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## Aims and Purpose of the Institute

- I. To establish a Translation Panel of competent and highly qualified translators from Russian and other Slavonic languages into English; and to make available the services of the Institute and its Translation Panel to scientists, learned societies, government agencies and industry throughout the world on a non-profit making basis. The Institute shall charge its customers for these services on a co-operative cost-sharing plan.
- II. To encourage, co-ordinate and foster (by the holding of Symposia, for instance) the teaching of Russian at higher seats of learning; and to provide the teaching institutions with the necessary textbooks and tools of learning which will enable non-Russian speaking scientists to acquire quickly a working knowledge of Russian sufficient for them to read Russian scientific literature.
- III. To sponsor and foster research into the organisation of scientific information, mechanical systems for storing and retrieving information, and mechanical translation.
- IV. To assist and advise learned societies and professional bodies on their publication problems with a view to reducing the cost of printing and distribution of their publications in the interests of the wider and more efficient dissemination of scientific information.
- V. To translate and disseminate such of the scientific, technical and medical literature printed in Russian and other Slavonic languages, which, in the opinion of competent scientific advisors, will be of definite benefit and value to scientists not speaking these languages.
- VI. To establish and publish, with the assistance of the appropriate scientific institutions in the U.S.S.R. a series of monographs in the English language reviewing progress in broad areas of Soviet scientific activity.
- VII. A. To publish a journal devoted to reporting translation work done anywhere in the world from Russian and other Slavonic languages into English in the fields of science, technology and medicine in order to prevent duplication.  
B. To serve as a forum in which Soviet and non-Russian speaking scientists will be able to discuss problems of common concern—both scientific and administrative.  
C. To be a place where people engaged in the teaching of Russian to non-Russian speaking scientists can report on their experience and exchange information which will be of assistance to persons working in this field.
- VIII. To compile and publish specialised dictionaries from and into Russian and the principal Slavonic languages for subjects where such dictionaries are lacking.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

Pergamon Institute, a non-profit-making foundation, has recently been formed in New York, and is in course of formation in London, for the purpose of making available to English-speaking scientists, doctors and engineers from all countries that are Members of the United Nations, the results of scientific, technological and medical research and development in the Soviet Union and other countries in the Soviet orbit.

For the Aims and Purpose of the Institute see Attachment A.

Over a hundred scientists of international standing from many countries have given their support and will supervise the affairs of the Institute (see Attachment B for the list of scientists supporting the Institute).

The formation and purpose of the Institute was much influenced by last November's report to the United Kingdom Government by its Advisory Council on Scientific Policy, under the chairmanship of Sir Alexander Todd, F.R.S., which, among other things, analysed the position as follows: " ... There would of course be no problem if Russian were widely read, but our information is that only about 2 per cent. of our working scientists can read Russian, compared with 80 to 90 per cent. who read French, and 60 per cent. German. The first thing to be done, therefore, is to encourage the teaching of Russian as an important modern language in schools and universities .... The evidence suggests that there must be at least a thousand current Russian scientific and technical periodicals.\* ..... Apparently, over 14,000 scientific and technical books were published in Russian in 1954. But at present the British Museum is only receiving about 800 a year, the D.S.I.R. 300, and the 170 libraries referred to (above) have less than 1,000 ..... Evidently therefore this country is only receiving a fraction of the output

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of Russian scientific and technical literature..... It is important that it should be easy to trace any available Russian scientific and technical literature and that the existence of such literature should be widely known. The normal way of achieving this is through scientific abstracts. But, while some Russian journals are already abstracted in Western countries, it seems clear that this service is uneven and inadequate. We therefore regard the development of an effective system of abstracts, or summaries, of Russian scientific and technical journals, as far as possible by expanding the existing services, as an urgent matter. A "Literature Information Unit" might be necessary, to complement the work of the abstracting services by making known what exists, and where..... Careful consideration of the different aspects of the Russian problem is extremely urgent, if we are to keep abreast of this Russian literature, and also if we are to avoid the emergence of a number of partial and unsatisfactory solutions of the type which proves a barrier to subsequent progress."

\* "... only about 370 different current periodicals are available in this country ..."

The following are the projects which have already been started or are being planned, and some of the services which are available:

1. It is planned to hold a Symposium in 1958 either in Washington or in London, sponsored by the Institute and several interested Universities, to examine the following problems:
  - a. How to assist with the establishment of extra curricula courses for the teaching of Russian in the science, medical and engineering faculties at higher seats of learning in the English-speaking world.
  - b. How to teach the reading of Russian scientific and technical texts to scientists and technologists in the minimum amount of time.
  - c. What tools of learning are required.
2. Discussions are taking place with the relevant authorities in the U.S.S.R. on the commissioning of a series of review volumes, with complete bibliographies, covering broad areas of Russian scientific, medical and technical progress for the period 1920-1956.
3. The Institute now publishes a number of selected Russian journals in complete translation:

Atomnaya Energiya (Atomic Energy)

\* Problems of Virology

- \* Problems of Hematology and Blood Transfusion  
Journal of Microbiology, Epidemiology & Immunobiology
- \* Biophysics
- \* Journal of Oncology
- \* Physiological Journal of the U.S.S.R.  
Elektrichestvo (Electricity)  
Physics of Metals and Metallography
- / Soviet Journal of Geophysics.

Those journals marked with an asterisk are published by the Institute on the initiative and with the financial support of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Public Health Service, The National Institutes of Health. The journal marked with a dagger is published in association with the National Geophysical Union with the financial support of the National Science Foundation.

The Institute is in negotiation with Government Departments, learned societies and industrial associations concerning the publication in translation of a further ten Russian journals in the fields of electronics, engineering and agriculture.

4. The Institute now provides a selection of significant papers from Russian medical and biological literature (other than those listed under Point 3 above) which are available to those interested, under the co-operative cost-sharing plan.
5. The following important Russian monographs and books are to be published in English in 1957, including the work of Academician A.N. Semenov, who recently shared the Nobel Award for chemistry with Sir Cyril Hinshelwood, and the classic course of theoretical physics by Academician Landau and his colleague, Professor Lifshitz. Academicians Semenov and Landau and Professor Lifshitz are co-operating with the Institute in bringing their books up to date, by adding a great deal of new and hitherto unpublished research results. It is noteworthy that other Soviet authors, whose monographs, books and articles are being translated by the Institute are also co-operating by bringing their work up to date, checking proofs, making available illustrations etc. This co-operation is most valuable for the work of the Institute. The books being translated are:

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Theoretical Astrophysics

Landau and Lifshitz	Quantum Mechanics Statistical Physics Mechanics of Continuous Media
Shklovsky	The Solar Corona
Fedoseev	Relay Protection of Power Systems
Fock	Theory of Space, Time & Gravitation
Vonsovskii & Shur	Ferromagnetism
Semenov	Some Problems of Chemical Kinetics and Reactivity
Topchiev	Nitration of Hydrocarbons and other Organic Compounds
Topchiev, Zavgorodnii and Paushkin	Boron-Fluoride and its Compounds as Catalysts in Organic Chemistry
Krasnosel'skii	Topological Methods in the Theory of Non-Linear Integral Equations
N. Sissakian	Biochemistry of the Chloroplastes
S.G. Mikhlin	Integral Equations and their Applications to Certain Problems in Mechanics, Mathematical Physics and Technology.

Institute Services:

Available to learned societies, Government departments, trade associations, individual scientists, doctors and engineers.

1. Any person in the above categories wishing to keep informed of what is being published in the U.S.S.R. and other countries in the Soviet orbit may apply to the Institute to receive, free of charge, a monthly contents list in English of all the significant articles and books being currently published in his field of interest in these countries. Persons interested in any article mentioned in these contents lists may order from the Institute a full English translation which will be supplied with a minimum of delay. The charge for such a translation will be on a co-operative cost-sharing basis. This means that the costs will be shared equally with others requesting the article. The costs will be assessed on orders obtained for this translation

over a period of six months, and the charges to recipients of these papers will be made six months after the first request. In any case the maximum charge for these translations shall not exceed £1.10.0. (\$4.00) per thousand Russian words.

2. The Institute will undertake to supply, on request, detailed and exhaustive bibliographical information on work published in the U.S.S.R. and other Soviet orbit countries on all subjects in the field of science, technology and medicine; such services will be quoted for and charged at cost.
3. The Institute will undertake, on request, to evaluate work published in the fields of science, technology and medicine in the U.S.S.R. and other Soviet orbit countries. The Institute will also be able to provide abstracts and resumes of such publications.
4. The Institute will provide, with the co-operation of the respective National Academies of Sciences in the U.S.S.R. and other Soviet orbit countries, to learned societies, Government departments and industrial organizations only, for the purpose of research and reference, books and journals published in the U.S.S.R. and the Soviet orbit countries, including micro-cards and micro-films when available of books and articles published over the past twenty years in these countries, including material published during the 1939-1945 war as far as available.
5. The Institute will undertake the complete translation of selected journals and books if suitably recommended by learned societies, Government departments or trade associations.
6. The Institute can undertake, with the aid of its expert panel of translators, resident all over the world, translation work in all branches of science, technology and medicine from and into any language, including Chinese and Japanese.
7. The Institute will make available to learned societies and individual scientists, doctors and engineers in the U.S.S.R. and the other Soviet orbit countries reciprocal services on the same non-profit making basis in return for their co-operation.



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There is enclosed for each recipient of this communication one copy of a letter from the Ferguson Institute dated April 23, 1957, at London, England, addressed to "The President, American Association of Industrial Dentists," signed by I. E. Maxwell, together with a copy of its enclosures which are described therein.

b7c This material was received unsolicited via airtel on April 22, 1957, by [Redacted] and was furnished by [Redacted] to the Buffalo office of this Bureau on June 3, 1957.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. R. Roach

DATE: July 3, 1957

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An investigation of the captioned individual was closed in April, 1957.

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5 Copies of investigative reports have been furnished to the Atomic Energy Commission because of Maxwell's interest in atomic energy.

*N.C. [unclear]*

On July 1, 1957, Mr. C. A. Palazzolo, Chief, Internal Security Branch, Division of Security, Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), furnished the Liaison representative the enclosed pamphlet entitled "The Pergamon Library of Atomic Energy" which is published by Maxwell.

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At the same time Palazzolo also furnished a copy of an AEC document entitled "Summary of Association of Ian Maxwell and Pergamon Press With AEC Program Personnel," which is also enclosed. In furnishing this summary, Palazzolo emphasized that he was doing this on a confidential basis. He said the summary and the copy of the above-described publication were being furnished to the Bureau as a matter of information.

ACTION:

For the information of the Espionage Section.

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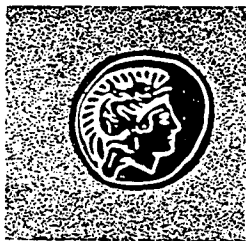
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The preparation of a work of this kind, once the main principles are decided upon, falls into two main stages: the decision as to the scope of the work and the actual writing of the various articles called for. In the first stage we have had the assistance of many specialist advisers in various branches of Physics and related subjects (whose names are listed on the title page) and, in consequence, a comprehensive coverage has been achieved. The second stage has been carried out, in the main by authors recommended by the specialist advisers as authorities in their own particular fields, to ensure, as far as possible, that the articles shall be authoritative and up to date. All articles are initialled, and a list of authors appears in each volume.

In 1922 GLAZEBROOK wrote: 'It is clear that, with so large a range of subjects, any individual worker will, probably, be concerned mainly with one branch, and, with this in

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mind, the volumes have been arranged, as far as possible, into subjects.' This type of arrangement has not been adopted in the present Dictionary for, as we have already said, the increasing compass of modern Physics has been accompanied by a corresponding unification within Physics and the subjects bordering on it. The result is that no worker can now afford to ignore other branches of Physics if he is to understand his own branch adequately. No attempt has been made, therefore, to segregate subjects in different volumes. Indeed the overlapping that would occur between such volumes would prohibit such a procedure; and the Dictionary has, in consequence, been arranged in a strictly alphabetical form. Nevertheless the order of words is such that, where possible, terms related to some main topic are listed together. For example the various types of nuclear reactor are listed as special examples of the term *Nuclear reactor*. Thus we have *Nuclear reactor, breeder type*; *Nuclear reactor, thermal type*; and so on. The principles followed are set out in more detail in the 'Notes for the reader' that will be found at the beginning of each volume.

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