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Under the title "Comintern on microfiche" the Russian Center for the Conservation and Study of Records of Modern History and the dutch Inter Documentation Company announce that "microfilming of the Comintern Archive has begun" We give some excerpts of the project description:

"The previously available Congress proceedings which were published in 1920 and had been heavily censored by the Executive Committee. Now, following the reforms in Russia, there is an opportunity to read about the real history of Comintern, from the original documents.

IDC's incorporation of Comintern material from the archives of the former Central Party Archive (...) starts with the publication of shorthand reports on the first Comintern congresses upon which the political component of the organization was founded. The microfiche series published by IDC will include all archive documents relating to the Comintern congresses and Plenums of the Executive Commitee, including material from preparatory and working commissions. Nothing will be omitted.

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Scope of project

- The entire collection will be filmed with IDC fiche camera using Fuji Archive proof film, in accordance with international standards.
- Archive indexes will be filmed on separate index fiches
- Archive material will be recorded on approximately 12.000 fiches

- Published in ten installments of c. 10.000 à 20.000 Dutch guilders per installment, depending on the extensiveness of the congresses.
- The last installment will become available end 1996.
- Subscribers can indicate how many installments they wish to receive each year."

The Russian Center and the dutch commercial company announce that one can now buy 1.792 microfiches at a price of 17.920 Dutch guilders. This first series include I congress (488, 1, 1-18), 2nd Congress (489, 1, 1-68), HI. 490, 1, 1-222 and IVth Congress (491,1,1-396, 860-1792).

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