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PROVENANCE

This collection was given to the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies by Ivan Molek's wife, Mary, in 1977. The papers came in as one accession M77-05 and were processed in April 2002 by Larisa Repin, project archival processor for the Balch Institute of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Materials are in Slovenian, and a few in English.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Ivan Molek immigrated to America in 1900. He was a Slovene political activist, philosopher, and writer. His wife, Mary Jugg, was born in 1909, to Slovene immigrants, Frank and Lucy Yug, anglicized to Jugg. In 1911, the Jugg family moved to West Mineral, Pennsylvania, where Mary attended school. By age 18, she had completed four years at Pittsburgh State College.

In 1934, Mary and Ivan Molek were married in Dover, Delaware; they had met in Chicago, when Ivan was an editor and co-editor (1916-1944) of the Prosveta, the official organ published by the Slovene National Benefit Society (Slovenska Narodna Podporna Jednota - SNPJ). Both Moleks remained active SNPJ members their entire lives.

Mary Molek received her MA from the University of Chicago in 1941, and was admitted as a Ph.D. candidate in 1944. Through the years, her career included working as a school psychologist, school social worker, professional counselor, college teacher, adult education teacher, and archives curator. She worked closely with her husband in translating and writing, and participated in his philosophical and political activities. She also authored several books, and compiled a comprehensive bibliography of Ivan Molek's works, and translated his autobiography, "Over Hill and Dale," and his books, "Two Worlds," and "Slovene Immigrant History 1900-1950".

Ivan Molek died in 1962, Mary Molek in 1982.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

Textual Records: Although this collection spans the years 1882-1958, there are no documents from 1882-1902, and the bulk of the materials is concentrated between 1910-1952. All documents relate to the Ivan and Mary Molek's professional and national interests, and are largely print materials. There is no personal and family information here.

The records in Series I contain materials of American Slovene and several Yugoslav organizations, and include programs, posters, and flyers of anniversaries, jubilees, dedications, conventions, meetings, concerts, parties, and exhibitions, and also reports, and a few newspaper clipping advertisements.

Series II contains anniversaries and convocation materials of a few non-Slovene organizations in America.

The collection in general would be of particular interest to anyone researching Slovene and Yugoslav cultural events in America.

The textual records, except for newspaper clippings, have been indexed.

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RECORD SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

SERIES I: AMERICAN SLOVENE & YUGOSLAV ORGANIZATION MATERIALS,
1882-1958, Boxes 1-3 & Oversize (OS) Folder

SUBSERIES A: Beneficial Organizations, 1910-1958 & n.d.
Box 1 & Oversize (OS) Folder

This subseries contains materials of the Slovene National Benefit Society (Slovenska Narodna Podporna Jednota, SNPJ) and includes anniversaries, commemorative materials, convention programs (one of which alludes to a skit written by Ivan Molek), concert and other programs, flyers and posters. Other beneficial organizations represented here are the Slovene Progressive Benefit Society, and the Yugoslav Relief Committee. Materials are in Slovenian with only a few in English. Arrangement is alphabetical.

SUBSERIES B: Cultural & Fraternal Organizations, 1902-1957,
Boxes 1-2 & Oversize (OS) Folder

This subseries is similar to Series IA, but includes exhibitions, publications, a few reports and newspaper clippings from Slovene singing societies, Slovene and Yugoslav national homes, the Yugoslav Socialist Federation and others. There are programs of a play by Ivan Molek and also a lecture. Again, materials are in Slovenian and a few in English, with alphabetical arrangement.

SUBSERIES C: Religious Organizations, 1882-1939 & n.d., Box 3

The records here are also the same as above, but relate to religious organizations like St. Joseph's First Slovene Catholic Fraternal Organization in America, the Slovene Catholic Union, the Yugoslav Catholic Union, and others. Materials are in Slovenian and English. Arrangement is alphabetical.

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SERIES II: NON-SLOVENE ORGANIZATIONS, 1924-1951, Box 3

This tiny series contains such groups as the Cleveland Council for American Union, the Czech Singing Society "Lyra", and the University of Chicago. Materials are in English and Czech. Arrangement is alphabetical.

An inventory of all the above materials by Mary Molek is on 3"x5" cards in the last folder of box 3.

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Slovene National Benefit Society
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Box Folder

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