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The \$1,500 scholarship for advanced study on the Soviet Union, offered for the first time this year to American scholars by The American Russian Institute, of 58 Park Avenue, New York City, has been awarded by the research committee of the Institute to James Watson, instructor in international relations at the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado.

This scholarship will be presented to Mr. Watson in honor of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who was selected in a nation-wide poll, conducted by the Institute last winter, as the American who had made the greatest contribution to understanding between the peoples of the United States and the Soviet Union. The American Russian Institute, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, is an American-supported, research and information center on the Soviet Union, and maintains an extensive library of both Russian and English titles. It also publishes THE AMERICAN REVIEW ON THE SOVIET UNION, a quarterly magazine, and other books and pamphlets.

Mr. Watson plans to enter the newly-established Russian Institute at Columbia University this fall and to work in the field of American-Russian relations in the Far East. He has already done extensive work in Russian subjects, and he has considerable command of the Russian language and a reading knowledge of Japanese. Mr. Watson holds the A.B. and M.A. degrees from the University of Denver. In addition to this teaching, he has been a lecturer for the United Nations Association of Denver. He is the author of a series of radio programs, "Journeys Behind the News", which he has given during the past year over Station KVOD. He intends to make teaching his career. Born in Worthington, Minnesota, Mr. Watson received his elementary and high school education in that city. He served during the war with the Royal Canadian Air Force as a Spitfire pilot.

Applications for the American Russian Institute scholarship were received from both men and women who had done their undergraduate work in colleges all over the country. A majority were men and of these most were war veterans. The subjects in which they were interested for their further investigation ranged from historical topics on Russia, to foreign relations, to economic development and internal politics.