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This issue of the Nationalities Papers is devoted to the theme: The Slavs' contribution to American scholarship: A Review and an appraisal -which includes four papers delivered at the eighth national convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) held in October 6-9, 1976 in St. Louis, Mo. The fifth paper, by Professor Joseph Zacek, titled "Czech and Slovak contribution to American East European Historiography" will for technical reasons appear in the Spring issue (1977).

A short essay by Professor Jaroslaw B. Rudnyckyj on the Ems Ukase of 1878 and the reprint of an essay on Ukraine, written by Arnold Toynbee in 1915, are here included on account of their historical importance.

Due to the rather extensive coverage under the headings CONTEMPORARY DOCUMENTS and NEWS FOR THE ASSOCIATION, book reviews have been held over for the next issue.

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