

News from Keston College

Staff

We have welcomed Miss Shura Avaloff to assist in the Archive/Library Department, and have said farewell to Miss Jacqueline Endres and Miss Gretchen Capes who have done valuable research work. Miss Capes, on special leave from Oxford, returns to university to complete her studies. Miss Endres came to Keston two years ago on a research scholarship basis. It is good to have Mr Paul Lucey working in the Soviet Research Section; he has recently spent three months at Moscow University.

Film

Our new film, *The Right to Believe*, had a successful première in April. The Archbishop of Canterbury was present, as well as several bishops and other church leaders, College patrons and sponsors of the Appeal, which was launched by Dr Michael Ramsey, former Archbishop of Canterbury. The film shows many aspects of the College's work and scenes of worship and witness in Eastern Europe, especially the Soviet Union. The film, 16 mil. sound, in full colour, runs for 25 minutes. It is available for hire from :

The National Film Crusade
P.O. Box 4, Bristol BS99 7SA.

The College has a supply of explanatory leaflets, but does *not* hold copies of the film for hire. Several orders from overseas have been received.

Visitors

During the spring we have welcomed representatives of Trusts who are supporting our development programme. As the bricks, cement, timber, plaster and paint shape up into new offices our long-suffering administrative staff breathe sighs of relief.

Support

The Keston newsletter, *The Right to Believe*, gives details of an appeal to individual believers and to those who uphold the right of others to believe, as well as to churches and other bodies to support Keston College.

Believers in Eastern Europe, often deprived and underprivileged, are as needy as their brothers in the Third World. We hope for a magnificent and permanent response. Membership of Keston College is now open to all subscribers to the journal, *Religion in Communist Lands*, and carries the right to attend and vote at general meetings. Covenanted subscribers of £5 or more are also eligible for membership.

Travel

Alex Tomsy attended a conference of Czech and Slovak pastors in Rome in February, and had an audience with Pope John Paul II, with whom he was able to converse in Polish. The Pope accepted a copy of RCL No. 4, 1978, which contained a "profile" of the new Pope and other Polish material. Michael Bourdeaux was able to make a trip to Mongolia and Siberia in March. Mr Janis Sapiets, a member of Keston College's Council of Management, was able to interview Alexander Solzhenitsyn at his home in Vermont in the spring.

Australia

The attention of our supporters and subscribers in the two Australian States of Victoria and South Australia is drawn to the fact that the officers of the Victoria Branch of Keston College are willing to receive and coordinate subscriptions to the journal and donations for the work of Keston College from both States. The address is c/o The Victorian Council of Churches, 100 Flinders Street, Melbourne 3000. Mr Morley, the Secretary, is also willing to act on our behalf for any other Australian subscribers, if they have no local branch committee.

Annual General Meeting

This will be held on Saturday, 13 October 1979, at Keston College. Full details will be sent out with the next issue.

BERNARD TIDBALL

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Letters from Moscow

Religion and Human Rights in the USSR

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