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was formed in 1924 as a non-political organisation, to collect and distribute information about the U.S.S.R. in this country, and to supply information about British cultural life to the U.S.S.R. It has—among many other activities—organised a number of important functions, such as first performances of Soviet musical works and films;

arranged personal contacts between British and Soviet specialists, both by personal visits in peace time, and by correspondence ; provided information to Government departments, the press and the public generally, from its extensive files and by means of authoritative lectures ; built up an excellent library of English and Russian publications, for which it still receives books and periodicals from U.S.S.R. ; and answered many enquiries from, and sent material to, VOKS (the All-Union Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, Moscow).

Bodies which have taken advantage of its services during the first year of the British-Soviet Alliance include the Admiralty ; the War Office ; the Foreign Office ; the Ministries of Food, of Information, and of Supply ; the American Embassy ; the B.B.C. ; the Civil Service Clerical Association ; the Fire Brigades Union ; the Prudential Staff Union ; the National Book Council ; the Oxford University

Press ; the Royal Academy of Music ; the British Medical Association ; and the Royal College of Surgeons.

The Exhibition Department of the Society has provided during the same period special exhibits for bodies ranging from the Royal Scottish Academy to the Army Bureau of Current Affairs, as well as for many of the British-Soviet Committees throughout the country.

Public functions arranged in 1942 include a reception to the Soviet Trade Union Delegation ; a meeting addressed by British and Soviet schoolchildren ; a week-end conference on U.S.S.R. for the Buxton Rotary Club ; and " Eastern Front," the remarkable exhibition which drew crowds to Devonshire House, Piccadilly, W.1, in June and July, 1942.

The Society's publications include the well-known quarterly *Anglo-Soviet Journal*, pamphlets on various subjects, study notes, booklists, and sets of photographs.

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