New Periodicals of 1946—Part II

The arrival of new periodicals from Europe was a noticeable fact discovered through the examination of new publications received in the Library of Congress during the second six months of 1946. They came from Paris, Berlin, Salerno, Bucharest, and other cities, and the subjects ranged from music to technology. By comparison, production in the United States seemed to dwindle. Here, medicine headed the list, leading off with four promising new journals.

Music and the Theatre

Contrepoints, a monthly review of music, was begun in Paris, and Nuestra Música, a bimonthly, appeared in Mexico. Both contain critical essays on composers, musical forms, and trends in musical development, and neither was limited to subjects of their own nation exclusively. Nuestra Música is under the supervision of Carlos Chávez, Blas Galindo, and others. Le Magasin du Spectacle, from Paris, Teatro, from Rome, Theater der Zeit, from Berlin, and Theater Today, from London, all have the theatre and cinema for their subjects and treat them in rather similar ways. Through articles and photographs, Le Magasin du Spectacle plans to record and interpret the art of the present-day stage and the work of its actors. Teatro and Theater der Zeit have articles on the theatre in foreign as well as their own countries. Theater Today is interested in the art of acting and the art of writing for the stage and painting and music in the theatre. Its editors seek to establish standards of comparison for the theatre from the study of foreign productions. In our own country, there is Footlights, a periodical devoted to the community and little theatre of America.

Art

A new American journal devoted to art deserves mention. Critique, a Review of Contemporary Art is published monthly, October through May, in New York. It is devoted to the criticism of modern art, painting, sculpture, architecture, and motion pictures. Articles by artists, scholars, and critics, book reviews, and calendars of exhibitions make up its content.

Classical Antiquities

A new journal in the field of classical antiquities appeared in Salerno. Antiquitas; Rivista Trimestrale di Antichità Classica, with Riccardo Avallone as director, has for the subject of the first issue, the linguistics and literature of classical Rome.

Literature

Nothing especially notable in the field of literature appeared except perhaps Soviet Literature, published in Moscow (also published in German as Sowjetliteratur). It consists of English translations of Russian writings, articles by prominent Russian writers, critics, and journalists on books and writers, reviews of books published in the Soviet Union, and notes on the Russian theatre. Murphy's Tavern, a "little magazine" of short stories and poems by new American writers was started in Boston. The undergraduates at Johns Hopkins University started Lit, Literary Magazine of Johns Hopkins University. From Graz...
there came a new monthly entitled Austria, the subtitle of which “die Welt in Spiegel Österreichs, Zeitschrift für Kultur und Geistesleben” explains its scope and possibly a tendency to propagandize.

Bibliography

The Australasian Book News and Library Journal, published in Sydney, includes book reviews and critical annotations, critical articles on literary subjects, and a list of books published in Australia and deposited in the national library in accordance with the copyright law. Insula; Revista Bibliográfica de Ciencias y Letras, from Madrid, also has articles on literary subjects, reviews and notes on Spanish and some foreign books, and lists of new publications with trade information. Mondo Gráfico; Rassegna Italiana del Libro e della Stampa, from Rome, is a similar publication for new Italian books. A list which librarians will find extremely useful is Science and Technology; A Record of Literature Recently Added to the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. This is a classified list with decimal classification numbers and is a reprint of material prepared for the card catalogs of the library.

Library Science

The librarians of India have begun the publication of the Indian Librarian, at Lahore, by means of which they “aim at promoting library service and librarianship in India by providing counsel, guidance, and leadership in matters pertaining to or affecting library development throughout the country.” In the first issue such subjects as library literature in future India and books for the young were discussed.

Science and Technology

A publication from Paris entitled Atomes; tous les Aspects Scientifiques d’un Nouvel Age, as the subtitle would indicate, covers a variety of subjects besides atomic energy. Penicillin, radar, television, rockets, etc., are treated in a popular style. Also in a popular style is Weather, a Monthly Magazine for All Interested in Meteorology, published in London by authority of the Royal Meteorological Society. This magazine “hopes to reach the fellows of the society who have expressed a desire for comments on current events, but also the wider public which nowadays increasingly demands some subject of universal interest as a recreation for the mind. In Britain no subject fulfills this requirement better than the weather, whose vicissitudes are always with us to give us food for thought.” Two journals more scholarly in style are Geographica Helvetica; Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Länder- und Völkerkunde from Zurich and Zeitschrift für Naturforschung from Wiesbaden. Geographica Helvetica, consisting of articles on geographical and ethnographical subjects, is published by the Geographisch-Ethnographische Gesellschaft of Zurich. It supersedes that society’s Mitteilungen and Schweizer Geograph, published by the Geographische Gesellschaft, Bern, and the Société de Geographie, Geneva. Zeitschrift für Naturforschung aims to publish the results of research being conducted in Germany and elsewhere in the fields of physics, chemistry, and biology. From Paris there is Houille, Minerais, Pétrole, a new bimonthly review on economic geology. Published in Washington, Air Affairs; An International Quarterly Journal plans “to study the development of aviation in the broadest possible manner so that its potentialities can be used to the fullest extent for the advancement of the human race.” Not only the opinions of aeronautical experts but also opinions of academicians and professional persons not engaged in aviation but who are trained in estimating the effects of new inventions will be sought. Petroleum

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Processing of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas for Fuels, Lubricants, and Petrochemicals, published monthly in Cleveland, was formerly issued as the technical section of National Petroleum News.

The Press

Études de Presse, published by the Centre d'Études Scientifiques de la Presse in Paris, has for its purpose the scientific study of the press, especially freedom of the press. Articles on the English and on the Soviet press and on Belgian journalists indicate something of the scope of the journal.

Medicine

Two new medical journals with similar purpose, namely, to keep practitioners abreast of the results of research being conducted in medical clinics and laboratories, have appeared. On the postgraduate level there is The American Journal of Medicine. This is published monthly in New York under the editorship of Alexander B. Gutman, assistant professor of medicine in the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. The American Practitioner, published by the J. B. Lippincott Company under the supervision of an editorial board made up of medical school professors, is intended to keep the physician informed who does not have direct contact with the teaching centers and the research being carried on there. Plastic surgery, which received incentive during the war, is represented by a new bimonthly, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, published by the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. The American Academy of Dental Medicine is publishing the Journal of Dental Medicine to correlate the technical and biologic phases of dentistry which have within the past few years become more closely integrated.

Minurities

As usual, there appeared a number of new periodicals devoted to improving the status of small groups of people. The Croatians, Hungarians, and Rumanians began such publications. The American Croatian Historical Review, published in Youngstown, Ohio, wants "to call to the attention of the American people the noble deeds of our early Croatian and Slav missionaries who labored on this continent long before the U.S. was organized and founded" and "to show what contributions Croatians and Slav peoples have made toward the progress of America." New Hungary, a Fortnightly Review of South-Eastern Europe, published in Budapest, is the English edition of Uj Magyarország, which appears weekly in Hungarian. The editors intend to give the world-at-large a true account of political, social, and economic events in Hungary. The Rumanian Review, published in Bucharest, plans to do the same for the political, economic, social, literary, artistic, and scientific life of Rumania. The Italian Post, published in Rome, "hopes to become a link between democratic Italy and all English-speaking nations." It purports to inform the world what Italy thinks about current affairs and of its difficulties and successes on the road to reconstruction.

Political Science

Clarence Streit has begun the editing in Washington of Freedom & Union; Journal of the World Republic. This publication aims to inform concisely on important facts and trends in the field of world problems and world government. It will report diverging and conflicting views by discussion and digest, give the views of its own staff, and thus try to bring the world nearer to the reader. Articles in the first issues are signed, some are illustrated. Plain Talk,
a publication from New York, seems to have for its purpose the fight against Communism, Fascism, and Totalitarianism. It will "provide information nowhere else available, gathered by experts, as ammunition in the fight against every form of modern tyranny." Tax Outlook: Toward Better Government Through Citizen Understanding is fighting for a balanced budget and against high taxes. United Nations News; The Journal of the United Nations Association, published in London, presents the British point of view on the United Nations and world affairs.

Recreation

In the field of recreational literature several new publications were received which are designed to interest sportmen, persons planning trips and vacations, collectors of stamps, antiques, prints, etc. Of these, Basketball Magazine and Travel & Camera, for basketball and travel enthusiasts, are noteworthy.

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