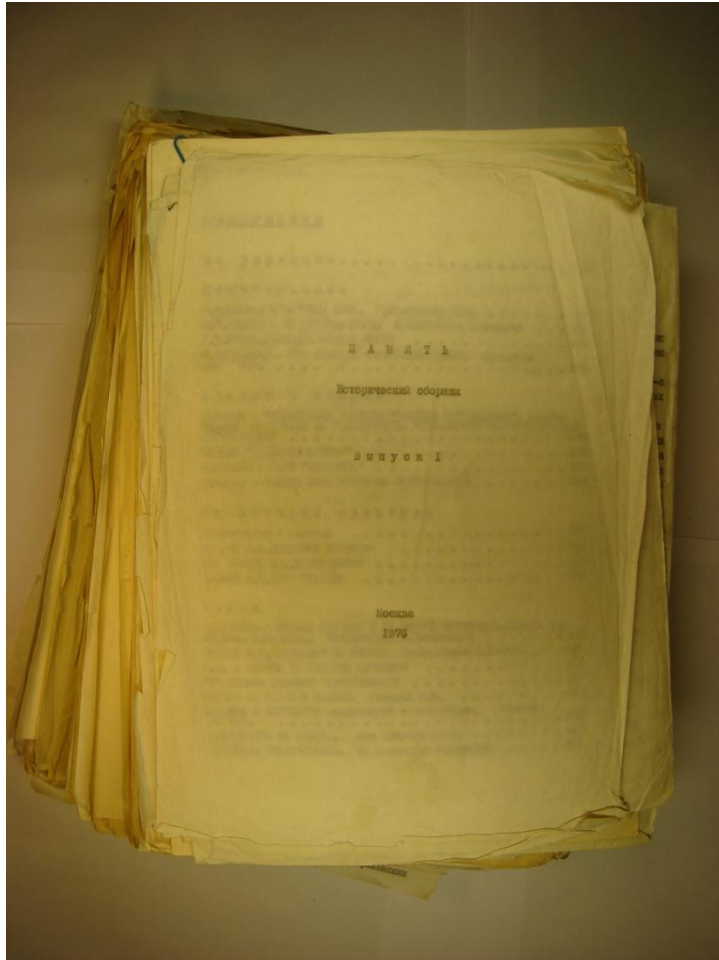


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Editors A. Roginskii, S.
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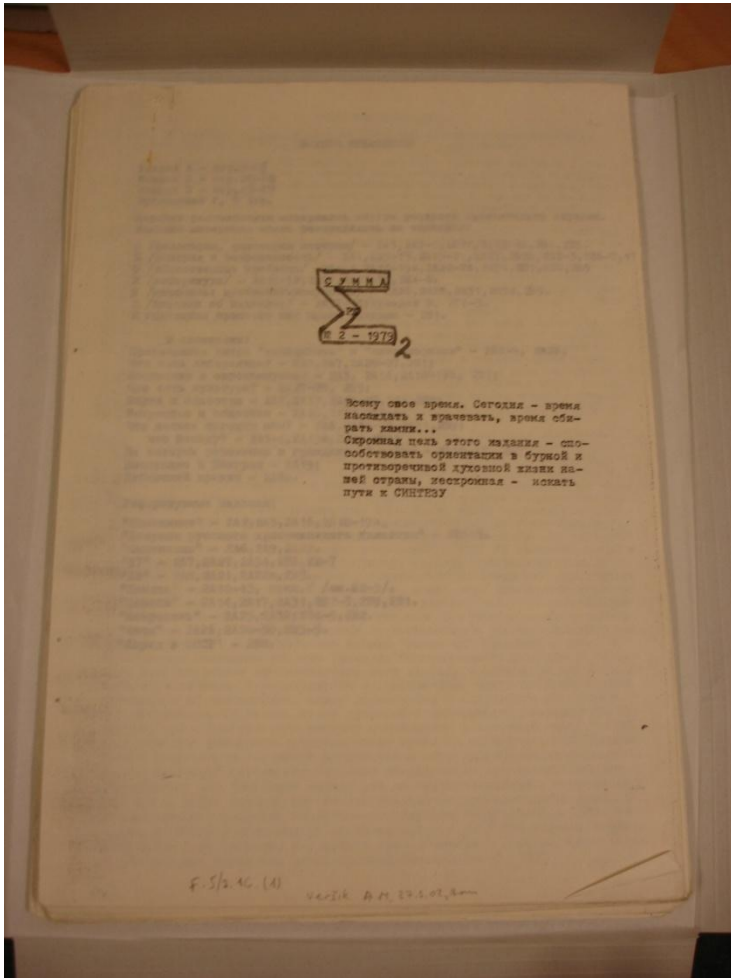
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SUMMA, Leningrad, 1979-82, No. 1-8



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LIETUVOS KATALIKŲ

BAŽNYČIOS KRONIKA

*(The Chronicle of the
Lithuanian Catholic Church)*,
1972-1989, #1-81.

Inspired by the Moscow
Chronicle.

Baptist Samizdat

- **VESTNIK SPASENIIA** (*The Herald of Salvation*), 1964-75.
- **BRATSKII LISTOK** (*Fraternal Leaflet*), 1965-86.
- **BIULLETEN' SOVETA RODSTVENNIKOV UZNIKOV EKhB SSSR** (*Bulletin of Relatives of Prisoners...*), 1971-82.
- **INFORMATSIONNYI LISTOK** (*Informational Leaflet*), 1971, #1-2, Barnaul, Altai Region.
- **VESTNIK ISTINY** (*The Herald of Truth*), 1976-90.

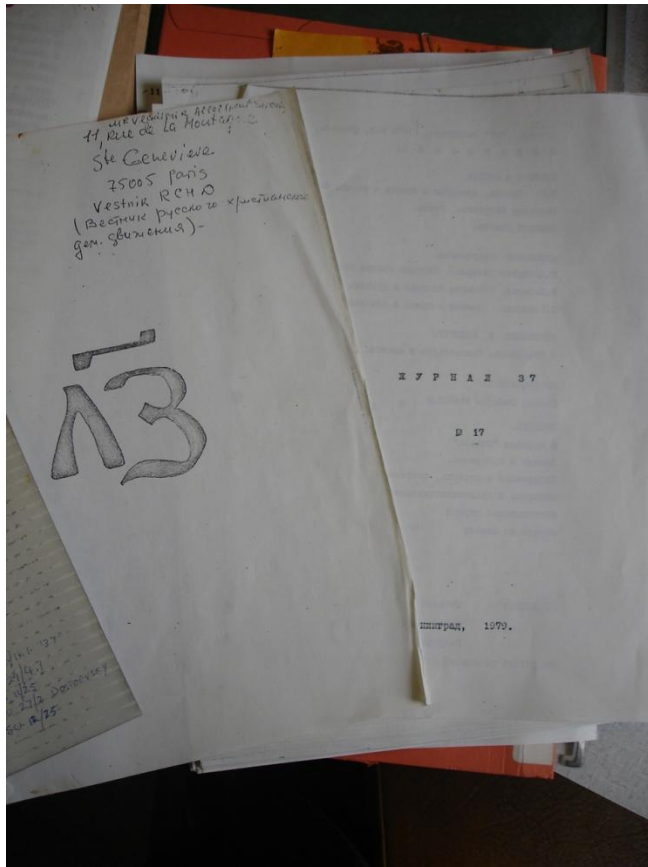
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Keston College's *Religion in Communist Lands*,

Radio Liberty Publications, the *Chronicle*,

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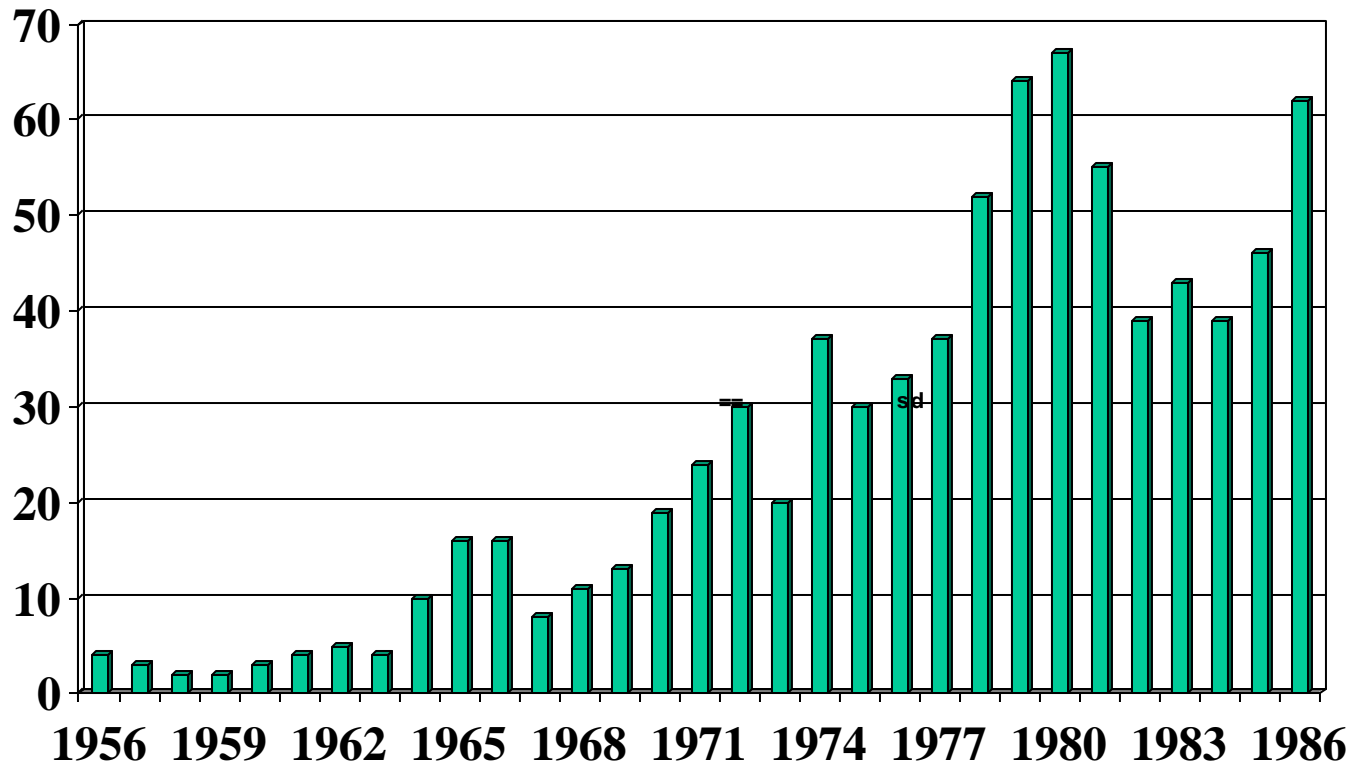
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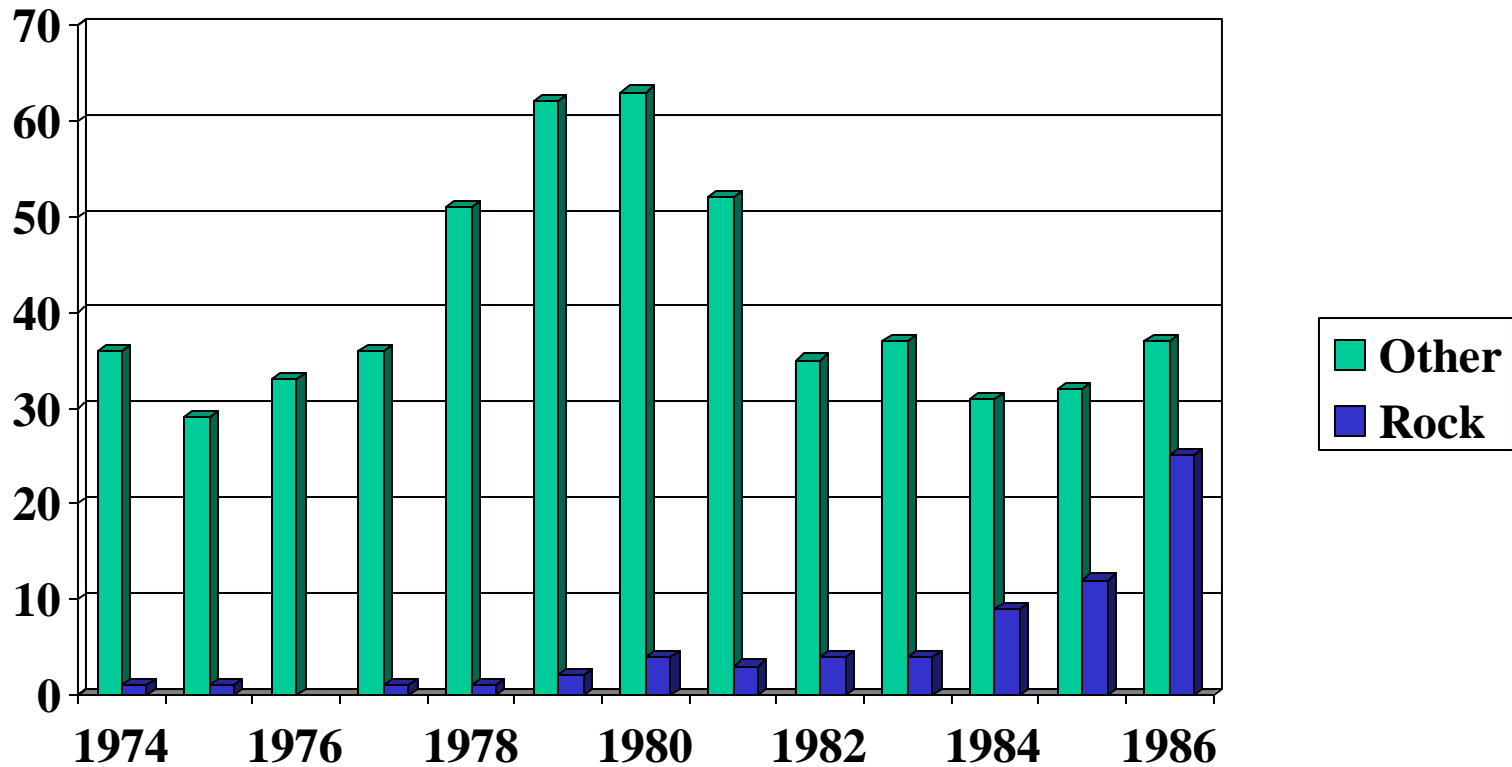
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Soviet Samizdat Periodicals.

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Robert Darnton's "Communications Circuit"

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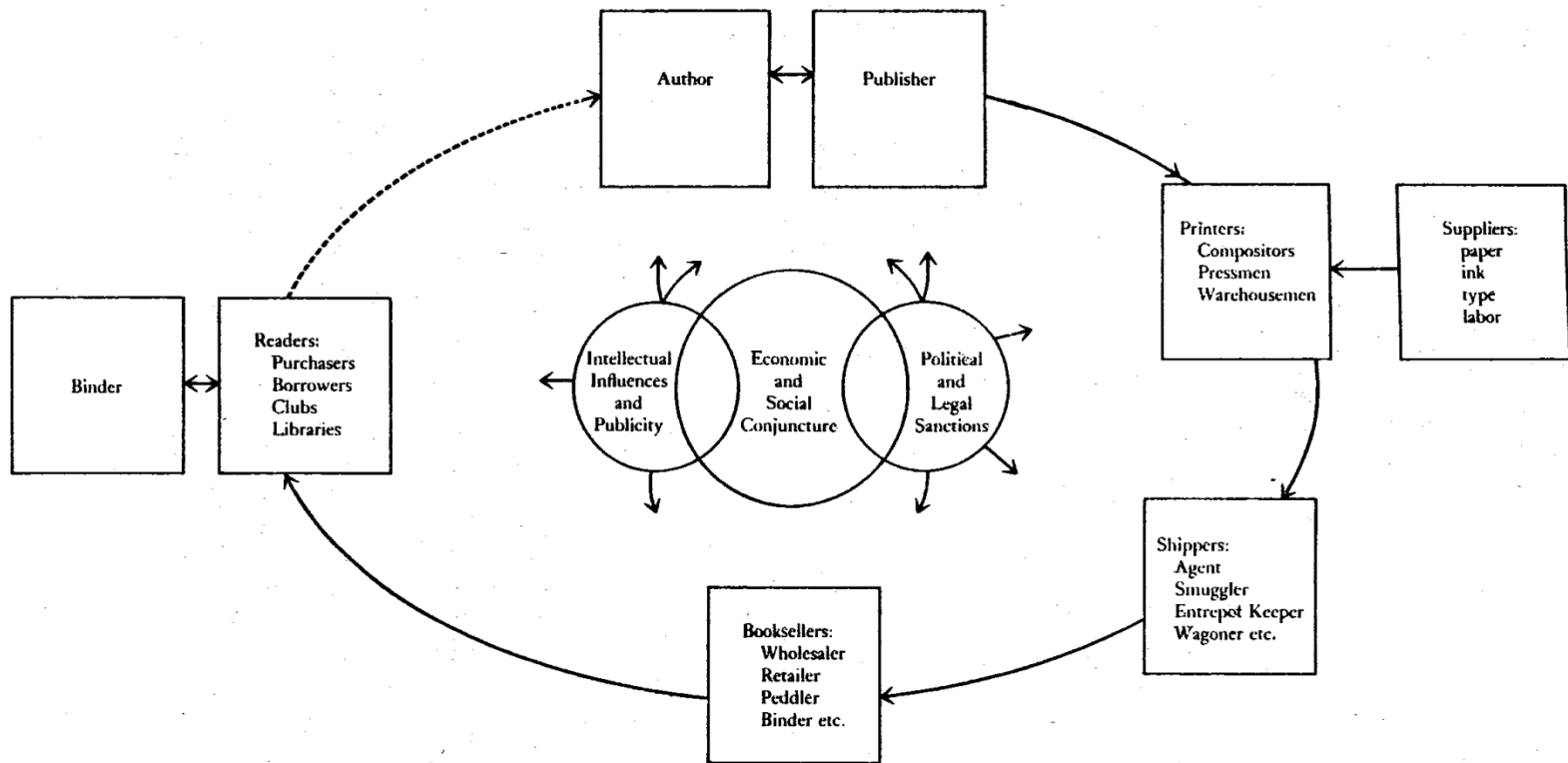


FIGURE 7.1 *The Communications Circuit*

Jewish Samizdat Periodicals

Covered in the *Moscow Chronicle*

- **ITON** (Newspaper), 1970, #1-2.
- **ISKHOD** (Exodus), 1970-71, #1-4.
- **VESTNIK ISKHODA** (Herald of Exodus), 1971-72, #1-3.
- **BELAIA KNIGA ISKHODA** (The White Book of Exodus), 1972-73, #1-2.
- **EVREI V SSSR** (Jews in the USSR), 1972-79, #1-21.
- **TARBUT** (Culture), 1975-79, #1-13.
- **VYEZD V IZRAIL': Pravo i praktika** (Emigration to Israel: The Law and Common Practice), 1979-80, #1-8.

Jewish Samizdat Periodicals

NOT covered in the Moscow *Chronicle*

- **EVREISKAIA MYSL'** (Jewish Thought), 1978, #1.
- **IVRIT/NASH IVRIT** (Our Hebrew), 1978-80, #1-4.
- **EVREI V SOVREMENNOM MIRE** (Jews in the Contemporary World), 1978-81, #1-6.
- **DIN U-METSIUT** (Law and Reality), 1979-80, #1-6.
- **KHAIM**. Chteniia po iudaike (Life. Readings in Judaica), 1979-86, #1-11.
- **MAGID** (Storyteller), 1981, #1.
- **DAIDZHEST** (Digest), 1982-85, #1-12.
- **NASHE NASLEDIE** (Our Heritage), 1982, #1.
- **LEA** (Leningrad Jewish Almanac), 1982-89, #1-19.

Feminist Editions

- **ZHENSHCHINA I ROSSIIA** (*Woman and Russia*) 1979, #1, Leningrad. Eds. T. Goricheva, N. Malakhovskaia, T. Mamonova.
- **MARIIA** (*Maria*) 1980-82, #1-2, Leningrad. Eds. T. Goricheva, N. Malakhovskaia, Iu. Voznesenskaia et al.

Belarusian Editions

- **PADSNEZHNIK** (*Snowdrop*) 1963-64, #1-4
- **BLAKITNY LIKHTAR** (*Blue Lantern*) 1971-74, #1-15.
- **MILAVITSA** (*Venus Star*) 1974-76, #1-7.
- **GUTARKA** (*Conversation*) 1975-76, #1-45.
- **LIUSTRA DZEN** (*Light of Days*) 1979-80, #1-4
- **MISTYKA** (*Mysticism*) 1982-83, #1-4.
- **IDIOT** (*Idiot*) 1983-93. #1-23
- **NABOINI** () 1984, #1-16.
- **BURACHOK** () 1986-87, #1.

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- *Democratic Opposition in Belarus. 1956-1991. Individuals and Context*, ed. Aleh Dziarnovič, Minsk: Modern History Archive, 1999.
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