

News from the Centre

At last we have accomplished our move to Keston and our new address, to which all correspondence should be sent, is shown on the inside front cover of this issue.

As predicted, increased space has immediately improved working conditions, and as we begin to make the most of our new home I am sure that our work and service for believers in communist countries will benefit. The many friends and supporters of CSRC – Keston College – will share in this (for example, how we may all benefit from Anatoli Levitin's writing and the book about him which we hope to produce at Keston) and in our joy at the development of our work.

On the administrative front we have been able to install a time and labour-saving addressing system, thanks to the generosity of the Mennonite Central Committee and friends in Australia. Where previously we spent days, we can now address envelopes to all our friends in a few hours. Furthermore, we can handle changes of address and enrol new subscribers without delay in our own office, whereas in the past this work involved a third party. Before it was a worrying and cumbersome business with too many opportunities for error. There will still be problems: recently our friend, the Rev. Bruce Hansford in Australia, received five sacks of books and journals before the arrival of the airmail letter (posted the same day) which warned him of the coming consignment.

You will be delighted to know that Cardinal Heenan has agreed to join the distinguished patrons of the Centre. We feel most honoured. From the start he has encouraged our work and we are grateful for this further indication of his support.

PETER FAHY

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMME

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| Aug. 27-Sept. 20 | Director on a lecturing tour of the United States of America and Canada. |
| Sept. 18 | Development Director at Wrexham Council of Churches. |
| 23 | Development Director lectures at the Diocese of Chichester Clergy Conference. |
| 29 | Director preaches at the English church in the Hague. |

- Sept. 30-Oct. 3 All CSRC research staff at a conference on religion in Eastern Europe in Utrecht. This conference is co-sponsored by CSRC, the University of Utrecht and *Glaube in Der 2. Welt*. Further places for this conference are still available, and any CSRC supporter who wishes to go should write to us.
- Oct. 11 Director addresses a lunchtime meeting in Manchester (please contact the Bishop of Manchester for invitations).
- 13 5.15 p.m. Director preaches at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. (To be confirmed)
- 18 8.00 p.m. Director at Welling Churches Group, Salvation Army Citadel, Welling, Kent.
- 20 8.00 p.m. Staff member to show "The Bitter Cup" at Sevenoaks School. (To be confirmed)
- 22 Director at Punshon Memorial Methodist Church, Bournemouth. (Please contact Rev. Brian Coleman, 6 Stokewood Rd., Bournemouth.)
- Nov. 3 Director at St. John's College, Oxford. (To be confirmed)
- 4 Director speaking in Wimbledon.
- 9 Director speaking in Exeter. (Please contact Mr. J. Barrie Brooks, 2 Wallace Avenue, Whipton, Exeter).
- 17 Director preaches at evensong, St. John's College, Cambridge.
- 29 Christine Waine speaks to Bangor University Christian Union.

Utrecht Conference

In collaboration with the CSRC and the Foundation *Glaube in der 2. Welt* (Küsnacht, Zürich), the Ecumenical Institute in Utrecht is organizing an International Congress on "The Church in Eastern Europe". This Congress will be held at the conference-centre Kerk en Wereld in Driebergen, near Utrecht, from 30 September-3 October, 1974.

Our intention is to bring together delegates from Institutes and other specialists presently concerned with academic research and information about Churches in Communist countries. In addition, representatives from Churches and institutions specially interested in Eastern European Churches are also welcome to attend.

The provisional programme of the conference is as follows :

Monday, 30 September

from 2-5 p.m. arrival at Kerk en Wereld.

5 p.m. opening of the conference

evening a representative of *Russia Cristiana* (Milan) : Church, Society and Human Rights in the USSR.

Tuesday, 1 October

morning Prof. Dr. P. Hauptmann (Münster) : Die Georgische Kirche.

afternoon Dr. K. Ch. Felmy (Frankfurt) : Die Grenzen der Kirche – die Entwicklung russischen theologischen Denkens im 20. Jahrhundert. †

evening Prof. Dr. A. Lathouwers (Leuven) : Religious themes in modern Russian literature.

Wednesday, 2 October

morning Dr. A. v.d. Heuvel (Den Haag) : The ecumenical relationship between the Churches in Eastern Europe and the West.

afternoon Vera Hanekamp-Kovacs Sebestyeny : Aus dem Leben der protestantischen Kirchen Ungarns.

Thursday, 3 October

morning Prof. Dr. L. Vrtacic (Freiburg) : Das gegenseitige Verständnis von Kirche und Staat in Jugoslawien.

After the formal closure of the proceedings, there will be a closed session in the afternoon of Thursday, 3 October for those delegates who represent institutes in order to discuss the coordination of their work and mutual cooperation.

The official languages of the conference will be German and English and translation facilities will be provided. The possibility of French translation facilities is under consideration.

Those wishing to attend the conference should contact the CSRC.

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