

# **The Emanuel Böhm Fonds**

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de la collection des documents slovaques

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE FONDS

### ACCESS NUMBER: X20-6.

The **Emanuel Böhm 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 books and articles on/by Dr. Böhm, and books, pamphlets, periodicals of general interest.

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### CUSTODIAL HISTORY:

In 1992, the estate of Dr. Maria Böhm donated a small portion of Dr. Emanuel Böhm's collection 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 in two shipments by the Library Network in October 1993 and in May 1999.

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### SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The Böhm Fonds consists of 6 inches of textual material. Documents found in the Fonds were produced between 1944 and 1990. The majority of documents are written in Slovak, with some written in English. Most items are in good condition.

The Fonds has been divided into three series:

- Books and Articles on/by Emanuel Böhm.
- Books, Pamphlets and Periodicals of General Interest.
- Correspondence.

Textual documents in the Fonds consist of: books, pamphlets, periodical articles, single issues of periodicals, and a typed letter.

Non-textual materials consist of: a photocopy of a sketch and a reproduction portrait of Emanuel Böhm.

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## **ACCESS:**

All documents described in the Inventory of the Böhm 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 Böhm Fonds. Photocopying is permitted. Consultation on the premises. Closed stacks.

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## **FINDING AID:**

The Emanuel Böhm 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 are described in accordance with local guidelines for archival description (based on RAD) used in other Guides and Inventories produced by ARCS.

The one piece of correspondence in this Fonds is described as follows: "out" indicating that the letter was sent, "tls" meaning that it is a typed letter, and the mention of the year when the letter was written.

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).

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Dr. Emanuel Böhm was born on February 1, 1909 in Vrútky, Slovakia. The former professor of chemistry and natural sciences earned his Bachelor's degree in 1928, followed by his Master's Degree in chemistry and natural sciences, [193?]. In 1934, he received his Doctoral Degree from Charles University in Prague in the areas of chemistry, plant physiology, bacteriology and genetics.

Between 1934 and 1936, Dr. Böhm served as a Lieutenant of Heavy Artillery in the Czechoslovak Army. From 1936 to 1939 he taught in various colleges and technical high schools. In September 1939, after the annexation of southern Slovakia by Hungary, the Royal Hungarian Ministry of Education dismissed Dr. Böhm from his post

for proclaiming the national and human rights of his people. Dr. Böhm as President of the Slovak National Unity served as spokesman for the 750,000 Slovaks residing in Magyarország during the occupation. During the war years, he worked in journalism and editing. He was the founder and editor of the Slovak language daily, Slovak Unity - Slovenská Jednota in Budapest while being editor of a newly established book publishing affiliate, Edícia Slovenskej Jednoty/Editions of Slovak Unity. Editor of 24 books published by the Guild of Slovak Unity, he was also a member of the Magyar Press Agency.

Following the war, Dr. Böhm resumed his teaching duties in Bratislava. In May 1946, he was elected to the Czechoslovak Parliament as a representative from Eastern Slovakia for the Democratic Party. He eventually served as Deputy Speaker of the Parliament in Prague, later serving as Health Commissioner in Bratislava.

Dr. Böhm and his wife Dr. Mária Dziaková, whom he married in 1941, went into exile in London in 1948 where he became chief chemist at Newlands and Rutherford Brothers. In 1952, the Böhms immigrated to the United States where he worked as Director of Research and Development with the Hoffman Company and later with Corn Products Corporation International. He was honored for his contribution to the food and beverage industries as well as for his research in chemistry. He held a patent on a machine he invented to analyze the contents of beverages. Dr. Böhm was a prolific scientific writer having published 35 articles on flavor and sweetener chemistry.

His life-long love for Slovakia and its culture became even stronger in exile. He served as Vice-President of the Slovenská Národná Rada v Zahraničí /Slovak National Council Abroad. Active in Slovak cultural and political affairs, Dr. Böhm was awarded the Stefanik Medal by the Slovak American Cultural Center in New York for his work on behalf of his homeland. He and his wife were co-founders of Múza Tatier (Muse of the Tatras), an award that honors the cultural, scientific and artistic accomplishments of Slovaks and Slovak-Americans. He directed Slovak plays, was the creator of a Slovak Puppet Theater for Slovak children, and was an expert on Slovak folklore and its heritage. He published numerous articles in the Slovak press (both in English and in Slovak) at home and abroad. Dr. Böhm passed away on December 24, 1990 at the age of 81.

Data for Emanuel Böhm's biographical sketch were collected from:

Böhm, Emanuel T. (editor). Human Rights Violations : Sixty Documents From The Occupied Territories of Southern and Eastern Slovakia in Years 1938-1940, Cleveland : Slovak Institute, 1986, p. v-vi.

Böhm, Emanuel T. The Slovak Minority In Hungary : A Memorandum of 1942, Cleveland : Slovak Institute, 1976, p.58-60.

"Emanuel Bohm, 81, Slovak Community Leader", Catholic New York, January 3, 1991, p. 23. (ARCS's document from Jozef Staško Fonds, Box 199, Folder 8).

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### **BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON/BY EMANUEL BÖHM**

#### **BOX 1148**

- 1148.1 Böhm, Emanuel T. The arbitration at Vienna. s.l., Slovak World Congress, 1978. 15 p.
- 1148.2 Böhm, Emanuel T. V boji o holú národnú existenciu / Emanuel T. Böhm ; vybral, usporiadal, úvod a sprievodné texty napísal Michal Krisko. Bratislava, n.s., 2000. 445 p.
- 1148.3 Böhm, Emanuel T. Dr. Emanuel Böhm šesťdesiatnik. New York, Vydali a zostavili priatelia Dr. Böhma, 1969. 45 p.
- 1148.4 Böhm, Emanuel T. Slovenskí výtvarníci v Maďarsku. s.l., n.s., n.d. 32 p. Includes: detached list of paintings and additional portrait of Emanuel Böhm.
- 1148.5 Böhm, Emanuel T. Untitled article in Slobodná tribúna, roč. 6, číslo 12, Dec. 1978, re: the dedication of a monument to Major John Ladislav Polerecky. Includes: photocopy of unsigned sketch of Major Polerecky's monument. 1 item.

### **BOOKS, PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS OF GENERAL INTEREST**

- Cincík, Jozef. see 1148.15
- 1148.6 Echo duchovného prúdenia dneška. Cambridge, ON, Friends of Good Books-Echo.  
Vol. 51, 1990.
- 1148.7 Fialky-violets. Danville, Pennsylvania, St. Cyril Academy. Annual. English and Slovak .  
Vol. 48, no. 70 (1970).

- 1148.8 Hrusovský, Frantisek. This is Slovakia : a country you do not know. Scranton, Pennsylvania, Obrana Press, Inc., 1953. 110 p.
- 1148.9 Kalenčík, Rudolf. Politické spojenie Hlinka-Rázus. Hamilton, ON, Slovenské Vydavateľstvo, 1965. 42 p.
- 1148.10 Kozak, Ján. Zneužití parlamentu k zničení demokracie. London, England, Neodvislé Informační Středisko, 1961. 41 p.
- 1148.11 Lewis, Brackett. Democracy in Czechoslovakia. London, England, Lincolns-Prager Publishers, 1944. 100 p.
- 1148.12 Memorandum of the Slovak National Council Abroad to his Excellency John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State of the United States of America regarding the policy of the former American administration toward[s] Slovakia. New York, N.Y., n.s., May 1953. Acting President of the association in 1975, Dr. Emanuel Böhm. [14] p.
- 1148.13 Miškovič, Alojz. "Zo spolkového života slovenskej mládeže v Maďarsku." in Náš Národ, roč. 2, č. 5, máj 1944. pp. 257-320.
- 1148.14 Murín, Karol. Pokus o vrádu charakteru. [Montreal], Slovenská Národná Rada v zahraničí, odbočka v Kanade, 1958. 12 p.
- 1148.15 Okál', Ján and Jozef Cincík. Kronika Slovákov : o dejstvovaní sláve a ponížení. Cambridge-Galte, ON, Priatel'ia Dobrej Knihy, 1975. 31 p.
- 1148.16 Osuský, Štefan. Úloha Československa v Európe, London, England, 29. 7. 1955, Československý Národný Dom. s.l., Rada Slobodného Československa vo Veľkej Británii, 1955. 11 p.
- 1148.17 "Rövid magyar história : öseinktől a II. Világháborúig". A special issue of : Katolikus magyarok vasárnapja = Catholic Hungarian Sunday, n.d. Collection of articles by various authors.
- 1148.18 Svätý Cyril a Method. Galt, ON, Slovenskí Jezuiti, 1963. 109 p.
- 1148.19 Slovák a svet = The Slovak and the world. Chicago, Ill., Karol Murgas Sr., pub. & ed.  
Január - Február/Marec 1971.
- 1148.20 Slovak digest. New York, N.Y., Slovak League of America. Bi-monthly. Vol. 1, no. 1 (1946).
- 1148.21 Veselý, Marian. Gustáv Mallý. Bratislava, Pallas, 1975. 18 p.



## CORRESPONDENCE

- 1148.22 **Böhm, Emanuel T.**  
1 out, 1983, tls. Includes: partial [page 3] typed list of donors. 1 item.