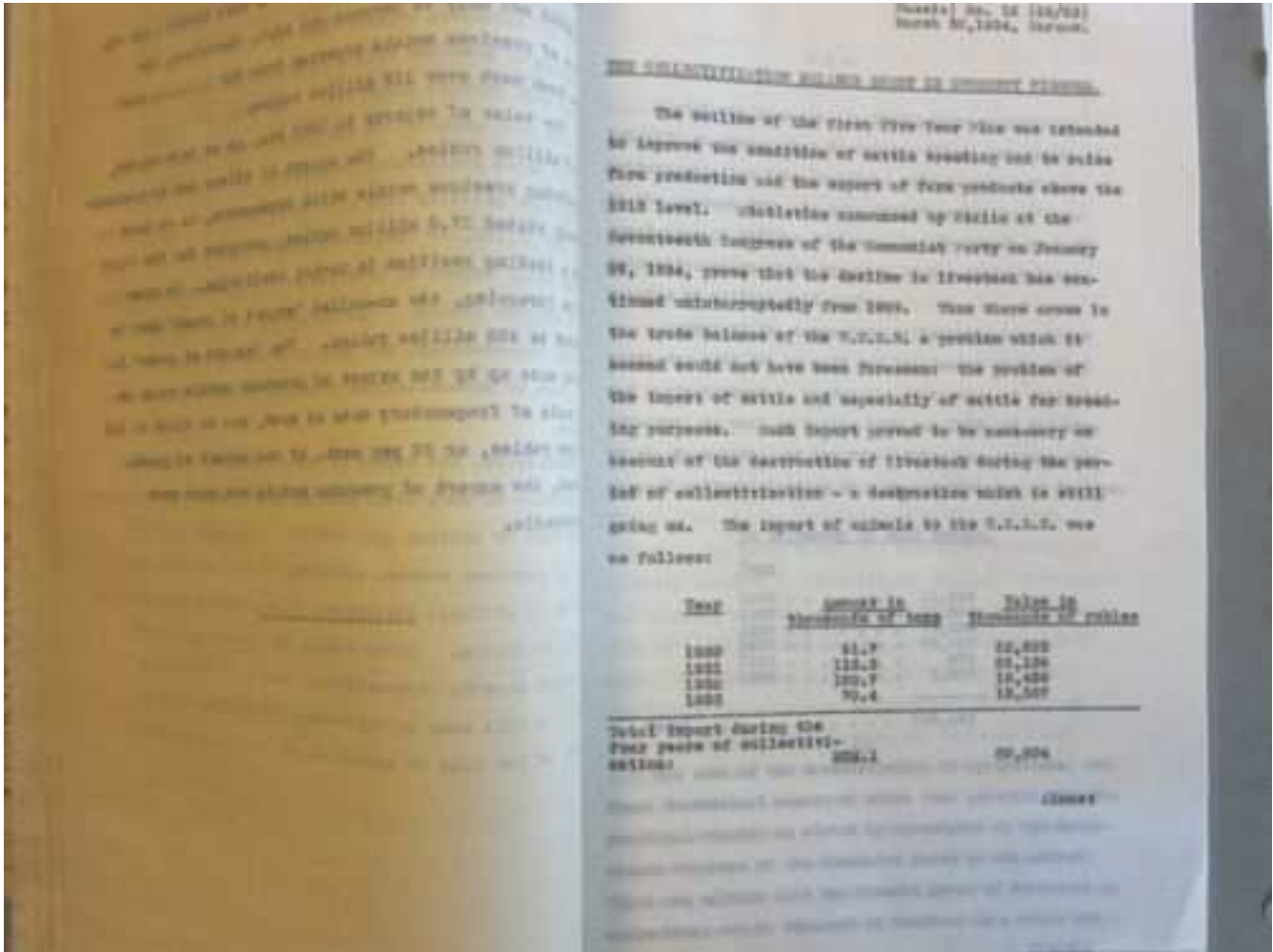
Rare (Second) Five Year Plan Soviet Economics

This is a carbon copy of a translation of a Socio-Economic Report on the Soviet Union's Five Year Plan of 1933-1937. This of course is a very significant time in the Soviet Union—and significant for mostly bad reasons, as with the NKVD and massive political and social repression, manipulating the criminal code, establishing a new constitution, starvation/famine practices, establishing labor camps and gulags, and of course purges (as in the Great Purge of 1938), and so on.



13x8", 99pp altogether. Provenance: the Library of Congress, bound in their own cloth tape and

cardboard. Sturdy if not somewhat worn. Tucked inside is a "Process Searcher's Report" in yellow, a 10x2" strip for cataloging purposes. \$450



This report is headlined Rosja Sowiewka (Soviet Russia) No. 12, (62/63), March 30, 1934, Warsaw.

Contents:

I: Social-Economic Record of the U.S.S.R.

1. Reform of the Central Soviet Offices 4pp
2. Contributions in the Organization of Soviet Economy (Laws of September 9, 1929, and March 15, 1934).
3. Stages in the Soviet Deflation Policy, 4pp
4. Unemployment Among the Intelligensia as a Result of Deflation, 4pp

5. Planning and the Disaster Arising from a Permanent Reorganization of the U.S.S.R. 4Pp
6. The Decree of March 15, 1934, in the History of Stalin's Policy 5pp
7. The System of Control in the Organization of the Soviet State, 3pp
8. Decrees of February 10 and 28, 1934. Investigations made of the sources of the legal state reform decided upon by the Seventeenth Congress of the Communist Party. 11pp.
9. Individual Initiative in the Economic Administration of the USSR, 3pp

II. Soviet Industry

1. What is the Present Organization of Soviet Industry. 4Pp
2. Economic Necessity for Diminishing the Burden of the Federal Government, 5pp
3. Consequences of a Liquidation of Trusts and Associations 3pp
4. The Breaking of the "Soviet Triangle" 3pp

III. The Financial and Currency Policy of the USSR

1. Total Payment of Soviet Debts in Germany 7pp
2. The Collectivization Balance Sheet in Currency Figures, 5pp
3. Liquidation of Soviet Foreign Indebtedness 1933-1935 2pp

IV. The Soviet Commercial Policy and Foreign Trade

1. Good Crops and a Decline in Agricultural Exports (1932/3) 4pp
2. The Loss of Former Gains in the Export of Farm Products, 3pp
3. Statistics of the Soviet Commercial Turnover During the Last Ten Years (import and exports)
1p
4. Comments on the Export Capacity of Soviet Agriculture 7pp

5. Industrial Exportation in 1933 4pp
6. Hope Based Upon America and the Uncertainty of Soviet Policy 5pp
7. Soviet Imports in 1933 4pp
8. Decline of Soviet-German Trade 2pp.

THORNHILL, Co. G. Official Reports on Bolshevism in Russia. ("The following collection of Official Reports on Bolshevism in Russia is published for the information of officers and men of the allied Forces in Archangel." 6x4", 39pp. Printed wrappers. WorldCat/OCLC locates 1 copy. Very good copy. \$75

THORNING, Joseph F. Communism in the U.S.A. The America Press, NYC, 1936; 7x5", 32pp. (Red) Printed wrappers. \$25

TRADE with the Soviets. Permanent Bureau of the International Entente Against the Third International. Geneva, 1931. 9x6", 18pp. Printed wrappers. A fair copy. \$20

TSERETELLI, Irakly. Separation de la Transcaucasie et de la Russie et Indépendance de la Géorgie. Paris, Imprimerie Chaix, 1919. 8x5", 55pp. WorldCat/OCLC locates 0 copies.

Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. 11x8", printed in double columns; 4pp, with double-page map as centerfold.

VORONAEFF, Paul. Christians Under the Hammer and Sickle. Published by Defender Publishers, in Wichita, Kansas, 1935. 8x6", 32pp. WorldCat/OCLC finds only 5 copies. Printed wrappers with a striking/primitive design. Unfortunately the pamphlet is all but disbound. Fair copy only. \$35 (Defender Magazine had a very heavy evangelical consideration, along with prophecy interpretation, and wanted to stem the tides of atheism and "wanted scriptural and scientific arguments against evolution" and wanted to be able to warn people against Communism, the Defender was for you.)

YVON, M. What Has Become of the Russian Revolution. International Review, 1937. 8x5", printed wrappers. 62pp. Looks to me as though M. Yvon has little positive to say about the Stalinist state. \$20

