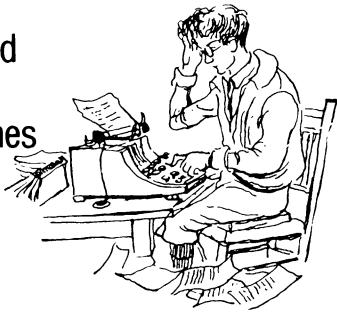


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Budget banquets

I have actually put the first edition of *Cheap eats in Sydney* to the test, and I am still alive to tell the tale.

The new (November 1982) edition of *Cheap eats* looks as if it will be just as useful, if not more so. Two hundred more restaurants are covered, and entries carried over from the first edition have all been revised, to keep track of inflation as well as the changing restaurant scene.

The voracious editors, John Thackara and Vere Kenny have eaten their way through most of the places listed, incognito in the best restaurant-judging traditions, and describe them succinctly and in some cases even appetisingly.

There are geographic, name and cuisine indexes – among the less familiar cuisines are Creole, Nonya, Halal and Israeli, although you'll have difficulty finding them under those headings in the index.

John Thackara and Vere Kenny's *Cheap eats in Sydney*, 2nd edition, is well worth \$3.95 (\$4.95 posted). It is published by Horan Wall and Walker, PO Box 8, Surry Hills, NSW 2010. (ISSN 0706-2721.)

Russian roundup

Three works dealing with the USSR landed on my desk almost simultaneously. Two of them are substantial bibliographies, the other a hefty one-volume encyclopaedia. *The Cambridge encyclopedia of Russia and the Soviet Union* (most of the general editors of which hail, ironically, from Oxford) is a well-illustrated and attractively-designed volume and lives up to its promise of giving an impartial and balanced view of Soviet history.

The text is broken up into chunks under a number of broad headings, rather than adopting an alphabetical arrangement: it is very suitable for consecutive reading. Its index, irritatingly at the front of the volume, is one of its weak points – under 'Leningrad – libraries', for example, there are references which are not listed under 'libraries'. And although there are plenty of maps illustrating historical and economic topics, there is a lack of a good general map of the Soviet Union and of detailed maps of the constituent republics. Minor caveats aside, this is a very useful addition to the reference collection in a relatively poorly-covered area.

The Cambridge encyclopedia of Russia and the Soviet Union was published last year by the Cambridge University Press. It costs \$39.95 locally. (ISBN 0 521 23169 8)

Stephan M. Horak's *Russia, the USSR, and Eastern Europe* is subtitled 'A bibliographic guide to English language publications, 1975-1980' and supplements Horak's 1978 publication which covered 1964-1974. This is a selective bibliography, with 5-10 line evaluative annotations and references to sources of fuller reviews of the works in question. Works in English predominate, with foreign-language materials included generally only when there is no satisfactory English-language equivalent. Books which have been repeatedly identified in professional journals as unsatisfactory have been omitted. Horak's aim is to present the best, readily available material. And he is successful.

Stephen M. Horak's *Russia, the USSR and Eastern Europe* was published in 1982 by Libraries Unlimited and costs US\$25.00. (ISBN 0 87287 297 1)

In his introduction to the last work, Horak comments 'it is easy to detect the prevalent concentration of Western scholarship (on Russian and Soviet Russian areas) at the expense, embarrassingly, of the non-Russian nationalities of the USSR and the Eastern European countries'.

Part of this imbalance he corrects in his *Guide to the study of the Soviet nationalities – non-Russian peoples of the USSR*. This 1346-item bibliographic guide provides references to materials and background notes on most of the dozens of nationalities which now make up over 47 per cent of the population of the USSR. There monographs and periodical articles on the Estonians, Latvians, Lithuanians, Armenians, Abkhazians, Ossetes, Georgians, Ukrainians, Moldavians, Germans, Belorussians and many more peoples, all annotated, indexed and helpfully introduced. For serious students of nationalism in the USSR, or of minorities and dissident movements, this guide will provide a useful stepping stone.

Stephen M. Horak's *Guide to the study of the Soviet nationalities* was also published last year by Libraries Unlimited and also costs around US\$25. (ISBN 0 87287 270 X)

Air on a shoestring

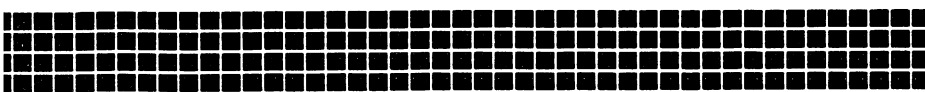
I'd never seen it before, but I hope to see it again. A little magazine devoted to alternative music – that is music reflecting alternative lifestyles, perhaps using unfamiliar instruments, certainly the antithesis of commercial music.

Earthsong reproduces some of the words and music of composers and songwriters unknown outside a smallish circle in Australia. Published by two battling but energetic crusaders at Wentworth, NSW, *Earthsong* is an irregular but more or less quarterly budget-produced magazine, its 30-odd pages crammed with music, poems which some readers might set to music, letters, playing hints and songs.

At \$2 per issue it's well worth sampling if you are trying to develop significant musical or alternative (or both) resources in your collection. *Earthsong* is available from Box 206, Wentworth, NSW 2648. (No ISSN.)

News from the north

Irregularity is a common disorder of newsletters, and library publications are far from immune. The formerly irregular quarterly newsletter of the Northern Territory Library Service is, in its own words, getting a new lease of life. This year Ron Davis, Director of the NTL, hopes it will appear monthly. However often it appears, it is a useful way of keeping in touch with the everyday things in libraries in the Territory. For further information contact Ron Davis, Director, NTL, PO Box 39971, Winnellie, NT 5789. (No ISSN.)



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