

Project for Publishing the Minutes of the Ministerial Council¹

The 1970 annual conference of the Austrian and Hungarian committees supervising the publication of the minutes of the ministerial council between 1848 and 1914 was held in Vienna on June 24-26. After a report on what previously had been accomplished, the Hungarian committee submitted its plan for editing the minutes for the period between 1867 and 1914. The protocols are to be divided into the following parts: Pt. 1: 1867-1871, with Miklós Komjáthy as compiler and editor; Pt. 2: 1871-1883, which is to be prepared by the Austrian committee; Pt. 3: 1883-1896, with István Diószegi as compiler and editor; Pt. 4: 1896-1906, with Péter Hanák as compiler and editor; and Pt. 5: 1906-1914, with Ervin Pamlényi as compiler and editor. The number of volumes for each part has still not been determined. Within each part the volumes will be numbered consecutively.

In addition to the minutes of the ministerial council, those of the sittings which resemble those of the ministerial council in makeup and significance will also be edited. Appendices will be published only when they form an integral part of the protocols of the ministerial council. The Hungarian committee will accept the transcription rules worked out by and the index and footnoting forms recommended by the Austrian committee.

Considerable time was devoted at the conference to a discussion of how the commentaries are to be worked out. It was agreed that, although the final decision was to be left to each editor, the footnotes should not be too voluminous. To keep the external form of the commentaries as uniform as possible, the two committees would continuously exchange information about their experiences in this respect. They would also call each other's attention to important new technical literature in the field.

Finally, the Austrian committee expressed its willingness to study questions dealing with the length and form of the commentaries for some of the minutes of the years between 1871 and 1883 and to inform their Hungarian colleagues about the results of this investigation. The members of the Hungarian committee agreed to put the results of their own

¹See also *Austrian History Yearbook*, Vol. IV-V (1968-1969), pp. 532 and 535-538.

experiences at the disposal of their Austrian colleagues. The above decisions were made because it is entirely possible that the footnotes for the minutes of the ministerial council for the period between 1867 and 1914 might assume a different form from those for the years between 1848 and 1867. (After 1867 the ministerial council concerned itself only with the common affairs of the joint monarchy, whereas previously it had also handled problems of a local nature.)

The Hungarian committee will republish the volume of ministerial council protocols for 1914 to 1918 (*Protokolle des gemeinsamen Ministerrates der Österreichisch-Ungarischen Monarchie 1914-1918*, edited by Miklós Komjáthy) published in Budapest by Akadémiai Kiadó in 1966. One volume of the first series, which deals with the minutes of the Austrian ministerial council between 1848 and 1867, has already been published: Helmut Rumpler, *Ministerrat und Ministerratsprotokolle 1848-1867. Behördengeschichtliche und Aktenkundliche Analyse*. Another volume—Horst Brettner-Messler, *Das Ministerium Belcredi (27. Juli 1865-7. Februar 1867)*, Vol. I: *29. Juli 1865-26. März 1866*—is in press.

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