

# Two Digital Archives at the UT Austin Libraries

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# The Prague Spring Archive

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# Introduction

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- The Prague Spring Archive project is a collaboration between the UT Austin Libraries and the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (CREEES), using documents from the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library.
- The project began in 2014, when CREEES Director and Slavic Department Chair Dr. Mary Neuburger met with Assistant Director of Research and South Asian Studies Liaison Librarian Mary Rader to discuss an effort to broaden opportunities to access historical primary resources located in the LBJ Presidential Library's archives.



# Digitization

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- Digitization work was accomplished by librarians and graduate students at UT Austin.
- Metadata creation and editing was done by undergraduate students affiliated with CREEES, graduate students, and librarians.
- Then, with the help of our institutional repository's staff, it was uploaded to Texas ScholarWorks.
- Metadata is still being created for documents recently captured and processed.



# Scalar

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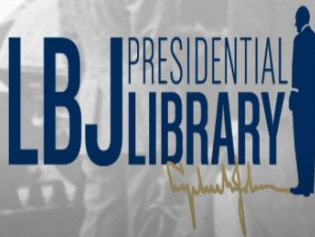
- Scalar is a free, open source authoring and publishing platform from USC's Alliance for Networking Visual Culture.
- It was chosen for its reputation, versatility, and ease of maintenance.
- Custom elements supplemented the standard features offered by Scalar, including custom CSS, an interactive timeline, and custom banners and header images.
- The portal has garnered attention and helped foreground the archival materials in a broad scholarly community.
  - It has been featured (NEP, Czech Language News, MIT h+d, Michigan, ASEES, etc)



A portal to the digitized archives of the LBJ Presidential Library's collections on the Prague Spring.



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## The Prague Spring Archive

Begin with "The Prague Spring Archive"

# The Prague Spring Archive

*An online portal for the Prague Spring archival materials within Texas ScholarWorks and the LBJ Presidential Library.*



The University of Texas at Austin Libraries have partnered with the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library and the University of Texas at Austin's Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies to digitize archival materials from the LBJ Presidential Archive's collections. The full collection can be browsed at [Texas ScholarWorks](#), and individual boxes can be browsed [here](#).

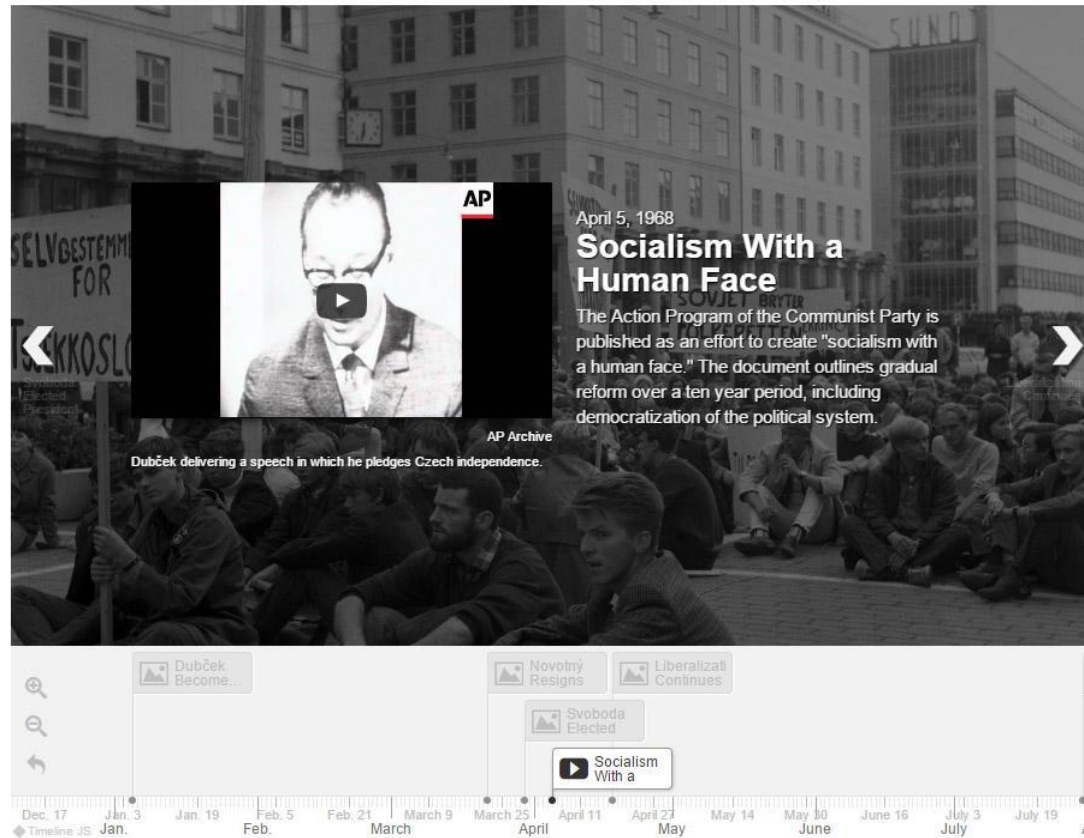
Below you will find links to our guides to Box 179 and Box 180 of the archival holdings, a page on key figures in the Prague Spring, a timeline of events in the Prague Spring, a collection of key documents from Box 179 and Box 180, a guide to using Texas ScholarWorks to search and download additional documents, and a finding aid for the physical collections housed in the LBJ Presidential Library. More content on additional archival boxes will be added in the future. The site can also be navigated using the drop-down menu in the top left of your screen (☰).

A header image for Box 179, showing a black and white photograph of a soldier in a military uniform and cap, holding a rifle, with the text "Box 179" overlaid in large white font.

## Box 179

The following timeline highlights key events preceding, during, and following the Prague Spring.

Please click the arrow buttons to navigate the timeline chronologically, or click specific dates to explore the timeline in a different order.



The image shows an interactive digital timeline set against a background of a black and white photograph of a large crowd of people sitting on the ground in a city square, likely during the Prague Spring. In the center, there is a video player showing a man (Alexander Dubček) speaking, with a play button icon in the middle. To the right of the video player, the text reads: "April 5, 1968 **Socialism With a Human Face** The Action Program of the Communist Party is published as an effort to create 'socialism with a human face.' The document outlines gradual reform over a ten year period, including democratization of the political system." Below the video player, the text "Dubček delivering a speech in which he pledges Czech independence." is visible. At the bottom, there is a timeline axis with dates from December 17 to August 1. Above the timeline, there are several event cards: "Dubček Becomes..." (Jan. 3), "Novotny Resigns" (March 25), "Svoboda Elected" (April 11), "Liberalization Continues" (May 14), and "Socialism With a" (April 11). Navigation arrows are located on the left and right sides of the timeline.

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April 5, 1968

## Socialism With a Human Face

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Dubček delivering a speech in which he pledges Czech independence.

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Timeline JS

Dec. 17 Jan. 3 Jan. 19 Feb. 5 Feb. 21 March 9 March 25 April 11 April 23 May 14 May 30 June 16 July 3 July 19 Aug. 1

Dubček Becomes...

Novotny Resigns

Svoboda Elected

Liberalization Continues

Socialism With a



# Box 180, Folder 4

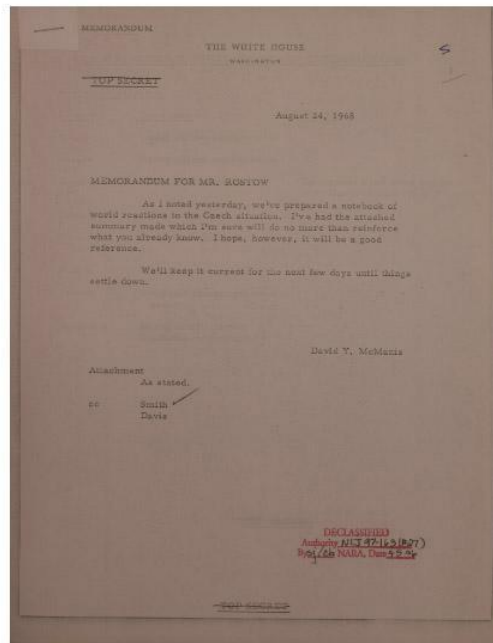
## Folder 4 (145 pages) - 1968

### Contents:

Contains many documents detailing  world and European reactions to the Warsaw Pact Forces' invasion of Czechoslovakia, with mention of protests in Belgium and condemnations of the invasion by the Danish Labor Federation, Finnish politicians, French Communists, and Austrians. Press, public, and governmental reactions are all noted. The USSR's explanation of the invasion to other countries is also detailed, as well as communications between Czech politicians and American ambassadors abroad.

### Key Documents:

- [Memo and Report Regarding Reactions to Czech Situation](#)
- [Intelligence Information Cable on French Reaction to Czech Situation](#)



# Next Steps

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- Collaborated with Baylor to prioritize additional documents for digitization at their campus.
  - The site will link both to those documents and the resources on Socialism Realised once digitization is complete.
- We are in touch with the National Czech and Slovak Museum about developing curriculum/educational materials.
- Librarians will work with graduate students in future CREEES classes.
- We are still digitizing and processing materials, creating metadata.
  - A broader Cold War portal/archive will be made available using these new materials.



# The Soviet Pamphlets Archive

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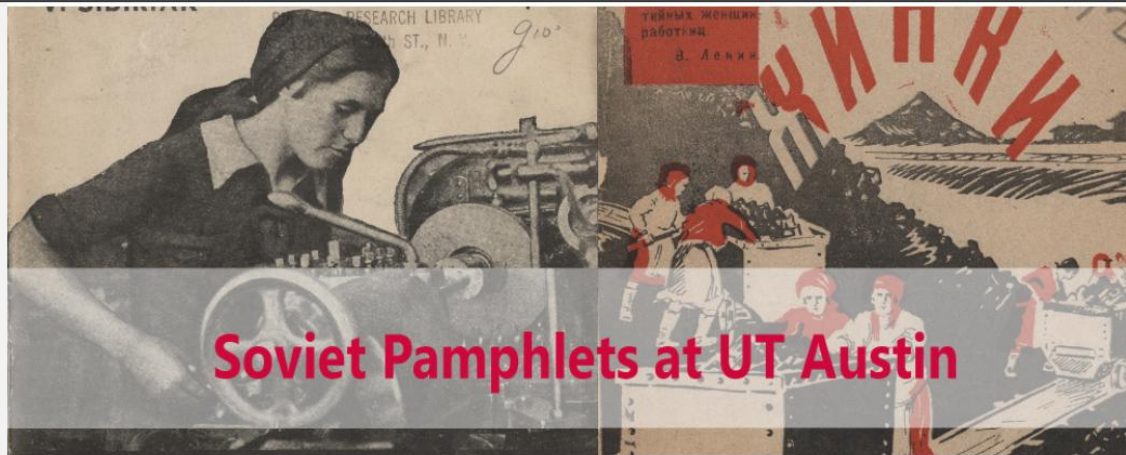
- The project makes digitized copies of Soviet pamphlets published in the late 1920s and early 1930s openly accessible to a wide and inclusive audience. Many of these documents are held exclusively by the University of Texas Libraries, and about a third were previously unavailable in a digital format.
- The collection's materials are part of the Elias Tobenkin Collection of Soviet Pamphlets, some items of which are available digitally in our institutional repository, Texas ScholarWorks.



# Creating the Online Interface

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- The online interface for the materials was developed in Omeka and Scalar. Omeka sites house the three exhibits the materials were sorted into, and a Scalar site serves as the project's homepage and central navigational interface.
- The individual exhibits, created using Omeka, were curated to highlight particularly strong aspects of UT Austin's holdings, and to facilitate both casual browsing and the easy discoverability of materials relevant to a user's particular research interests. Each exhibit is further subdivided into more specific collections.

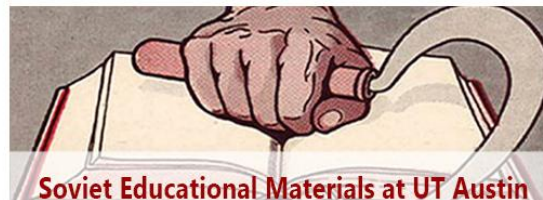


This project aims to digitize and share rare and unique Soviet pamphlets held at the University of Texas at Austin Libraries, broadening access to these valuable materials while situating them within their historical, political, and social context. Digitization, curation, and all other work on the project is being completed by Ian Goodale, the Digital Scholarship and European Studies Librarian at UT Austin.

Work on the project is ongoing, with more items slated for digitization in the near future. Due to the fragile nature of the documents being digitized, precautions are being taken to prevent further wear on the materials. As such, scanning is being conducted without flattening or otherwise unnecessarily manipulating the documents.

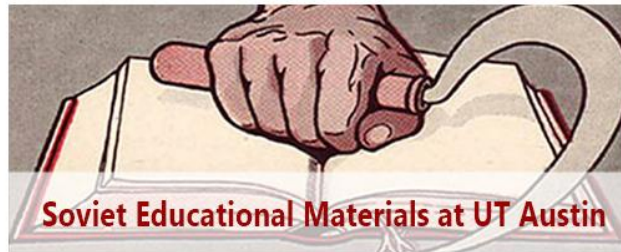
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## FEATURED ITEM

Zazhigajte ogni sotssorevnovaniia v derevne  
(Зажигайте огни соцсоревнования в деревне)



Pamphlet encouraging industrial productivity and competition in the countryside.

## FEATURED COLLECTION

Peasants and Collective Farms



## RECENTLY ADDED ITEMS

Kuznetskiĭ metallurgicheskiĭ gigant (Кузнецкий металлургический гигант)



Pamphlet on metallurgy in Kuznetsk.

Za nepreryvnoe proizvodstvo (За непрерывное производство)



Pamphlet on continuous production in the Soviet Union.

Chto dolzhen znat' kazhdyi chlen kooperativa (Что должен знать каждый член кооперации)



Pamphlet outlining what every member of a cooperative farm should know.

[View All Items](#)



# Thank you!

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- Prague Spring Archive: <http://scalar.usc.edu/works/prague-spring-archive/index>
- Soviet Pamphlets Archive: <http://scalar.usc.edu/works/soviet-pamphlets-at-ut-austin/index>

