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X20-4

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DESCRIPTION OF THE FONDS

ACCESS NUMBER: X20-4.

The Karol Murín Fonds is part of the Slovak Collection in the Archives and Special Collections of the University of Ottawa Library Network. The Fonds is basically a collection of correspondence from some leading Slovak émigré intellectuals and from major Slovak organizations, between 1949 and 1990. It also contains journal and newspaper articles on a variety of topics. Some agenda, minutes, resolutions are included.

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CUSTODIAL HISTORY:

In April 1993, Dr. Murín donated a small portion of his collection of personal papers to the Archives and Special Collections of the Library Network of the University of Ottawa. The donation was initiated, facilitated and transported by the current holder of the Chair in Slovak History and Culture, Dr. M. Mark Stolárik, and received by the Library Network on May 3, 1993. The remaining portion of Dr. Murín's collection will be given to ARCS upon the death of Dr. Murín's widow.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The Murín Fonds consists of 2 inches of textual material. Documents found in the Fonds were produced between 1949 and 1990. The majority of documents are written in Slovak, with some written in English and a few in German and in French. Most items are in good condition.

The Fonds has been divided into 2 series:
   Series I: Correspondence by Name of Correspondent.
   Series II: Topical Files.

Textual documents in the Fonds consist of: typed and handwritten letters; cards; printed and typed texts; handwritten and typed notes; leaflets; journal and newspaper articles; photocopies of articles.

Non-textual material: photocopy of a photograph.

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ACCESS:

All documents described in the inventory of the Murín Fonds can be found in Archives and Special Collections (ARCS), Room 603, Morisset Library, 65 University, University of Ottawa, ON, Canada, K1N 9A5.

There are no access limitations to the Karol Murín Fonds. Photocopying is permitted. Consultation on the premises. Closed stacks.

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FINDING AID:

The Karol Murín Fonds: Inventory of a Fonds in the Slovak Collection.
Archives and Special Collections, University of Ottawa Library Network, 2003.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE INVENTORY

As a rule, documents have been described in accordance with local guidelines for archival description (based on RAD) used in other Guides and Inventories produced by ARCS.

Abbreviations used in describing textual literary works include: "ts." for material in typescript form or "tss." for more than one item. Carbon copies and photocopies are described as such. The physical extent of unpublished materials is expressed in number of “leaves”.

The description of correspondence includes the total number of letters exchanged between two individuals: “in” for incoming letters from the correspondent whose name is given to the file, “out” for outgoing letters to this person. The total number of letters is further broken down into “tls.” for typed letters, “als.” for handwritten letters, photocopies & carbon copies of letters, notes, cards, are described as such. Date(s) of letters are limited to year(s), giving span when appropriate. Any material included by correspondents in their missives are noted with the wording “Includes” followed by a brief description of the enclosure(s). Letters previously addressed to the primary correspondent by a third person or correspondence exchanged between other correspondents and included in the current missive are identified by the mention “With” followed by a description of the added item(s). When signatures on letters were impossible to decipher, a note to this effect was included.

Other abbreviations used in the description of materials include: “n.s.” (intellectual property of document or source of publication unknown); “s.l.” (place of publication unknown); “n.d.” (date of creation or of publication unknown).
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

Karol Murín was born in 1913 in Slovakia. After obtaining his Doctorate of Law from the University of Bratislava, he studied in Paris. From 1939 to 1945, he was personal secretary to Dr. Jozef Tiso, President of the wartime Slovak Republic.

In 1948, he arrived in Canada with his wife Isabelle and daughter Janina. A few years after his arrival in Canada, he started teaching philosophy at the University of Montreal, where he taught until his retirement. To his degrees from Europe, he added a M.A. and a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Montreal.

A specialist on Nietzsche and on Thomas Aquinas, Dr. Murín published Nietzsche problème : généalogie d'une pensée (Paris, 1979). In the French periodical Études d'histoire littéraire et doctrinale appeared his extensive study "De l'être moral dans l'oeuvre de St Thomas" (Paris, 1962). He also wrote Zahranicná matica slovenská (1987), later published under the new title Priatelia Prezidenta Tisu (1991, 1992) and in English under the title Remembrances and Testimony : [(Dr. Jozef Tiso and the Slovak Republic, 1939-45)] (1992). His scholarly writings also include numerous articles and book reviews in Canadian periodicals such as Revue Dominicaine, Dialogue … etc. Some of his political articles were written for Slovak newspapers such as Kanadský Slovák, Slobodné Slovensko and the English quarterly Slovakia. Dr. Murín passed away on July 17, 1998 at the age of 85.

Data for Karol Murín's biographical sketch were collected from:


1 in, 1988, Christmas card signed by Maria and Emanuel Böhm. With: 2 articles by Dr. Böhm about Slovaks on the Southern frontier of Slovakia. 1988. Page of journal and photocopy of journal article. 2 items.

Canadian Slovak League, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
1 in, 1950, tls.

Comité d’aide aux émigrés slovaques.
1 in, 1949, tls., signed by Jozef A. Mikuš. Original in very poor condition. Conservation copies have been made.

Delaney, Edward L.

Eliáš, Ján.

Holocaust Survivors Association. U.S.A.

Hnutie Sjednotenia Slovákov.
1 in, 1951, carbon tls. Includes: tls. texts of a Declaration and Appeal" and an "Appeal by the Movement". 2 items.

Javorka, Jozef.
1 in, 1989, tls.

Kaššovic, Ján.
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| 1147.10 | **Kazimer, Paul C.**  
1 in, 1949, tls.  
1 out, 1950, carbon copy of tls. |
| 1147.11 | **Kirschbaum, Jozef M.**  
1 in, 1988, als. note on portion of tls. from Jozef Dobiaš. **With:** als. note from Jozef Dobiaš, n.d. |
| 1147.12 | **Mikula, John and family.**  
1 in, 1985, als. |
| 1147.13 | **Pau o, Jozef.**  
4 in, 1951-1960, tls. **With:** carbon copy of letter sent to the Board of Directors of SNRvZ. |
| 1147.14 | **Slovenský Sociálny Výbor.**  
1 in, 1949, tls. Signature impossible to decipher. **With:** ts. letter from Karol Šumichrast. |
| 1147.15 | **Slovenský Ústav Matúša _ernáka.**  
1 in, 1990, tls. |
| 1147.16 | **Witer, Andrew.**  
1 out, 1987, tls. **With:** letter to Ray Hnatyshyn, then Canadian Minister of Justice, requesting removal of Professor Murín's name from the Alti Rodal Report. |
| 1147.17 | **Unidentified.**  
1 in, n.d., als. |

**SERIES II : TOPICAL FILES**

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| 1147.18 | **Anti-semitism, Accusation of.**  
English and German articles in various newspapers about accusations of anti-semitism made against Dr. Jozef Kirschbaum, Dr. Johann Oskar Petreas, Dr. Jozef Pau o, Walter Becher, [1962], 1971, 1989. **Includes:** correspondence from J. Kirschbaum. 11 articles photocopied on 5 separate sheets. 9 items. |
| 1147.19 | **Delaney, Edward L.**  
Photocopies of articles in various American newspapers on Edward L. Delaney, and by him, on totalitarian regimes in Europe: Communism, Nazism and Fascism. 1948-1953. 19 articles reduced and photocopied on 1 sheet. 1 item. |
1147.20  **Murín, Karol.**
- Article by P. G. Dobiš on Murín's book: *Spomienky a Svedectvo* in Newsletter, n.d. n.s.

1147.21  **Slovak Republic. Economy.**
Comparative analysis of Slovakia's economy, 1939-1946. n.s., tls., n.d., 8 leaves. 1 item.

1147.22  **Slovak Research Institute of America.**

1147.23  **Slovenská Národná Rada v Zahraniče.**

**Correspondence.**

**Agenda. Minutes. Resolutions.**

**Bulletin.**
No. 1, September 1952. 5 leaves. 1 item.

1147.24  **VATRA: mesa ník Sdru enia slovenskej mláde e vo Ve kej Británii.**
1 in, 1949, tls. With: tls. from Jozef Lisa_ek.