



Feeding the Mind

Feeding the Mind explores how European intellectual life was rebuilt after the cataclysm of the First World War. Learned communities were left in ruins by the conflict and its consequences; cultural and educational sites were destroyed, writers and artists were killed in battle, and tens of thousands of others were displaced. Against the backdrop of an unprecedented post-war humanitarian crisis which threatened millions with starvation and disease, many organizations chose to focus on assisting intellectuals and their institutions, giving them food, medicine, and books in order to stabilize European democracies and build a peaceful international order. Drawing on examples from Austria to Russia and Belgium to Serbia, *Feeding the Mind* analyses the role of humanitarianism in post-conflict reconstruction and explores why ideas and intellectuals were deemed to be worth protecting at a time of widespread crisis. This issue was pertinent in the century that followed and remains so today.

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Abbreviations

AAC	Academic Assistance Council
AAULCE	Anglo-American University Library for Central Europe
AMBA	Arbeitsmittel-Beschaffungs-Ausschuss
AN	Archives nationales
APSL	American Philosophical Society Library
ARA	American Relief Administration
ARAEOR	American Relief Administration European Operational Records
ARAROR	American Relief Administration Russian Operational Records
ARC	American Red Cross
ASESR	American Section European Student Relief
BA	British Academy
BAA	British Academy Archives
BAR	Bakhtmeteff Archive of Russian and Eastern European Culture
BL	British Library
CAME	Conference of Allied Ministers of Education
CARA	Council for At-Risk Academics
CCNY	Carnegie Corporation of New York
CEIP	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
CERYE	Committee for the Education of Russian Youth in Exile
CF	Commonwealth Fund
CITI	Confédération internationale des travailleurs intellectuels
CRAWEP	Commission on the Responsibility of the Authors of the War and on Enforcement of Penalties
CRB	Commission for Relief in Belgium
CRD	Commission on the Reparation of Damage
CRR1	Committee for the Relief of Russian Intellectuals
CRRR	Committee for the Relief of Russian Refugees

CTI	Confédération des travailleurs intellectuels
CUA	Columbia University Archives
CURBML	Columbia University Rare Book and Manuscript Library
ESR	European Student Relief
FEWVRC	Friends' Emergency and War Victims' Relief Committee
FGP	Frank Golder Papers
GKP	Grayson Kefauver Papers
HILA	Hoover Institution Library and Archives
HUA	Harvard University Archives
ICIC	International Committee on Intellectual Cooperation
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IEB	International Education Board
IIIC	International Institute of Intellectual Cooperation
IIE	Institute of International Education
ILO	International Labour Organization
IRC	International Research Council
ISC	International Studies Conference
ISS	International Student Service
IUA	International Union of Academies
IWRF	Imperial War Relief Fund
JDC	Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
LAC	La contemporaine
LNA	League of Nations Archives
LSEASC	London School of Economics Archives and Special Collections
LSF	Library of the Society of Friends
LSRM	Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial
MEGDSCA	M. E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives
NER	Near East Relief
NLW	National Library of Wales
NYPLAM	New York Public Library Archives and Manuscripts
OIC	Organization for Intellectual Cooperation
OMR	Office of the Messrs. Rockefeller
PA	Parliamentary Archives
PROI	Public Record Office of Ireland
RAC	Rockefeller Archive Center
RF	Rockefeller Foundation
RSA	Royal Society Archives

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SCF	Save the Children Fund
SFF	Student Friendship Fund
SRF	Science Relief Fund
TIU	Tokyo Imperial University
TNA	The National Archives (UK)
UIA	Union of International Associations
UN	United Nations
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
WCTP	Winifred Coombe Tennant Papers
WGAS	West Glamorgan Archive Service
WILPF	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
WKP	Walter Kotschnig Papers
WSCF	World Student Christian Federation
YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association
YUDLSC	Yale University Divinity Library Special Collections

Note on the Text

I have referred to places as they appeared in contemporary sources using the generally accepted English-language version of their names. Where place names have subsequently changed, their current name is indicated in a footnote at their first mention in the text. In specific cases where sites were contested at a point in time, such as the former Habsburg lands in the immediate aftermath of the First World War, two names are provided to highlight this contemporary contestation.