

Resources on the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Tsarist Russia, Former Soviet Union and Contemporary Russian Federation: An Attempt at Classification

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Introduction

Although a number of the Seventh-day Adventist historians and theologians in the former Soviet Union attempted at different times to gather and classify the Adventist resources for the Euro-Asian Division, this work has never been completed. This paper is another attempt to present the sources on Adventism in that region in a systematic way.

The decades of persecutions did not allow any systematic classification and evaluation of the existing resources. Many Adventist publications have been self-published by the church members by means of the typewriters. Many of those faithful individuals involved in writing, translating, duplicating and distributing Adventist sources sacrificed their freedom and even life so that other people could have an access to the Adventist literature. Some of those typewritten books have been lost. Some are gathered at the Adventist Heritage Center at Zaoksky Theological Seminary and at other Church institutions, some are found at the private libraries of the individual Church historians and veteran ministers. This presents an additional challenge to any attempt to come up with the systematic presentation of the Adventist resources in Russia.

Recently a number of books on the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the former Soviet Union appeared. The authors of those books made a great effort to consider both major and minor resources on Adventism in their country. While none of those books contain the references to all of the sources, together they present a rather significant contribution to the Resource study on Adventism in Russia. The author of this article is greatly indebted to those Church historians, most of whom played significant role in the progress of the Adventist message at the territory of Euro-Asian Division. Historical and biographical books written by brothers Matzanov, Zhukaljuk, Yunak, Predoljak, Kulakov, and Zaitsev were especially helpful for this systematic presentation on the Adventist sources in Euro-Asian Division.

Other major source of material (or, at least, some references to many resources) is found in Seventh-day Adventist periodic publications. The author of this presentation had a privilege of working for a number of years with the Church periodicals, which helped both in finding the resources and organizing them systematically.

This paper attempts to organize the sources on Adventist Church in Russia into several different categories.

First, the resources will be organized chronologically, as they reflect on:

1. Early work;

2. Beginning of twentieth century;
3. Early Soviet Period;
4. The time of World War;
5. Late Soviet Period;
6. Contemporary period.

The resources gathered in those 6 periods are organized first by the publication date, and second (mostly in case of historical sources) by the time periods they are dealing with. For example, the Early Soviet resources will include the books and articles published at that time, as well as the later sources reflecting on the Soviet era. To avoid duplication the most recent sources on the history of the SDA Church in Euro-Asia are gathered at the Contemporary period section.

In addition to this systematic arrangement some other arrangements seem to be necessary. Although most of the sources are written in Russian, there are also many English and German language sources. Thus, there is a need of dividing material into Russian and English (German) sections.

There is also a need to classify sources by some additional categories: Adventist sources, General sources on Adventism, and Polemical sources. Although the material presented in General and Polemic sections was not always written by Adventists, it contains some valuable information, including Church statistics, certain names, geographical locations related to the historical development of the SDA Church in Russia, etc. Since the Adventist literature from the time of persecutions is scarce, those additional (usually antagonistic and critical) sources are important for studying Adventism in Euro-Asia. General sources will include statistical and historical investigations both by the Adventist writers, and by their opponents.

Chapter 1

Adventist Resources in the Early Period

The early history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Russia is reflected in a number of sources in Russian, German and English languages. In 1879 copies of *Die Stimme der Wahrheit* (Voice of Truth), an American Adventist magazine for German immigrants, reached German settlements on the Volga. (Most German sources that this article mentions are found at Archives of Bogenhofen (Austria), Theol. Hochschule Friedesau (Germany). That was probably the first time the Seventh-day Adventist literature entered Russia. Through this literature the early work among the German settlements started.

One of the first fruits brought about through these literary sources was the conversion of Gerhard Perk. At the General Conference Session in 1909 he said that his conversion to Adventism was due to a tract entitled 'The Third Angel's Message,' that came into his hand in 1882. (See. General Conference Bulletin, 1909, p. 53). This tract had been sent from America to one of the German villages in Russia and kept there secretly. Thus, the literary sources are found at the very foundation of the Seventh-day Adventist work in Russia.

1. Early Sources by Adventist Authors

Starting with 1884 in Basel, Switzerland, the monthly newspaper *Herold der Wahrheit* («Herald of Truth») was published. According to Gerhard Perk, already in 1888 the Adventist literature evangelists were actively working in Siberia and in Baltic lands. Most of the literature evangelists were working with the German settlers. Needless to say, that it was illegal in Tsarist and Orthodox Russia to sell the literature that was not approved by the Orthodox Church. About the difficulties that the first literature evangelists faced see:

Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, April 22, 1890.

See also, P. Magan, "Russia's Religious Laws" Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, 17 February, 1891, 103.

In April 15, 1890 Advent Review and Sabbath Herald published an article where the situation in Russia was addressed. The author stressed the fact that the Orthodox church is intolerant to all the religious dissent.

More reports about the persecutions of the Seventh-day Adventists in Russia were published in December 5, 1893 issues of Review and Sabbath Herald.

However, in spite of the severe persecution, the Adventist work in Russia has begun, and in July 1886, the first Seventh-day Adventist congregation was formed at Berdebulat, Crimea.

The early progress of the SDA Church in Russia is closely associated with the Volga colonies of German emigrants as reflected in:

Heinz, Daniel. "Origin and Growth of the Adventists in Russia: A Historical Survey." *Journal of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia* 10:4 (Winter 1987): 39-43.

Also: Reimche, Adaline Werner. "The Organization of the First German Seventh-Day Adventist Church in America and Its Influence." *Journal of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia* (Spring 1987): 15-18.

Sapiets, Marite. "One Hundred Years of Adventism in Russia and the Soviet Union." *Religion, State and Society* 12:3 (Winter 1984): 256-273.

Fred R. Belk, "The Emergence of Millennialism Among the Russian Mennonites," *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 49 (1975).

A. Reimche, "How the German Work Began," *Adventist Review*, April 29, 1982.

Another article on the Mennonites connection is:

C.H. Smith, *Story of the Mennonites*, fifth edition, revised and enlarged by Cornelius Krahn (Newton, KA: Faith and Life Press, 1981).

About the first missionary trip of Conradi to Russia see Conradi's article "Trip to Russia" published in *Historical Sketches of the Foreign Missions of the Seventh day Adventists*, Basle: Imprimerie Polyglotte, 1886, 250—271.

See also L. R. Conradi, "The Work in Russia", *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, May 1, 1888.

More about Conradi's work:

Brian E. Strayer, "The Amazing Life of L. R. Conradi", *Adventist Review*, January 18, 1996.

Daniel Heinz, "Patriarch of European Adventism: Ludwig Richard Conradi", *Adventist Heritage*, 12 (Winter 1987).

About the religious experiences and conversion of Gerhard Perk, a young Mennonite in the Ukraine who had adopted the Adventist faith, see M.E. Olsen. *A History of the Origin and Progress of Seventh day Adventists*. Washington, DC: Review and Herald, 1925, 471 — 475.

About the work of the pioneer evangelist Jacob Resvik see - L.R. Conradi, *Review and Herald*, April 4, 1893.

Some information on Jacob Resvik could be found also in M.E. Andross, *Story of the Advent Message*. Washington, DC: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1926, 230.

In 1886 Theophil Babienko accepts Adventist message. In him a powerful leader and evangelist emerged. The biographical material (unpublished) about the life of Theophil Babienko has been

passed to Eugeny Zaitzev, Zaoksky Theological Seminary, by Babienko's grandson Bruce Babienko, the director of the Publishing department of Michigan Conference. For the short biography of T. Babienko see E. Zaitsev, *Istoriya Tzerkvi Adventistov Sedmogo Dnya v Rossi* [History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Russia] (Zaoksky: Source of Life, 2008), 143.

In 1886 Conrad Laubhan, an emigrant from Shcherbakovka living in Lehigh, Kansas, returned to Russia for twelve years to serve as a leader in the rapidly spreading movement. At about the same time Ludwig R. Conradi, and Gerhard Perk made a missionary tour around the Crimea, southern Ukraine, the Volga German area, and the northern Caucasus preaching and baptizing converts. On this period of history see:

L. R. Conradi, "A Visit to Russia," in *Historical Sketches of the Foreign Missions of the Seventh-day Adventists* (Basel, Switzerland: Imprimerie Polyglotte, 1886).

Also:

Review and Herald, 10 June 1890.

Review and Herald, 6 December 1892.

L. R. Conradi, "The German-Russian Mission Field," *Adventist Review and Sabbath Herald*, December 5, 1893. L. R. Conradi, "The Present Outlook in the Russian Mission," *Adventist Review and Sabbath Herald*, December 6, 1892.

2. General Sources

Among the general Adventist sources referring to the history of the early SDA Church in Russia could be mentioned some SDA history publications in English:

A. W. Spalding, *Origin and History of the Seventh-Day Adventists*, Washington DC, 1962, Yol. 2, pp. 227-28.

G. Howell, *The Great Advent Movement*, Washington DC, 1935, p. 157.

Ooley, «Czarist Government Meets Missionary Traveling Expenses,» *LaSierra Today* 9:4 (Winter 1973): 2.

Other General Sources doing at length with the early Adventism in Russia are the following:

Астырев Н. Субботники в России и Сибири // Северный вестник. — 1891. — № 6.

Балалаева Н. М. Адвентизм седьмого дня в Приамурье в период империализма // Ученые записки Хабаровского государственного педагогического института. Хабаровск, 1969. Т. 21.

Дитц Я. История поволжских немцев-колонистов. — М., 1997.

Дородницын А. Секта адвентистов // Миссионерское обозрение. — 1897.

Лебсак Г.И. Великое адвентистское движение и адвентисты седьмого дня в России. — Киев, Патмос, 1918.

This time period is also reflected in the textbooks on Adventist history written in the recent period. See the reference to those books in the last section of the article.

3. Polemical Sources:

At these early stages the Seventh-day Adventist missionaries in Russia didn't think much of leaving a historical record of their work. Thus, in order to trace the progress of the Adventist message in Russia one has to turn to the polemical literature written mostly by the Russian Orthodox critics of Adventism. Those sources, although critical toward the Advent message, give a more or less comprehensive picture of the development of the Seventh-day Adventist work in Russia. The prime example of using those sources is the textbook on the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Russia written by Eugene Zaitzev, Professor of Zaoksky theological seminary.

Below is the list of the articles by the Russian Orthodox opponents of the pioneer Adventist workers in Russia:

Дородницын А. Секта адвентистов седьмого дня // Церковны еведомости. — 1898, № 41.

Дородницын А. Я. Секта адвентистов // Екатеринославские епархиальные ведомости. — 1897.

Петрушевский. Вопрос о субботе и воскресном дне на законе и речение св. Предания и авторитета Церкви в решении сего вопроса // Миссионерское обозрение. — 1898.

Секта адвентистов // Саратовские епархиальные ведомости. — 1897. — № 20.

Секта адвентистов седьмого дня // Церковные Ведомости. — 1898. — № 41.

Скворцов В. М. Секта Адвентистов Седьмого дня и Малеванское движение в Штунде // Миссионерское обозрение. — 1896. — 1 января. — С. 50—56; — 1 марта. — С. 33—43.

Скворцов В. М. Деяния 3-го Всероссийского Миссионерского Съезда вКазани. — Киев, 1897.

Титов Ф. И. О современном состоянии русского сектантства. — Киев, 1897.

Chapter 2

Early XX Century

In 1905 the religious tolerance was granted to the Non-Orthodox religions in Russia, including Seventh-day Adventist Church (about 3000 members at that time). However, the Russian Orthodox Church only intensified its attacks on all dissent.

1. Early Adventist Sources

This time period is known for the periodic publications both in Russian and German languages. Same year as the certain amount of freedom was granted to the Adventists in Russia (1905), "Maslina" (The Olive, 1905-1913) magazine begins to be published in Hamburg, Germany, in Russian language.

Same year in Helsenky, Finland, E. G. White's "Steps to Christ" have been published in Russian. In 1907 in Riga the Adventist Booklet Society has been established that served as a source of many booklets, magazines and books in Russian, German, Lithuanian, Estonian and Polish languages. In a way it was the first Adventist Publishing house in Russia. «Good News» magazine (Blagaja Vest) was printed since 1905. «Utrennaja Zvezda» (Morning Star) newspaper was also published at that time period. Some reflections on this period are found in: G. Perk, "Reports From Russian Union," in *General Conference Bulletin*, May 18, 1909, 52, 53.

"Blagaja Vest" (Good News) magazine was published between 1913 and 1928 in Moscow and in Kiev.

2. General sources:

Гончар П. В. Как Столыпин помог адвентистам // Теперь время. — 2005. — № 3.

Редькина О. Ю. Адвентисты седьмого дня на Юге-Востоке России (конец XIX—XX вв.) / Свобода совести в России: исторический и современный аспекты. Выпуск 3. Сборник статей. — Москва: Российское объединение исследователей религии. 2006. С. 301—318.

Сердюк М. Б. Адвентистская церковь на российском Дальнем Востоке: конец XIX — начало XX в. / Свобода совести в России: исторический и современный аспекты. Выпуск 3. Сборник статей. — Москва: Российское объединение исследователей религии. 2006. С. 345—352.

3. Polemic Literature:

At the early XX century the Russian Orthodox Church undertook some serious attempts to stop the development of the SDA Church in Russia. This is reflected in many sources published by the Russian Orthodox Church. Those sources are helpful in monitoring the progress that SDA Church was making in pre-revolutionary Russia:

Адвентисты на Кавказе // Миссионерское обозрение. — 1901.

Айвазов И. Г. Беседы с адвентистами седьмого — субботного дня о субботе и воскресном дне // Миссионерское обозрение. — 1904. — №№6, 12, 13, 14.

Айвазов И. Г. О субботе и воскресном дне // Миссионерское обозрение. — 1909. — № 1.

Айвазов И. Г. Обличение русского сектантства. — СПб., 1914.

Белогорский В. А. Секта адвентистов // Русские сектанты, их учение, культ и способы пропаганды. — Одесса, 1911.

Белогорский Н. Субботство сектантов адвентистов. — СПб, 1907.

Белогорский Н. Душа и состояние умерших по учению адвентистов. — СПб, 1910.

Белогорский Н. Ожидание адвентистами второго пришествия И. Христа, учение их о 1000летнем царстве Христовом, о вечности мучений. — СПб, 1912.

Боголюбов Д. И. Кто Пашковцы, Баптисты и Адвентисты. — СПб, 1912.

Бондарь С. Д. Адвентизм 7го дня. — СПб.: Типогр. Минва внутренних дел, 1911.

Буткевич Т. И. О веротерпимости в России. — Харьков, 1905.

Буткевич Т. И. Обзор русских сект и их толков. — Харьков, 1910.

Валькевич В. Л. Записка о пропаганде протестантских сект в России и в особенности на Кавказе. — Тифлис, 1900.

Варжанский Н. Адвентизм седьмого дня // Миссионерское обозрение. — 1908. — №№ 2, 3.

Варжанский Н. О бессмертии души (против адвентистов). — СПб., 1912.

Владыков Д. И. Руководство для бесед с адвентистами, баптистами, пашковцами и др. — Ахтырка, 1913—1914.

Дородницын А. Я. Секта Адвентистов // Миссионерское обозрение. — 1897.

- Дородницын А. Я. Секта адвентистов седьмого дня // Церковные Ведомости. — 1898. — № 41.
- Иванов В. В. Субботничество и адвентизм // Баптист. — 1914. — №№11—12. — С. 15—16.
- Кальнев М. А. Адвентизм и иоаннитство пред судом миссионерской критики // Миссионерское обозрение. — 1910. — № 1.
- Кальнев М. А. Когда будет второе пришествие Христа и конец мира? — Одесса, 1913.
- Кальнев М. А. Адвентизм. — СПб., 1909.
- Каменский К. Появление адвентистов седьмого дня в V благочинническом округе Аткарского уезда // Саратовские епархиальные ведомости. — 1914. — № 7.
- Каменский К. Разновидность секты адвентистов седьмого дня и ее учение // Саратовские епархиальные ведомости. — 1914. — № 7.
- Кирик Ф. Ложь адвентизма. — СПб, 1909.
- Покровский И. Краткая памятка посетителю адвентистских собраний. — Н. Новгород, 1912.
- Покровский И. От Бога ли они? (Против адвентистов). — М., 1910.
- Потехин С. Еврейство и сектантский адвентизм. — СПб, 1910.
- Потехин С. Беседа с адвентистами о тысячелетнем царстве Христа // Миссионерское обозрение. — 1914. — № 1.
- Секта адвентистов седьмого дня // Донские епархиальные ведомости. — 1912. — № 19, 20, 21.
- Семенов И. М. Суббота Господня (к сведению братьев, принявших адвентизм) // Духовный христианин. — 1909. — № 5.
- Терлецкий В. Н. Очерки, исследования и статьи о сектантстве. Вып. 1. — Полтава, 1911.
- Терлецкий В. Н. Хилиастические течения в сектантстве. — Полтава, 1912.
- Фетисов Н. Н. Опыт уяснения основных вопросов науки сектоведения. — Киев, 1914.
- Ясевич-Бородаевская В. И. Борьба за веру: Историкобытовые очерки и обзор законодательства по старообрядчеству и сектантству. — СПб., 1912.

Chapter 3

Early Soviet Period

The first years of the Soviet era have been the time of high hopes for the SDA Church in Russia. The new government made many promises to win over the hearts of the Protestants in Russia. The long expected promise of religious freedom and equality was made – only to be broken almost immediately.

1. Resources in English and German:

E. Olsen, *History of Origin and Progress of Seventh-Day Adventists*, Washington DC, 1925.

Demidov M. «An Appeal From Russia», *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, June 5, 1919; *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, May 13, 1920.

Christian L. H. «Our Work in Rumania and Russia», *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* (February 2, 1922). P. 9.

Christian L. H. «A Visit to Soviet Russia», *Missionary Worker* (April 19, 1922). P. 1.

Loebsak H. «A Communication from Russia», *General Conference Bulletin*, 1922. P. 268.

Christian L. H. «The Russian Tragedy», *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* (October 27, 1921). P. 24.

Der Adventbote (The Voice of Truth – Голос Истины) magazine was still published in 1920s in German and Russian. It reflects on the progress of work in the early Soviet Russia, especially among the Germans.

Some correspondence between Demidov and Sitnik (Siberia) were published by *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, July 24, 1919.

Next month article reports on sending to Siberia Russian Bibles, and also «The Great Controversy» books in Russian, and some other literature. See: *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, August 28, 1919.

On the continuation of work in Russia see: *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, May 13, 1920.

2. Adventist Resources in Russian

All-Russia Conference Materials, 1920 (in the archives of the Russian Union, SDA Church).

Another source on history of the Soviet period are the archives of the Moscow Conference.

The information about the official conference meeting of SDA in the Early Soviet period is in «The Voice of Truth» (SDA magazine of the period in Russian), №№ 3—9. — 1925.

Teppone's book includes all the official reports and statistics of the SDA Church at that period. V. V. Teppone, *Iz Istorii Tzerkvi* [From history of the church] (Kaliningrad: Yantarnij Skaz, 1993).

It is important to mention the periodic publications. D. Junack in his two volume *History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Russia* (Заокский - Россия, 2002) gives an overview of the Seventh-day Adventist periodic publications. "Vestnik Christianina" (Christian Herald) magazine was published in 1918-1919 in Moscow. "Semejnij Drug" (Family Friend) was published in Russian in China (1922-27). "Istochnik Zhizni" (The Source of Life) magazine was also published in China, Harbin (1922-28). Its chief editor was Theophil Babienko.

3. General and Polemic Publications

Starting with mid-twenties, the Soviet government begins its massive antireligious propaganda. Below are some of the Soviet polemic sources written at that time period against the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Just as in case with the Russian Orthodox Church these sources present an interest to a historian largely because the publications reflect some statistical data.

Pravda, No. 108, 1924.

Зарин П. Работа сектантов в Воронежской губернии // Антирелигиозник. — 1928. — № 1.

Клибанов А. И. Адвентисты. — Л., 1931.

Клибанов А. И. Несколько моментов из истории адвентизма // Антирелигиозник. — 1930. — № 10.

Культенков В. Л. История Церкви адвентистов седьмого дня на Дальнем Востоке в начале XX века // Материалы научной конференции студентов и аспирантов ДВГУ 2000. — Владивосток, 2001.

Путинцев Ф. М. Политическая роль и тактика сект. — М., 1935.

Редькина О. Ю. Сельскохозяйственные религиозные трудовые коллективы в 1917—1930х годах: на материалах европейской части РСФСР. — Волгоград, 2004.

Рошин А. Кто такие адвентисты. — М.Л., 1930.

Фризен Г., Рейнмарус А. Адвентисты. — М., 1930.

In general, this period was a time of the great disappointment in the new Russian government. Seventh-day Adventist Church was largely forced underground, and the published materials became scarce and often illegal. Yet, even in that dark period the work on translating and distributing of the Spirit of Prophecy writings and other Adventist literature has never stopped. It was done by many faithful, by now usually forgotten members of the Church.

Chapter 4

The Two Great Wars

The military conflicts between Russia and Germany, first in 1914-1919, during the time of the First World War, and later on at the Second World War (1939-1945) brought the Seventh-day Adventist Church to an extreme trial. Would the Church encourage or discourage its members' participation in what now became required of them – participation in a combat? This already uneasy situation was even further complicated by fact, that the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Russia emerged from the German communities, and many leaders of the Church were of German dissent. This situation created a schism within the European SDA Church. In Russia and Germany it took especially severe forms, which is reflected in many sources, mostly available in German language.

1. Adventist Books and Unpublished Manuscripts

"Obsor Mirovih Voprosov" (World Issues Review) magazine was published in Riga (1933-37), however its distribution in Russia was prohibited. Its editor-in-chief was Pavel Matzanov.

In relation to the military service for the SDA in Germany and partly in Russia at the time of the First World War see:

Padderatz G. Conradi und Hamburg. Die Anfaenge der deutschen Adventgemeinde, 1889-1914. Hamburg, 1978.

Geschke R. Die Gemeinschaft der Siebenten-Tags-Adventisten und die Wehrpflicht, 1898-1916 (unpublished manuscript), 1985, Historisches Archiv der Siebenten-Tags-Adventisten in Europa / AAE, Friedensau;

Davis R. G. Conscientious Cooperators: The Seventh-day Adventists and Military Service, 1860-1945 (Dissertation, George Washington University), 1970.

Wilcox F. M. Seventh-day Adventists in Time of War. Washington DC, 1936.

Hartlapp J. Military Service: A Comparative Study between the New Testament Teaching and the Attitude of German Adventists (unpublished manuscript), 1993, AAE.

Coppieters B. Die pazifistischen Sekten, die Bolschewiki und das Rechtauf Wehrdienstverweigerung // R. Steinweg (Hg.), Lehrenausder Geschichte? Historische Friedensforschung. Frankfurt. M., 1990.

2. Articles:

Conradi L. R. The Sabbath and the Military Service // Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, September 26, 1907. P. 12-15.

Heinz D. Church Seventh-day Adventists and the Refusal to Participate in Combat Operations: Historical Perspective. Даниэль Хайнц АДВЕНТИСТЫ СЕДЬМОГО ДНЯ И ОТКАЗ ОТ УЧАСТИЯ В ВОЕННЫХ ДЕЙСТВИЯХ: ИСТОРИЧЕСКАЯ ПЕРСПЕКТИВА Оп. в сб.: Ненасилие как мировоззрение и образ жизни. М., ИВИ РАН, 2000

Spicer W. A. Our European Brethren and Noncombatancy // Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, March 6, 1924.

Protokoll der Verhandlung mit der Gegenbewegung vom 21.-23. Juli 1920 in Friedensau, Hamburg 1920; Daniells A. G. Die Stellungnahme der Generalkonferenz zur Gegenbewegung // Zions-Waechter, August 1920. P. 156-157;

3. Current Resources:

Heinz D. Ludvig R. Conradi: Missionar, Evangelist und Organisator der Siebenten-Tags-Adventisten in Europa. Frankfurt. M., 1998. P. 99-101; Idem. Church, State, and Religious Dissent: A History of Seventh-day Adventists in Austria, 1890-1975. Frankfurt. M., 1993. P. 94-99.

Lawson R. Onward Christian Soldier? Seventh-day Adventists and the Issue of Military Service // Review of Religious Research, March 1996. P. 201.

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Chapter 5

Late Soviet Period

At this period of its history SDA Church in Russia did its best to provide its members with the Adventist literature. While many sources were still handwritten or typewritten, there are also the sources issued in the State publishing houses. Although rare and scarce, those publications signified a closing of the Soviet era and inauguration of a new period in history.

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Gerber R. "Report on a Trip Through Russia". *Review and Herald* (November 15, 1956): 16—26.

Kulakov, Michael P. *Spectrum*, Vol. 8 (1978) No. 3.

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Wilson Neal C. "Proposals for Peace and Understanding". *Spectrum* 19:2 (1988): 44—48.

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Дударенок С. М. *Церковь адвентистов седьмого дня на российском Дальнем Востоке. XX век (советский период) / Свобода совести в России: исторический и современный аспекты*.

Выпуск 3. Сборник статей. — Москва: Российское объединение исследователей религии. 2006. С. 353—375.

Сосковец Л. И. Церковь Адвентистов Седьмого Дня в Западной Сибири //Протестантизм и протестанты в России: прошлое, настоящее, будущее:Материалы научно-богословской практической конференции, май 2004 г. — Заокский, 2004. — С. 212—222.

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- Бартошевич Э. М., Борисоглебский Е. И. Они ждут конца мира. М., 1963.
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Chapter 6

Contemporary sources

In 1990 SDA Church launches the first religious periodic newspaper in the post-soviet Russia, «Slovo Primireniya» (The Word of Reconciliation). That signified the amount of freedom the Church could enjoy now. The chief editor of it was the Division President, Michael Kulakov with Oleg Zhigankov as the assistant editor. This newspaper, initially established for a dialog with the Reform Adventist movement, has become the first reliable and official systematic record of the Church's progress in Russia. It reflects on the chronicle of the Church's life and dynamic of its incredible growth in 1990-s. The complete collection of this newspaper is found 1. At Zaoksky Theological Seminary Library; 2. As a part of a private collection of Yunak's family; 3. As a part of a private collection and archive of Zhigankov's family.

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Most books written in the recent period are in Russian. Among the books in English see:

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Кулаков М. П. С доброй вестью к своим соотечественникам: История церкви христиан АСД в России. — Заокский, 1996.

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Жукалюк Н. А. Вспоминайте наставников ваших (История Церкви адвентистов седьмого дня в личностях). — «Джерело життя», 1999.

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"Adventistskij Vestnik" (Adventist Messenger) (1994-currently, Moscow);

"Signs of Times" (1994-currently, Kiev);

"Tepjer Vremja" (Now is the Time), since 1995, Moscow.

General Sources:

The new era in Church-government relationship in Russia and the newly gained freedom brought about new demand in Adventist sources.

One example of the new experimental model of publishing work was publication of A. Grigorenko's book on Adventism. This book, sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church

was published with the secular publisher and partly sold through the network of the secular bookstores. The book was an attempt to introduce the Adventism to the non-adventists.

Григоренко А.Ю. Эсхатология, миллениаризм, адвентизм: история и современность. Философско-религиоведческие очерки (научное издание). — СПб.: Европейский дом, 2004. (for critical analysis of this book see an online article by V.

Junak, <http://www.bible.com.ua/lib/files/356.pdf>

The new religious environment in Russia required reflections on the relationship between the state and the Church. The following articles concern with this issue:

Гончар П. История Церкви Адвентистов седьмого дня в Москве. http://www.mosadvent.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=148:historymoscow&catid=56:history&Itemid=139

Гончаров О. Ю. Церковь христиан адвентистов седьмого дня в России: история, эволюция взаимоотношений с государством (XIX—XX вв.) / Свобода совести в России: исторический и современный аспекты. Выпуск 3. Сборник статей. — Москва: Российское объединение исследователей религии. 2006. С. 243—276.

Горбатов А. В., Шиллер В. В. Адвентисты седьмого дня в Сибири: история и современность / Свобода совести в России: исторический и современный аспекты. Выпуск 3. Сборник статей. — Москва: Российское объединение исследователей религии. 2006. С. 319—344.

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Курило О. В. Адвентисты седьмого дня // Московский регион: Этноконфессиональная ситуация. — М., 2000. — С. 91—110.

Государство и религиозные организации Нижней Волги и Дона в XX в. Сб. документов и материалов / Сост. О. Ю. Редькина, Т. А. Савина. Под ред. М. М. Загорулько. Волгоград, 2002.

Ничик В. И. Особенности социализации Церкви христиан адвентистов седьмого дня в России / Свобода совести в России: исторический и современный аспекты. Выпуск 3. Сборник статей. — Москва: Российское объединение исследователей религии. 2006. С. 376—392.

Докаш В. И. История Церкви адвентистов седьмого дня в Украине. XIX—XXI вв. / Свобода совести в России: исторический и современный аспекты. Выпуск 3. Сборник статей. — Москва: Российское объединение исследователей религии. 2006. С. 277—300.

Жиганков О. А. Еретики или люди, опередившие время. — Заокский: «Источник жизни», 1996.

Одинцов М. И. Документальные материалы о деятельности объединений адвентистов седьмого дня в Советском Союзе (1944—1965 гг.) в

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Olga Suvorova, *We're Only Standing on the Shore...* Moscow: EKSMO, 2012.

This book (in Russian) has been published by probably biggest Russian publishing company and could be purchased in every corner of Russia. The book is also a reflection on many decades of the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Russia.

Conclusions

The progress of the gospel work in Russia from the very beginning has been linked to the publishing work. Seventh-day Adventist Church in Russia historically used every opportunity to spread the message through publishing of the books and magazines. The history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Russia is can be seen through different sources that the Church produced as it was serving people in one of the most challenging societies in the world. It is

hoped that this short overview of the Adventist sources in Russia might help the historians and researchers to more freely navigate through the sources dealing with the progress of the Russian Seventh-day Adventist Church.