

News from Keston College

Keston College became an international meeting place this summer. Students from America as well as Finland have come here to study. For example, Dick Scheuerman has been studying the Lutherans in the Soviet Union (his wife Lois has given much appreciated secretarial help) and Heather Conley will be staying on for a while to help with research, to mention only a few.

In July the year's work on the Ford Foundation project culminated in a conference to discuss and improve my book on the Lithuanian Catholics, which will be entitled *Land of Crosses*. Among the participants were Professor Bohdan Bociurkiw of Carleton University, Ottawa (who will be completing his work on the Ukraine in the coming year), Dr. Dennis Dunn of Southwest Texas State University and Peter Hebblethwaite (who are working on the third part of the project covering Vatican relations), Fr. Vaisnora, Rome's leading authority on the Lithuanian Church, and our Council member, Dr. Lucjan Blit. I was proud to welcome such a group to Keston College.

In March we picked up a gauntlet which had been thrown down by Fr. Gleb Yakunin and Lev Regelson in a letter to the Nairobi Conference of the WCC. Some member-churches felt it of prime importance that the WCC should urgently discuss the problems of believers in the Soviet Union – problems which the Yakunin-Regelson letter had brought to the fore. So we undertook to produce a major report in close collaboration with *Glaube in der 2 Welt* (Faith in the Second World) Zurich, Switzerland, and the Institute for Missionary and Ecumenical Studies, Utrecht, Netherlands. A major effort was needed to produce the report in time for the July consultation and our thanks are due to all those involved. Let us hope that the concern already shown will help those who so urgently need our support – documents from believers in Eastern Europe still flood into Keston College.

Our staff has changed little, but we urgently need an archivist to reorganize our files so that Keston's unique archive is of maximum use.

Future plans involve David Kelly, who will be working on the production of a newspaper and helping to expand *Keston News Service*. All

this is our response to the voices from the East which call on us to transmit what they say to the West. Our financial needs to continue this work are still great. Help us to help them.

MICHAEL BOURDEAUX

Forthcoming Engagements 1976

Michael Bourdeaux

- Sept. 24–Oct. 15 Director's visit to Canada and USA.
Oct. 12 and 19 Radio 4 BBC Schools Broadcast at 11.40 a.m.
Oct. 23–24 Canford School, Dorset.
Nov. 3 The Church Army, Blackheath at 11.25 a.m.
Nov. 15 St. Mark's Church Wimbledon (evening).
Nov. 22 S.W. London Baptist Rally, Kenyon Baptist Church, Brixton (evening).
Nov. 28 Eltham College at 6.30 p.m.

Alan Scarfe

- Oct. 3 St. John's, Hove at 11 a.m.
Oct. 7 Orpington Methodist Church (women's meeting) at 2 p.m.
Oct. 10 St. Jude's Church, Wolverhampton.
Oct. 17 Church of King Charles the Martyr, Tunbridge Wells at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. (sermon).
Oct. 24 St. Saviour's Church, Guildford at 11 a.m. (a missionary service).
Nov. 2 Deptford Grammar School at 9.15 a.m.
Nov. 7 Baptist Church, Sutton at 11 a.m. Keston College's drama presentation, "Light in Darkness".
Nov. 27 Northern Baptist College, Manchester (all-day conference). Sir John Lawrence will also speak at this conference.
Dec. 12 Youth Meeting at 8 p.m. to be held at 3 St. David's Close, West Wickham.

Moira Blacklaws

- Oct. 27 Joint Christian Union and Jewish Society meeting, Queen Mary's College, London University, 1 p.m.

Jane Ellis

- Nov. 18 Christchurch and Upton Chapel, Lambeth Road, London at 1.15 p.m.

Annual General Meeting

TO BE HELD ON 8 JANUARY 1977 AT KESTON COLLEGE