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1. All state publishing institutions with the exception of Izdatelstvo Partiya, a publishing house of purely Party character, are controlled by the central Poligraficheskoe Obedineniye institute, which is located at 10 Lege Street in Sofia and is directly controlled by the Council of Ministers. The Komitet Za Nauka Izkustvo I Kultura, which is located in a 4-story building at 11 Ruski Boulevard and is also directly controlled by the Council of Ministers, issues permits to authors, scientists, and composers for the publication of their works. After such a permit has been issued, the Poligraficheskoe Obedineniye grants the author, scientist or composer permission to deliver his work to the printing press, after he has signed a contract with a publishing institution.
2. The largest publishing institutions in Sofia are the following:
 - a. Izdatelstvo Partiya for publications, including fiction, of an outspoken Party character;
 - b. Narodna Prosveta for textbooks for elementary and secondary schools and for youth literature;
 - c. Pisatelski Soyuz, the publishing house of the Bulgarian Writers' Association; and
 - d. Duzhavno Izdatelstvo Izkustvo I Nauka for textbooks for academical use, technical and scientific works, belles-lettres, and music.
3. Duzhavno Izdatelstvo Izkustvo I Nauka, located in a 4-story building at 6 Lege Street, has a staff of nearly 500 employees, 300 of whom work in the institute proper, and 200 work in two affiliated printing presses. The most important departments of this institute are administration, cadres, planning, distribution (Otdel Placement), textbooks, technical literature, other scientific works (e.g. medicine), belles-lettres, supply, editing, and proof-correction. The management consists of the director, the deputy director, the editor-in chief (Redaktor), the chief corrector, and the cadre manager.

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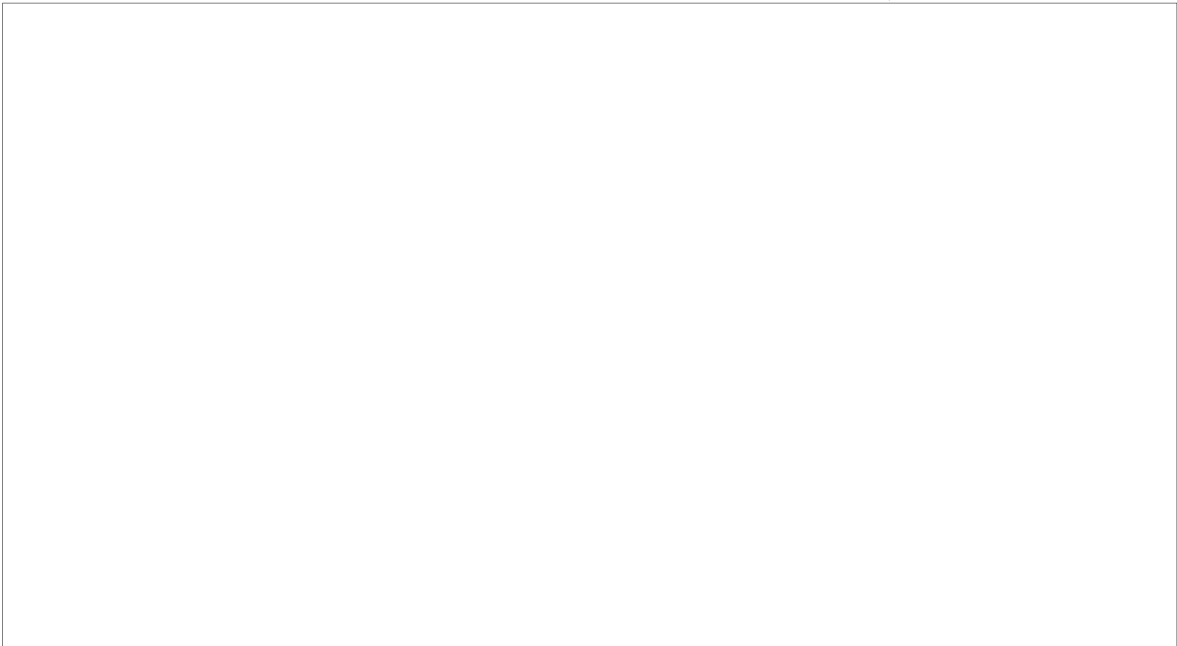


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The first three officials are appointed by Poligrafichesko Obedinenye; the cadre manager is appointed by the Party authorities; and the other employees are hired by the manager of the cadre department in cooperation with the director.

4. Of the two printing presses affiliated with Dürzhavno Izdatelstvo Izkustvo I Nauka, one is engaged in the printing of books and the other of music. The former is located at 1 Angel Ktinchev Street in a 2-story building to which three more stories were added in 1953. This establishment is now regarded as one of the largest in Sofia, though its installations are old. The machinery is installed on the first, second and third floors, and the administration is located on the fourth and fifth floors. The staff numbers about 150 persons. Most of the books published by the institute are translations of Soviet books, only a negligible part of the production being dedicated to the works of Bulgarians. The music printing press is located at 9 Lenin Ploshtad in a 4-story building which also houses the offices of the head of the Bulgarian Church (Sveti Synod). The machinery of this printing press is antiquated.
5. The institute is allotted its paper quarterly by the Poligrafichesko Obedinenye, which allots materials to all publishing institutes including the Izdatestvo Partiya. There is a central depot for paper, printer's ink, paints and spare parts in an old 2-story building with a small yard at 61 Tsar Samuil Street. There are three kinds of paper, an inferior local product for books, a high grade Czechoslovak paper, and a Soviet paper similar to newsprint. Printer's ink and paints for books are products of Kast-Echinger, a former German factory which was seized by the Soviets as enemy property. It is located in the Hazhi Dimitür quarter of Sofia and employs approximately 30 persons. The staff is Bulgarian, with the exception of the manager who was specially sent for this position from the USSR. The factory works with its original German methods, and its products are considered of the highest quality.



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