

Czechoslovakia 1968 Collection

This collection gathers together primarily newsclippings, typescripts, Radio Free Europe reports and analyses, special issues of newspapers printed during the 1968 intervention, and intervention ephemera, all of which were used by Professor H. Gordon Skilling in writing Czechoslovakia: the interrupted revolution (Princeton University Press, 1976)

Researchers should also ask to see the Czechoslovakia 1968 book collection file. This is a gathering of all the published material used by Professor Skilling, and includes books, pamphlets, journals and runs of the most important Czech and Slovak newspapers, as well as the 1968 issues of Pravda (Moscow)

For general background information on Eastern Europe from the 1940's to the 1970's, researchers might be interested in the Library's Radio Free Europe collection. While concentrating on the years immediately preceding and succeeding the intervention, the collection does contain some earlier material from Radio Free Europe's Research on Eastern Europe section and newsclippings from American and European papers.

Boxes 1-3 Newsclippings from English, French and German papers, 1954-1976

- Box 1. Jan. 1954-July 1968
- Box 2. Aug. 1968-May 1969
- Box 3. June 1969-1976

Boxes 4-6 Radio Free Europe. Research and Evaluation Dept. Press surveys, situation and background reports on Czechoslovakia, 1961-1967

- Box 4. 1961-May 1964
- Box 5. June 1964-Feb. 1966
- Box 6. March 1966-Dec. 1967

Boxes 7-9 Czech and Slovak material prior to 1968 (by topic)

- Box 7. A-I
- Box 8. L-P
- Box 9. R-Z

Box 10 Indexes, chronologies, bibliographies, etc.

- Prehled tisku - Index for March-August 1968
- Radio Free Europe - Indexes to the press surveys, situation and background reports, Oct. 1966-March 1968
- Czechoslovakia 1968 - A bibliography
- Czechoslovakia 1968 - A chronology
- General developments - Jan. 1969-May 1970

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- Boxes 11-12 Newsclippings from Czech and Slovak papers, 1968-1969
Box 11. Filed by name of newspaper
Box 12. Filed chronologically
- Boxes 13-14 Topics relative to Czechoslovakia in 1968
Box 13. A-I
Box 14. K-Z
- Boxes 15-16 Invasion and aftermath
- Boxes 17-19 Newspapers issued during the invasion; the Library's holdings are listed on cards in the Czechoslovakia 1968 shelf list file. Ask the reference librarian for assistance.
- Boxes 20-22 Post-1968 material
- Box 23 Invasion ephemera - leaflets, posters, orders from the Russian army, documents issued by the Czechoslovak Communist Party, etc.

The following materials are a gift of journalist John Boyd,

- Boxes 24-25 CTK daily press surveys, April 1968-June 1969
Newsclippings, chiefly from left-wing papers, March 1968-July 1969
Articles by Boyd in English and Czech
Undated newsclippings
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Item 26: Galleys of H.G. Skilling's Czechoslovakia's interrupted revolution

Item 27 Page proofs.

Items 28-29 Typescript.

Item 30 Glass slides of various political cartoons

Item 31 Tapes and cassettes of radio broadcasts during August 1968.
Descriptions laid in.

Boxes 32-42 Indexes to Czechoslovakia's interrupted revolution

- Box 32 General bibliography - all subjects
Box 33 Indexes to Rude pravo and Pravda
Box 34 Indexes to all journals after August 21
Box 35 Writers - 1960's
Youth - 1960's
General development - Jan.-Aug. 1968
Box 36 Federation - Jan.-Aug. 1968
Aug.-Oct. 1968
Box 37 Reform - reaction of bloc, etc.
Box 38 Bibliography - Foreign policy
Invasion
History - Reform or revolt - interpretations
Conclusions
Post occupation, etc. - 1968-71

- Box 39 Rehabilitation
Economic reforms
- Box 40 Foreign relations
Bloc relations
Bloc pressures
- Box 41 Scholarship
Political system
- Box 42 Social forces
Political forces

The following materials area gift of journalist John Boyd, 1984.

- Item 43 Materials published just before, during and after
the events of August 1968.
Articles, official documents of the KSC, "unofficial"
documents, reactions of other Communist parties, some
post-1968 comments and reactions.