

PREFACE

The geographers of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic have prepared three special publications for the XXth International Geographical Congress:

a) A Supplement of the Journal of the Czechoslovak Geographical Society (Sborník Československé společnosti zeměpisné), volume 69; b) A special issue of the Geographical Review (Geografický časopis) of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, vol. 16; c) Acta geologica et geographica universitatis Comenianae — Geographica 4, which contains a geographic monography of the region of Košice, eastern Slovakia.

The Supplement of the Journal of the Czechoslovak Geographical Society contains, 27 articles dealing with almost all the branches of geography: 2 with cartography, 8 with geomorphology, 2 — climatology, 2 — biogeography, 2 — geography of population, 5 — urban geography, 2 geography of industry and transportation, and 2 deal with the subject of geography as a whole. One of these two articles studies the basis of the regional concept, so that the themes of the articles concern all the nine sections of the XXth Geographical Congress. However, only 8 articles deal with the themes which will be discussed preferentially in the sections.

Most of the authors of the Supplement are workers of the Geographical Institute of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences in Brno and of its sideline in Prague, three articles come from the Charles University in Prague, 2 from the University of Brno, and 2 from the School of Economics in Prague.

Carrying this contributions, the Czechoslovak geographers greet the XXth International Geographical Congress and wish the best success to its work, firmly believing that its sessions, helping to a better mutual knowledge of nations and countries and to a better use of the geographic milieu of all regions of the Earth, are of great importance for the future of the rapidly growing mankind.

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