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HU OSA 205 Records of the Open Media Research Institute

Records of Analyst Dan Ionescu: Subject Files

• Ethnic minorities: Gypsies, 1990-1997, 0.37 lm

Bulgarian Subject Files

Social Issues: Minorities: Gypsies, 1952-1996 0.10 lm

Polish Subject Files

Minorities: Gypsies, 1993-1994, 100 pages

Romanian Subject Files

Social Issues: Minorities: Gypsies, 1977-1996, 0.20 lm

Former Soviet Union Archives: Subject Files

Social Issues: Ethnic Groups: Gypsies, 1995, 0.03 lm

HU OSA 300 Records of RFE/RL Research Institute

HU OSA 300-30 Czechoslovak Unit

HU OSA 300-30-7 Old Code Subject Files

The materials consist of newspaper clippings, Czech and Slovak radio monitoring materials, research papers, samples of Czechoslovak Situation Reports and RFE/RL Background Reports. Files are primarily in Czech, Slovak, German, and English.

• 1108 Ethnic Minorities: Gypsies, 1972-1984, 0.25 lm

HU OSA 300-30-14 Collection of Documents on 1968

 Original hand-written protest against the 1968 Soviet occupation of Czechoslovakia, signed by the "Czechoslovak Union of Gypsies", 1968, 1 page

HU OSA 300-40 Hungarian Unit

HU OSA 300-40-1 Subject Files

Cigányok [Gypsies], 1954-1990, 0.50 lm



HU OSA 300-40-4 Information Items

813.01 Ethnic Minorities: Gypsies in Hungary, 1954-1966, 0.03 lm

Additional information on the Roma can be also found in the Hungarian *Biographical Files,* which contain several entries on prominent Roma intellectuals and artists. These files are primarily in Hungarian.

HU OSA 300-50 Polish Unit

HU OSA 300-50-1 Subject Files

The documents include press clippings, news agency releases and reports, and research papers. Of note are the reports on Polish-Roma clashes in the town of Mława in 1991. Files are primarily in Polish and English.

- 117 Minorities, 1951-1993, 0.44 lm
- 811 Population: Demography, 1951-1993, 0.37 lm
- 822 Gypsies, 1953-1961, 100 pages

HU OSA 300-60 Romanian Unit

HU OSA 300-60-1 Subject Files

815 Culture: Minorities: Gypsies, 1988-1989, 0.03 lm

HU OSA 300-80 Soviet "Red" Archives

HU OSA 300-80-1 All-Union General Files

The documents consist of newspaper clippings, news agency releases and excerpts of Radio Liberty Research Reports. They are primarily in Russian and English.

Gypsies, 1977-1993, 25 pages

HU OSA 300-85 Samizdat Archives

HU OSA 300-85-12 Subject Files

This file contains newspaper clippings, primarily in Russian, taken from the Soviet, Russian émigré, and Western press, news agency releases, monitoring materials, Radio Liberty research papers.

Национальности: цыгане [Nationalities: Gypsies], 1986-1990, 30 pages



HU OSA 315 Collection of Dragoljub Acković Relating to Roma Issues

• 1994-1997, 0.04 lm

HU OSA 316 Records of the European Roma Rights Center

• 1996-1999, 0.75 lm

The files consist of ERRC publications: annual reports, country reports and case studies.

HU OSA 317 Collection of Miklós Kun Relating to 20th Century History

• The Gypsy Holocaust, documentary film, 1 hour

revised: September 2001

Publications by the RFE/RL Research Institute

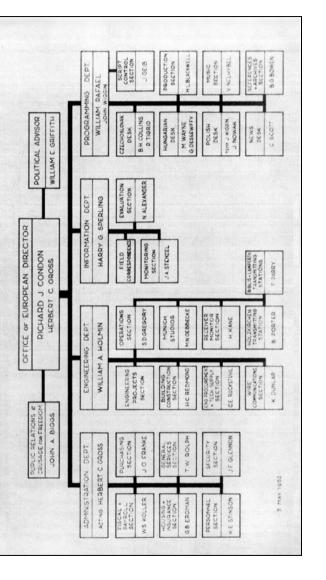
Press Surveys, averaging 15 pages each, consist of original language articles or English translations of the most important articles appearing in the East European press. Such surveys were made for Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, and Romania.

Information Items are based on interviews made in Western Europe with visitors and refugees from Eastern Europe.

Situation Reports contain summaries of current developments in Eastern Europe. These reports were prepared by the national units twice a week.

Background Reports are special studies providing perspectives on current events and trends in the communist world. The reports were issued on a regular basis, as well as in response to sudden developments, such as government reshuffle or an unannounced meeting of communist leaders.

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