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BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET ENCYCLOPAEDIA PRESENTED TO UNITED NATIONS

A copy of the first edition of the Byelorussian Soviet Encyclopaedia was presented to the United Nations today by Anatoly Gurinovich and Guerodot G. Tchernouchchenko, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Representative of Byelorussia, respectively. The 12-volume set was accepted by Mrs. Natalie Tyulina, Director of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library, and Seymour James, Chief of the General Reference Section.

The encyclopaedia contains more than 35,000 articles, with about 40 per cent devoted to Byelorussia. A collective work, it contains contributions of more than 5,000 authors.

Presenting the gift, Mr. Gurinovich said that, in addition to reference material on all basic fields of knowledge, the encyclopaedia contained extensive material about the public and State system, administrative and territorial division of the Republic. It also contained articles on Byelorussian nature, population, history, economy, science, education, art, literature, and efforts and successes in communist construction, he said.

The Encyclopaedia would take its proper place in the international reference collection which the Library had been building for years, Mrs. Tyulina said. It would be of great use to scholars and staff.

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