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### **New Microforms from Ukraine and Russia at the Bavarian State Library in Munich**

During the past couple of years the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek (Bavarian State Library; abbreviated as 'BSB') has continued to acquire microform collections on Ukrainian and Russian history. In some cases, in fact, the BSB seems to be the only library holding such a collection. The largest part of these records comes from the 'State Archives of Kyiv Oblast' and concerns three topics:

- a) Jewish history in Ukraine/Russia in the 19th and early 20th century, including emigration up to the end of the 1920s;
- b) the situation in Ukraine around 1917/18;
- c) the German occupation of the Kiev region, and resistance to it during World War II.

The collections on c) are especially large and can be used, not just as sources on political and military history, but also for social history. You can find the titles of these collections plus details, including online guides and call numbers, in the "Verzeichnis der Mikroformen zur Geschichte in der Bayerischen Staatsbibliothek" ("Directory of microforms on history at the BSB"): <http://www.bsb-muenchen.de/mikro/litten.htm>. There is also a special 'update' page: <http://www.bsb-muenchen.de/mikro/littenup.htm>.

Not yet listed are some collections we expect to receive this year (in total running to about 250.000 pages):

- a) again from the 'State Archives of Kyiv Oblast' some smaller collections on the situation in 1917/18, as well as two larger collections, one on the town of Belaia Tsrkov during the German occupation in the early 1940s, the other on resistance to the German occupation in Ukraine;
- b) from the Russian State Library a collection of documents on the 'German front' in World War I.

As can be seen, there is quite some material here that might also be of interest for studies of the Communist era. Please note that the microfilm collections can be sent out on loan to all German libraries connected to the German interlibrary-loan network, which includes university libraries.

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