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- Five Documentaries on Czechoslovakia 1968, 3.5 hours

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HU OSA 300-8 Publications Department

- Czechoslovak Background Report, 1968, 0.03 lm
- Czechoslovak Situation Reports, 1968, 0.03 lm

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- 602 Communist Party: Foreign Relations: CSSR [Czechoslovak Socialist Republic], 1968-1980, 0.03 lm
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- 300A Warsaw Pact, 1967-1971
- 300B NATO, 1967-1971
- 300C Occupation (Chronology), 1967-1971
- 300C Occupation (Monitoring, August 21-22, 1968), 1967-1971
- 300C Occupation (Monitoring, August 23-28, 1968), 1967-1971
- 300C Occupation (Monitoring, August 29-September 3, 1968), 1967-1971

- 300C Occupation (Illegal Press, August 26-September 6, 1968), 1967-1971
- 300C Occupation, 1967-1971

HU OSA 300-30-5 Old Code Subject Files IV

- 2612 Propaganda: Rallies, 1967-1968, 0.03 lm
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- 300c Armed Forces: Soviet Occupation, 1976-1990, 0,50 lm
- 602e Czechoslovak Communist Party: Spring 1968, 1978-1990, 0.55 lm
- 604b Czechoslovak Communist Party: Congresses: 13th Congress, 1968-1969, 0.10 lm
- 609 Czechoslovak Communist Party: Party Statutes, 1968, 0.05 lm
- 615a Czechoslovak Communist Party: CPCS: Central Committee, 1968-1969, 0.40 lm

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

The collection includes newspapers, reviews on the 1968 events, announcements, letters, leaflets, signed protests, press reviews; a report on the rehabilitation of the victims of political trials (from 1949 to 1968); daily monitoring of the occupation; extensive files on the reaction of the Western countries from August 21 to September 15, 1968.

HU OSA 300-40 Hungarian Unit
HU OSA 300-40-1 Subject Files

- Ellenzék: Charta '77 [Opposition: Charter '77], 1979-1983, 0.03 lm
- Ellenzék: Emberi jogok [Opposition: Human Rights], 1960-1976, 0.03 lm

- Külpolitika: Külkapcsolatok: Csehszlovákia [Foreign Affairs: Relations with Czechoslovakia], 1968-1969, 0.25 lm
- Külpolitika: Külkapcsolatok: Franciaország [Foreign Affairs: Relations with France], 1968-1969, 0.12 lm
- Külpolitika: Külkapcsolatok: NSZK [Foreign Affairs: Relations with West Germany], 0.09 lm
- Magyar kisebbség Csehszlovákiában [Hungarian Minority in Czechoslovakia], 1968-1976, 0.09 lm
- Párt- és kormányküldöttség: Csehszlovákia [Party and State Delegations: Czechoslovakia], 1967-1983, 0.03 lm
- Párt: Külkapcsolatok: Csehszlovákia [Party: Foreign Relations: Czechoslovakia], 1968-1970, 0.03 lm
- Varsói Szerződés [Warsaw Pact], 1968-1970, 0.03 lm
- Varsói Szerződés: Csehszlovákia 1968-as megszállása [Warsaw Pact: The 1968 Occupation of Czechoslovakia], 1968-1969, 0.03 lm

HU OSA 300-40-2 Subject Files in English

- International Relations: Political: Czechoslovakia, 1968-1969, 0.09 lm

HU OSA 300-40-4 Information Items

- 122.3 Foreign relations: Czechoslovakia, 1965-1971, 0.03 lm
- 200.3 Armed Forces: Maneuvers, 1968-1968, 0.03 lm

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- 172.3 Warsaw Pact, 1968, 300 pages

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HU OSA 300-55-3 Subject Files

- Czechoslovakia, 1984-1990, 0.06 lm

HU OSA 300-60 Romanian Unit
HU OSA 300-60-1 Subject Files

- 602 Communist Party: Foreign Relations: Czechoslovakia, 1952-1974, 0.05 lm
- 1505 Foreign Relations: Czechoslovakia, 1966-1973, 0.05 lm
- 2605 Propaganda: Speeches of VIPs: Ceauşescu, Nicolae, 1968, 0.03 lm

HU OSA 300-60-6 Romanian Press Survey in English
1968, 0.03 lm

HU OSA 300-70 Yugoslav Section
HU OSA 300-70-1 Subject Files

- Foreign Relations: Czechoslovakia, 1968-1974, 0.03 lm
- Foreign Relations: Soviet Union, 1968-1969, 0.06 lm

HU OSA 300-80 Soviet "Red" Archives
HU OSA 300-80-1 Old Code Subject Files

The files, which are predominantly in Russian and English, consist of press clippings from Soviet and Western press, and wire service dispatches as well as RFE/RL research papers and Background Reports.

- Варшавский договор [Warsaw Pact], 1966-1970, 0.07 lm
- Вооруженные силы: военная стратегия [Armed Forces: Military Strategy], 1962-1987, 0.03 lm
- Восточная Европа: СССР (отношения)[Eastern Europe: USSR (Relationships)], 1968-1979, 0.05 lm
- Западная Европа: общее [Western Europe: General], 1960-1991, 0.10 lm
- Западная Европа: КП [Western Europe: Communist Parties], 1963-1975, 0.03 lm
- Коммунистический блок: общее [Communist Block: General], 1962-1980, 0.03 lm
- Коммунистический блок: хронология [Communist Block: Chronology], 1966-1969, 0.07 lm
- КПСС: идеология [Communist Party of Soviet Union: Ideology], 1967-1970, 0.03 lm
- КПСС: история [Communist Party of Soviet Union: History], 1967-1991, 0.05 lm
- Мировой коммунизм: общее [World Communism: General], 1967-1969, 0.03 lm
- Радио "Свобода"/ Радио "Свободная Европа" [Radio Liberty/Radio Free Europe], 1968-1971, 0.05 lm

- Самиздат: "Хроника" [Samizdat: "Chronicle"], 1968-1973, 0.03 lm
- Соревнование двух систем [Competition Between Two Systems], 1968-1972, 0.03 lm
- Сосуществование [Co-existence], 1964-1991, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения)[Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)], 1967-1970, 0.10 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Warsaw Pact Troops, 1968-1969, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Western World Reaction, 1968-1969, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Western World Reaction: Italy, 1968, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Western World Reaction: USA, 1968, 0.03 lm
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- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Western World Reaction: France, 1968, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Western World Reaction: Great Britain, 1968, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Western World Reaction: Austria, 1968, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Various, 1968-1969, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Western Communist Parties' Reactions, 1968, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Western Communist Parties' Analysis, 1968, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Refugees, 1968-1969, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Slovakia, 1968, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Soviet Protests, 1968, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: UNO [United Nations Organization], 1968 0.03 lm

- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Soviet Press Reaction, 1968, 0.03 lm
- Чехословак ия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Радио [Radio], 1968-1969, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Romania, 1968, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Yugoslavia, 1968, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Communist Bloc Reactions, 1968, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: СССР (отношения) [Czechoslovakia: USSR (Relationships)]: Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact, 1968-1969, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия [Czechoslovakia]: Government, 1968, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия [Czechoslovakia]: Troops, 1968, 0.05 lm
- Чехословакия [Czechoslovakia]: Chronology, 1968, 0.03 lm
- Чехословакия: КП [Czechoslovakia: Communist Party], 1967-1970, 0.10 lm

Additional materials on prominent Soviet dissidents involved in the protests against the invasion of Czechoslovakia (P. Grigorenko, A. Marchenko, I. Achimov) can be found in *HU OSA 300-80-7 USSR Biographical Files.* Files on leading Czechoslovak political figures connected to the crisis (A. Dubcek, G. Husak, A. Indra, L. Svoboda, etc.) are available also in *HU OSA 300-80-8 Non-USSR Biographical Files, 1954-1994.*

HU OSA 300-85 Samizdat Archives

This part of the holdings also contains several files on the 1968 Prague events. They mainly cover the Moscow demonstrations against the invasion on August 22, 1968 and some original and copied letters written in support of Czechoslovakia.

HU OSA 300-85-9 Published Samizdat

This series contains three issues of the *Chronicle of Current Events* dedicated to the invasion of the CSSR, as well as Andrei Sakharov's supportive essay *"Thoughts on Progress, Peaceful Coexistence and Intellectual Freedom"*.

Library materials

The microfiche collection of the OSA Library covers a period ranging from early 1967 to late 1969. It includes communist party dailies, military periodicals, cultural publications, regional press, and satirical magazines. The collection illustrates the climate in which pressure for reform developed, and the beginning of the infamous normalization period, which followed the invasion of Czechoslovakia in August 1968.

- *Sbírka zákonů: Československá Socialistická Republika*
  1956-1989, microfiche 1-417
- *Statistická ročenka Republiky Československé*
  1957-1989, microfiche 79-316
- *Statistika*
  1968-1970, microfiche 1-15
- *Statistické Přehledy*
  1964-1987, microfiche 1-167

Periodicals

- *A-Revue*
  1968: No. 2-16, 18-24, microfiche 2-17, 19-24
- *Československý Rozhlas*
  Jan 8-Sep 1; Sep 21-Dec 29, 1968, microfiche 1-19
- *Dikobraz*
  1967: No. 1-19, 21-24; 26-52; 1968-1969, microfiche 1-61
- *Divadelní Noviny*
  September 7, 1966-February 25, 1970 microfiche 1-25
- *Družstevní Noviny*
  1967-1969, microfiche 1-22
- *Filmové a Televizní Noviny*
  Jul 26, 1967-Sep 17, 1969, microfiche 1-13
- *Filmový Přehled*
  1967; 1968: No. 1-9; 11-52; 1969, microfiche 1-45
- *Forum*
  1968: No. 3-4, 10; 1969: No. 1-8, microfiche 1-3
- *Hospodářské Noviny*
  1967-1969, microfiche 1-92

- *Jihočeská Pravda*
  1968, microfiche 1-51
- *Kulturní Noviny*
  Feb 10-Apr 4, 1968, microfiche 1-5
- *Kulturní Tvorba*
  Aug 15, 1967; 1968, microfiche 1-44
- *Květy*
  1968, microfiche 1-88
- *Lidová Demokracie*
  1968, microfiche 1-62
- *Literární Noviny*
  Feb 3, 1967; 1968, microfiche 1-20

  (continued as) *Literární Listy*
  Feb 22-Aug 28, 1968, microfiche 1-12

  (continued as) *Listy*
  Nov 7, 1968-May 15, 1969 (+ Index), microfiche 1-13
- *Literární Život*
  Apr 17-Jul 27, 1969, microfiche 1-3
- *Lud*
  1968, microfiche 1-53
- *Mladá Fronta*
  1968, microfiche 1-1443
- *Mladý Svět*
  1968-1969, microfiche 1-78
- *Nová Mysl*
  1954 (1-648, 953-1492)-1989 (+ Indexes), microfiche 78-84, 88-761
- *Nová Svoboda*
  1968, microfiche 1-62
- *Novinář*
  1968-1969, microfiche 1-11
- *Obrana Lidu*
  1968: No. 2-52; 1969, microfiche 1-41
- *Plánované Hospodářství*
  1968-1969, microfiche 1-26

- *Práca (Bratislava)*
  1968, microfiche 1-64
- *Práce (Praha)*
  1968, microfiche 1-68
- *Pravda (Plzen)*
  1968, microfiche 1-52
- *Pravda (Bratislava-Praha)*
  1968, microfiche 1-92
- *Roháč*
  1968, microfiche 1-13
- *Rol'nícke Noviny*
  1968, microfiche 1-53
- *Rudé Právo*
  1968, microfiche 1-125
- *Signál*
  1969, microfiche 1-21
- *Smena*
  Jan 23-Dec 30, 1968, microfiche 1-60
- *Stadión*
  1967-1969, microfiche 1-45
- *Student*
  Oct 5, 1965-Aug 26, 1968, microfiche 1-33
- *Studentské Listy*
  Feb 25-Apr 29, 1969, microfiche 1-3
- *Svoboda*
  1968, microfiche 1-53
- *Svobodné Slovo*
  1968, microfiche 1-63
- *Technické Noviny*
  1968, microfiche 1-21
- *Televízia*
  1969, microfiche 1-24
- *Učitelské Noviny*
  1968, microfiche 1-10
- *Universita Karlova*
  Jun 18, 1968; 1969, microfiche 1-7

- *Večerní Praha*
  1968, microfiche 1-53
- *Vlasta*
  1968-1969, microfiche 1-81
- *Vysoká Škola*
  1966/1967; 1967/1968; 1968/1969; 1969/1970, microfiche 1-22
- *Výtvarná Práce*
  1968, microfiche 1-7
- *Záběr*
  Mar 9, 1968; 1969, microfiche 1-10
- *Zahraniční Obchod*
  1966-1981, microfiche 250-437
- *Zemedělská Ekonomika*
  1968-1969, microfiche 1-26
- *Zemedělské Noviny*
  1968 microfiche 1-90
- *Život Strany*
  1964-1986 (No. 1-16, 18-26), microfiche 170-575, 577-582

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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.

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