

THE SLOVENE TEXTBOOK PROJECT

From the Editor

On March 3, 1978, at the invitation of the Institute on East Central Europe of Columbia University, several scholars and other individuals interested in Slavic studies met in New York to discuss the teaching of so-called "minor" foreign languages and the development of materials for them. While the morning session was devoted to general considerations of this topic, the afternoon session focused specifically on Slovene. It is with pleasure that we present here excerpts from three of the papers presented that afternoon. These papers, together with the materials assembled by Professor Rado L. Lencek of Columbia University, who organized the conference, have become the basis for "The Slovene Textbook Project," the undertaking of several North American Slovenists to compose a new grammar and other pedagogical aids for the teaching of Slovene to English speakers.

We note in addition that a fourth paper presented at the conference by Professor Toussaint Hocevar, "The Geographical Distribution, Age Structure, and Comparative Language Maintenance of Persons of Slovene Language in the United States," is to appear shortly as Number 3 in the Documentation Series of the Society for Slovene Studies.