

NEWSLETTER #4
November 1974

Please note Item 1, about the BRS session at the December meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Washington, which you may wish to attend. The discussion on the merits of COH continues (Items 13 and 16). You are invited to contribute to a new section, SHORT AND SWEET (Item 14). Ottoline's diary is not flattering (Item 17). An asterisk in the left column indicates a request; please respond, if you can. Remarks by members are sometimes edited and condensed.

FORTHCOMING EVENT

(1) BRS Meeting, Washington, D. C., December 27, 1974. Ed Hopkins writes:

" I have made contact with the American Philosophical Association and have secured a meeting room for the BRS at the meeting of the Eastern Division in Washington. The BRS session will be held at the Washington-Hilton in the Hamilton Suite at 10 A.M. on Friday, December 27th. Will BRS members interested in attending please get in touch with me to consider what we might do there. I would like to discuss one of BR's works. If someone has a paper he/she would like some comments on, we could have that. I could look over the various suggestions, get the feel of how the sentiment is going, and then notify everyone who had been in touch with me."

Thanks to Ed's initiative, the Washington meeting provides an opportunity to bring the BRS to the attention of many professional philosophers. We know that BRS holds considerable appeal for philosophers; about 20% of our members are professors of philosophy. We hope that every member who can will attend the meeting and will get in touch with Ed without delay. (The meeting isn't very far off). Ed's address: 352 E. Drew Street, Baltimore, Md. 21224.

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REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

President Peter G. Cranford reports:

(2) Tax-exempt status. BRS would like to qualify as a non-profit organization, to which tax-deductible gifts can be made. "All legal work has been completed. This was a thorough piece of work, researched and

coordinated by Mike Annis; guided by a retired lawyer friend, Bill Mobley; and reviewed by Jack Pitt, Lester Denonn, and other founders. If we had had to pay for this work, I estimate that the cost would have run well over \$1500. Mr. Mobley will not accept reimbursement."

(3) Secretary Jack Pitt reports:

BRS (Fresno): "We had a meeting in our home during the summer when we discussed THE CONQUEST OF HAPPINESS. Many of the opinions expressed resembled those reported by Gary."

"At our next meeting, last night (10/6), we showed two films, "BR looks at mankind's future," and "BR discusses Power." They were rented for \$5 each from the U. S. C. Library. Each runs 14 minutes, and both were made in 1961. The meeting was held at a local branch library, and about 25 people turned up. A discussion period followed the films. We had good publicity on this event--TV, radio, newspaper. By now I think if there were any Russellites in the area, they would have contacted us. At our next meeting, we plan to discuss the first volume of the AUTOBIOGRAPHY."

(4) Treasurer Katharine Tait reports, as of September 2, 1974:

Balance on hand (June 5, 1974).....		1329.29
Income: Pledges and contributions.....	215.90	
Membership dues.....	<u>186.00</u>	<u>401.90</u>
		1731.19
Expenditures: McMaster, 6 subscriptions	18.00	
Fresno Bee, ad	29.40	
Fresno Hilton, room rent	25.00	
Stationery	25.34	
Information Committee	<u>66.35</u>	<u>164.09</u>
Balance on hand.....		1567.10

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(5) Committee on Applied Philosophy (Martin A. Garstens, Chairman):

Discussion group. "The Washington area group has met 3 times thus far, with approximately the same 10 people. How stable the group will be remains to be seen. I consider these meetings an experiment, whose objectives even are not entirely clear. Some who attend have the 'Great Books' background, others have scientific, literary, law, etc. backgrounds; these are distinctly different. (I have thought of starting a group at the University with much younger people). My own objective is to see if we can develop some routine procedures of self-analysis in a philosophic vein (perhaps something like Socratic dialog).

But I repeat, this is all experimental and may not work out. The objectives may be wrong, the people attending may be wrong, the methods tried may be wrong, the skill required for doing this may be too difficult, etc., etc. (Any ideas are welcome).

* "The discussions are draped, so far, around COH and topics arising therefrom, i.e., nature of happiness, practicality of BR's suggestions, is COH dated? implementation, comparison with other approaches.

"The next session (10/6) will continue with the latter topic, A FREE MAN'S WORSHIP, and further chapters of COH.

"We meet at a different house each time. The sessions thus far have been found very stimulating.

"ED HOPKINS dropped in for one session." (9/25/74)

(6) Committee on Education (Katharine Tait, Chairman)

This is a new committee . More in the next Newsletter.

Information Committee (Lee Eisler, Chairman):

(7) Advertising. There will be small ads in BULLETIN OF THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS, November 1974; THE HUMANIST, November 1974; and APA MONITOR (American Psychological Association), November or January. Also a half-page ad in HUMANIST IN CANADA, next issue, as a gesture of support; it is having financial difficulties.

(8) Publicity. There was a BRS news item in the Ziff-Davis Newsletter, BEHAVIOR TODAY, 9/23/74.

(9) Second Questionnaire. "First, let me say, I have been misspelling questionnaire all my life--till today. I have been giving it only one n. My apologies. And my thanks to Jim McWilliams for pointing it out."

* We enclose a SECOND QUESTIONNAIRE (Misspelled again! It had already been printed). Please answer it and return it. As it says, its aim is to provide information that may help our recruiting efforts or our long-range planning, or may add to our knowledge of the specialized skills included in our total membership, or may be of interest to other members.

(10) Recruiting Theory. This Committee's recruiting activities--consisting of small ads and news items -- aim to locate and attract existing BR admirers. It is this group that is most likely to be interested in a BR Society, and from it will come many who will contribute efforts to help BRS prosper. Attracting others -- those who know little or nothing about BR, or who "know what isn't so", e.g., that BR was a communist -- is a task best left till later (in our opinion), after we have acquired a solid core of "Russellites" -- the Russell enthusiasts. Therefore we make no efforts to interest the general public at this time; our ads do not mention BR's virtues or achievements; they merely mention his name, which is all that is needed to catch the attention of existing BR admirers.

- (11) Newsletter schedule and closing dates. We plan, from now on, to issue a Newsletter every 3 months: January, April, July, October. If you want an item included in a Newsletter, please have it arrive by the 10th of the previous month, e.g., closing date for the January 1975 issue is December 10, etc. Chairmen and officers, please note closing dates, for your reports
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ABOUT BR'S WRITINGS

More on THE CONQUEST OF HAPPINESS.

- (12) ELIZABETH EAMES gives her reaction to the charge that COH is sexist (NL3-16) in Item 16.

- (13) ED HOPKINS wrote Peter Cranford a letter, when he enrolled as a BRS member. Here are excerpts:

"I would be interested in back issues (of the Newsletter) only if they dealt with BR's COH.

"I am by no means infatuated with all of BR's work. I studied his epistemological works in graduate school, found them solid and clear but not profound. I always looked at his pupil Wittgenstein as the better philosopher. But about 6 months ago I happened to read COH. I found it at once one of the most sane and most useful books that I have ever read. I see it as one of the best works in the most important kind of philosophy, namely that kind of philosophy which is designed to induce one to become better and to provide practical guidance on how to do so. (I see it as comparable to Plato's Gorgias, Aristotle's Nichomachean Ethics and Thoreau's Walden).

"I began passing this book on to friends and students as soon as I had read it and have incorporated it in the courses which I teach on the introduction to philosophy. (I feel very strongly that in an introductory course students should get useful rather than academic philosophy. And what can be more useful than Russell?).

"I was only mildly interested in BRS until I read the story about you and COH. It was a real shock to find that others shared my feelings about this book.

"I would be very interested in reading anything that anybody has written about COH, be it a present member of BRS or someone writing in some obscure journal. Have you by any chance acquired a bibliography on COH that you could pass on to me? I want to see why other people admire it, and what criticisms have been made of it and what attempts to improve on it."

SHORT AND SWEET

(A new section. If you come upon a sentence or two that you like particularly, please send it in.)

- (14) "...every American is a democrat in the sense of 'I am as good as you are,' but very few in the sense of 'You are as good as I am.'"

Barry Feinberg and Ronald Kasrils,
BERTRAND RUSSELL'S AMERICA, Volume I
(George Allen & Unwin, London, 1973),
p. 192. Sent in by Lee Eisler

ABOUT BERTRAND RUSSELL

- (15) The Sierra Club understated it. The Sierra Club's salute to BR -- in its ad in SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, June 1974 (NL3, p. 25) -- says that BR advocated conservation of natural resources 25 years ago. In fact, Ken Blackwell points out BR was advocating conservation more than 50 years ago. In 1916, in PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL RECONSTRUCTION (U. S. title: WHY MEN FIGHT), BR wrote:

"Our present system is wasteful of human material...The same is true of material resources: the minerals, the virgin forests and the newly developed wheatfields of the world are being exhausted with a reckless prodigality which entails almost a certainty of hardship for future generations." (Chapter IV)

- (16) BR was no sexist, says this lady. She is ELIZABETH EAMES, and she disagrees with the nearly unanimous reaction in Gary Slezak's group that discussed COH (NL3-16):

"Like other women in these days of our heightened consciousnesses, I flinch at some remarks BR makes. But then almost all authors, men and women, cause similar reactions, especially if they wrote longer ago than five years.

"But I think as feminists we can excuse some generalizations uncomplimentary to women in the light of the great debt we owe BR. Historically he must be considered in the vanguard of the movement for women's suffrage in the early years of our century, a vanguard which proved unpleasant and dangerous when he was nearly mobbed after a political speech urging votes for women. Intellectually he was one of the first thinkers of our century to point out the weakness and immorality of the way sex and marriage are treated by the state and society; his position seems mild today in the light of our more radical alternatives but it initiated this kind of discussion. His writings on education also reflect a freedom from sex stereotyping which was not and is not common. As a human being it seems, from his autobiography, his letters, and reports of his life, that he tried to treat the women he knew as human beings, encouraging them to write books, run for office, and guide their own lives. In fact, there have been few men in our times who were so aware of the problems of women, or who made as many efforts to help them. Whether it was offering individual tutoring to a woman who was denied the opportunity to study symbolic logic at her Cambridge college, or helping raise funds to build a school for girls in China, or offering havens for

unmarried mothers (as reported in the article by Grattan-Guinness in the current "Russell"), BR was far from being a sexist."

(17) Ottoline. The following excerpts are from a review of the book, OTTOLINE AT GARSINGTON, edited by Robert Gathorne-Hardy. The review, in the Sunday Times (London), September 1, 1974, is by Raymond Mortimer.

"Lady Ottoline Morrell gave her friendship to a variety of authors and painters. A talent-spotter rather than a lion-hunter, she picked them out before they had become well known. In this second volume of her memoirs, edited by her loyal friend, Robert Gathorne-Hardy, she describes them with notable acumen, and also gives us some of their curious letters. Bertrand Russell, for instance, writes to her about his admiring friendship for D. H. Lawrence, who ended it by sending him crazy insults, here printed.

"This volume covers the years 1915-1918..."

"Her affair with Bertrand Russell, here told for the first time from her point of view, reveals the gulf that separated her romanticism and religiosity from their scepticism."

"Russell's first three marriages went wrong. I met all his wives: the third was the most beautiful and in my view the most tiresome, the fourth far the most delightful. The first, Alys, was a sister of Logan Pearsall Smith, who had doted on Philip Morrell when they were undergraduates and had been attracted also by Lady Ottoline. But he was a manic-depressive; and when she took up with Russell, Pearsall Smith started a crazy vendetta against her, blaming her for the collapse of his sister's marriage which was childless and had broken down some ten years earlier.

"Though Lady Ottoline found Russell physically repulsive, she accepted him as a lover because of what she called 'the beauty of his mind, the pure fire of his soul.' He read Plato and Spinoza aloud to her, yet told her also that books would never do her any good. Though she enjoyed poetry, she was indeed neither well-educated nor an intellectual. Here is an extract from her diary:

'I would give my right hand to be free from Bertie, but how can I now that he depends on me? I cannot write to him what I know would darken his life, perhaps forever...I blame and blame myself overwhelmingly. If I could tell him now how I adore Philip, I should feel happier; and yet I have, often, and he seems to forget it. But now I must go on and bear the burden of him (Russell) upon me -- may God guide me about it.'

"Though one must feel sorry for her, such confusion of thought is of a piece with the soulful outbursts in her diary about her love for all things beautiful....It was not she under God's guidance who ended the affair with Russell, but he. He soon replaced her with an American girl, and later with T. S. Eliot's first wife, on whom he lavished presents he could not afford."

(18) Regrets. Movie Director Roman Polanski ("Knife in the Water", "Rosemary's Baby", "Chinatown") says he can never forgive himself "that I didn't manage to meet Bertrand Russell. He was my hero for years and I always hoped that I would meet him. Somehow I didn't think that man was going to die." Interview in PENTHOUSE, August, 1974. (PENTHOUSE is full of pictures of undressed women. If that bothers you, and if you want to locate the above quote, turn directly to Page 96.)

(19) How we see him. A composite picture of BR begins to emerge, as members tell what drew them to him and what they particularly value about him. Several caveats are in order.

First, what follows is one person's interpretation of the data; someone else might interpret the same data somewhat differently; e.g., for purposes of this portrait, "idealism" has been classified as "commitment", "humor" as "wit", "humanism" as "happiness", etc., which may produce some distortion. To make visible the way statements have been interpreted, the members' original statements are given in Part III.

Second, the brush strokes are highly selective, and neglect important aspects of BR as a person. For instance, BR must have had an enormous capacity for work, yet this would not appear in the data because no one would mention this as something they particularly valued him for.

(20) Part I: The Composite Picture

BR comes through as a man of integrity, who hated hypocrisy; a pioneer of courage, with a passionate sense of commitment to what he believed in, and who was not afraid to stand alone.

He thought it important to make efforts to preserve the human race from self-destruction, to promote its happiness, and to liberate it from the depressing weight of religion; to think clearly and not dogmatically; to search for love; and to seek knowledge, even about mysticism.

Aiding him in these efforts were his remarkable abilities, both natural and cultivated. His gifts, talents, endowments, capacities, skills -- call them what you will -- included an ability to analyze and simplify; a capacity for making sound judgments; an ability to write with clarity, brevity, and wit; a capacity for achieving insights, including insights into morality; plus an enormous range of interests and knowledge, reflected in the vast range of his writings.

In sum, an admirable, fascinating and extraordinarily gifted human being.

(21) Part II: The Separate Parts of the Picture

The analysis below shows how individual members contributed to the composite picture. The parts of the picture -- i.e., the separate aspects of BR -- are listed in order of frequency; the one mentioned most often heads the list; the second most often mentioned one is second, etc.

Summary: The 5 aspects of BR mentioned most often by BRS members, when asked what they particularly value about him, are: the way he writes, the way he thinks, his concern for mankind's happiness, his integrity and his wit.

<u>Number of Mentions</u>	<u>Aspects and members mentioning them</u>
17	<u>Way he writes.</u> BLOCK, BUTLER, CAMPBELL, DAVIS, EISLER, FORNO, HYMAN, JACKANICZ, JOHN, LACKEY, LEFKOWITCH, MILNE, PITT, SCHEU, SLEZAK, STONE, TAIT, TUCK
16	<u>Way he thinks.</u> ALLENDORF, BEATTIE, DAVIS, HYMAN, JACKANICZ, JOHN, KAHAN, KWOK, LEFKOWITCH, MILNE, PITT, ROBERTS, RUJA, STONE, TURQUETTE, WILLIAMS
11	<u>Happiness.</u> ALLENDORF, CAMPBELL, EISLER, HOPKINS, JOHN, LEFKOWITCH, RUJA, RYBNIKAR, STONE, THOMAS, TURQUETTE
11	<u>Integrity.</u> ALLENDORF, BLOCK, EISLER, FORNO, JOHN, PITT, ROBERTS, SLEZAK, TAIT, TUCK, WILLIAMS
8	<u>Wit.</u> CAMPBELL, FORNO, JACKANICZ, PITT, SCHEU, SLEZAK, STONE, TAIT
7	<u>Commitment.</u> BUTLER, DAVIS, LEFKOWITCH, JACKANICZ, KONG, MILNE, WILLIAMS
5	<u>Preserve human race.</u> CAMPBELL, EISLER, KONG, SLEZAK, STONE
5	<u>Moral Insights.</u> EISLER, SLEZAK, STONE, THOMAS, WILLIAMS
5	<u>Not Dogmatic.</u> BEATTIE, JOHN, KONG, ROBERTS, RUJA
4	<u>Courage.</u> FORNO, SLEZAK, TAIT, TUCK
4	<u>Seek Knowledge.</u> EISLER, RUJA, RYBNIKAR, SLEZAK
4	<u>Range of knowledge.</u> DAVIS, KAHAN, MILNE, SCHEU
4	<u>Views on religion.</u> BUTLER, KONG, RYBNIKAR, SLEZAK
3	<u>Pioneer.</u> NEILANDS, STONE, TUCK
3	<u>Insights.</u> BEATTIE, FORNO, JACKANICZ
2	<u>Love.</u> RYBNIKAR, SLEZAK
2	<u>Sound judgment.</u> MILNE, NEILANDS
2	<u>Mysticism.</u> CAMPBELL, PITT
1	<u>Stand alone.</u> NEILANDS
1	<u>Range of Writings.</u> MILNE

Part III: The Original Data

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The following are the members' statements. Each member's statement is followed by capitalized words which show how the statement was interpreted for purposes of the composite portrait.

Allendorf. The clarity of thought and the logic unhindered by "generally accepted" beliefs. His continual inspiration to live an enjoyable life. WAY HE THINKS, INTEGRITY, HAPPINESS.

Beattie. His clear and straightforward rational approach...as well as the penetrating insights. His undogmatic attitude that's reflected in a willingness to revise earlier positions in the light of what he might have since discovered. WAY HE THINKS, INSIGHTS, NOT DOGMATIC.

Block. A man of the highest integrity. He is a magnificent writer. INTEGRITY. WAY HE WRITES.

Butler. He writes "literature"; the clarity and lucidity. I value his idealism. He is living proof that man needs no superstitions or faith in God to be human. WAY HE WRITES, COMMITMENT, VIEWS ON RELIGION.

Campbell. His humanism, peace activities, and sense of humor. His rational approach to mysticism. HAPPINESS, PRESERVE HUMAN RACE, WIT, MYSTICISM.

Davis. The forceful clear style and the scintillating rationality. His Renaissance mind and moral passion. WAY HE WRITES, WAY HE THINKS, RANGE OF KNOWLEDGE, COMMITMENT.

Eisler. His intellectual honesty and his ability to write with clarity and precision...His enlightened views on morality; his intelligent approach to promoting mankind's well-being; his pursuit of enlightenment, happiness, and peace. INTEGRITY, WAY HE WRITES, MORAL INSIGHTS, HAPPINESS, KNOWLEDGE, PRESERVE HUMAN RACE.

Forno. Clarity of expression and wit. His intellectual insights, personal courage and example of integrity in all matters. WAY HE WRITES, WIT, INSIGHTS, COURAGE, INTEGRITY.

Hopkins. The practical usefulness and saneness of COH. HAPPINESS.

Hyman. His reasonable commonsense approach. His power not only to have thought it all out, but also his ability to translate it into words so that people like myself can learn and use his ideas to a practical advantage. WAY HE THINKS, WAY HE WRITES.

Jackanicz. His fine writing style...expressive humor, well-directed emotionalism, and simple reasoning. In philosophy and politics, his distinction between what can be known (through science alone) and what by its nature cannot be known but only desired (these being the things of value in life). His continuing efforts in a variety of social concerns. ..his exciting life. WAY HE WRITES, WIT, COMMITMENT, WAY HE THINKS, INSIGHTS.

John. Open-minded expressions...clear thinking...honest explanations...straightforward challenges...harmonious expressions. He made it clear that every living soul is an important total being worthy of his living. NOT DOGMATIC, WAY HE THINKS, INTEGRITY, WAY HE WRITES, HAPPINESS.

Kahan. His incisive logic and the breadth of his knowledge. WAY HE THINKS, RANGE OF KNOWLEDGE.

Kong. His protest against World War I, and the Vietnam war. His constant attack on established religious institutional dogma. PRESERVE HUMAN RACE, COMMITMENT, VIEWS ON RELIGION, NOT DOGMATIC.

Kwok. Logical reasoning. His personality, his faith in logic. WAY HE THINKS.

Lackey. Prose style. WAY HE WRITES.

Lefkowitz. His clearness of thought. His ability to write with clarity on very difficult topics. His personal crusade for social justice. His logical approach to life and all of its problems. WAY HE THINKS, WAY HE WRITES, COMMITMENT, HAPPINESS.

Milne. Clear thinking, expression, continuity, and I thought he was, for the most part, right. Amazing range of knowledge and writing. WAY HE THINKS, WAY HE WRITES, COMMITMENT, SOUND JUDGMENT, RANGE OF KNOWLEDGE, RANGE OF WRITINGS.

Nielands. Clarity of analysis of political events. At a time when Western intellectuals were equivocal about the Vietnam War, BR come out 4-square against it. He thus displayed admirable qualities of leadership in the intellectual community. SOUND JUDGMENT, PIONEER, STAND ALONE.

Pitt. His freedom. Integrity, intelligence, wit. His logic and his mysticism. INTEGRITY, WAY HE THINKS, WIT, MYSTICISM.

Roberts. His candor, willingness to change his mind; ability to simplify complicated matters in a way which does not disparage the complications; his power of thought. INTEGRITY, NOT DOGMATIC, WAY HE THINKS.

Ruja. Objectivity, rationality, concern for human happiness. Contributions to logic. NOT DOGMATIC, WAY HE THINKS, HAPPINESS, SEEK KNOWLEDGE.

Rybnikar. I finally found someone who basically felt the same way I do about religion in general and Christianity in particular. BR's 3 passions. ..the longing for love, the search for knowledge, and unbearable pity for the suffering of mankind. VIEWS ON RELIGION, LOVE, SEEK KNOWLEDGE, HAPPINESS.

Scheu. His tremendous wit and lucidity, his erudition. Can one ever stop reading Russell? One could be cheerfully marooned with 5 to 10 of his books and keep quite occupied. BR was influential enough for me to take up formal philosophy at age (almost) 39, with a grown family. WIT, WAY HE WRITES, RANGE OF KNOWLEDGE.

Slezak. His concise & witty style of writing. His moral values, esp. his writings on religion and war. His search for "truth" and love. His intellectual honesty and wit. His moral courage. WIT, WAY HE WRITES, MORAL INSIGHTS, VIEWS ON RELIGION, PRESERVE HUMAN RACE, SEEK KNOWLEDGE, LOVE, INTEGRITY, COURAGE.

Stone. His wit. His handling of deep subjects in such an easy manner. His appreciation of the good in man, and his own goodness. His new approach to old problems. WIT, WAY HE THINKS, PRESERVE HUMAN RACE, HAPPINESS, MORAL INSIGHTS, PIONEER.

Tait. The clarity and wit of his writings. His courage, integrity, humor. WIT, WAY HE WRITES, COURAGE, INTEGRITY.

Thomas. I am excited about his ethical writings and humanistic dedication. MORAL INSIGHTS, HAPPINESS.

Tuck. Understandability. His pioneering agitation, his provocativeness, his fearless enquiry everywhere. WAY HE WRITES, PIONEER, INTEGRITY, COURAGE.

Turquette. His clear analysis of ideas. His broad humanity. WAY HE THINKS, HAPPINESS.

Williams. He exemplifies integrity amidst our valueless cynicism, and cynicism amidst our sanctimonious gullibility. When we reach intellectual puberty and discover, consequently, the Pandora box of civilized hypocrisy opening before us, the rare appearance of a Russell encourages that kind of hope which allows us to be cynics, but not valueless cynics. Today I cannot say whether I am attracted more to his innovations in logic and epistemology or to his commitments to social and political responsibility. Both are aspects of the same man. INTEGRITY, MORAL INSIGHTS, WAY HE THINKS, COMMITMENT.

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

- (23) LORRAINE C. BEATTIE and DON D. ROBERTS were married in August. This is the first marriage between BRS members, though BRS cannot claim credit as catalyst; both are in Philosophy at U. of Waterloo. We wish them a good life inspired by love and guided by knowledge.
- (24) PETER CRANFORD "has had news on the Anthony case, that Jack Anderson wrote about (NL3-36). Sgt. Anthony was sent back to Augusta in a drugged state on convalescent leave. He became normal while in Augusta but apparently relapsed when the Army reneged on the re-assignment back with his family. This may become a cause célèbre."
- (25) LESTER DENONN tells about his recent trip to London and Wales:
- "My first visit in London was to meet Mr. Rayner Unwin of George Allen & Unwin to discuss the future of the second edition of 'THE BASIC WRITINGS OF BERTRAND RUSSELL', all the details for which Professor Egner and I have completed. We are hopeful that economic conditions will soon turn for the better to warrant its early appearance.
- "And then our 'Pilgrimage to Mecca' as I termed it when we were warmly greeted by Lady Russell in the abode of Bertie (as we all referred to him) in beautiful Penrhyndeudraeth in North Wales. We met with her on three occasions and reveled in the book-lined walls and the mementos that abounded. It was a thrilling experience to say the least.
- "We also met with two of Bertie's granddaughters, Sarah and Lucy, and Mr. & Mrs. Rupert Crawshay-Williams. We enjoyed the tales the Crawshay-Williams told of their days as neighbors of Bertie. He is the author of 'RUSSELL REMEMBERED.'
- "One of our pleasant memories was cocktails and dinner with the three Russells at the delightfully situated Hotel Portmeirion where we stayed. We cannot help but voice the hope that a full grown BRS might some day hold a convention on this glorious spot and wander to the home on Plas Penrhyn where Bertie lived and where now Lady Russell gracefully maintains this historic, beautiful site."
- (26) MARTIN GARSTENS reports on his visit to Penrhyndeudraeth:
- "I drove through England and Wales, and being near Penrhyndeudraeth, without knowing whether BR's last house was still occupied, I visited the house and met Lady Russell and two of the grandchildren, Sarah and Lucy. I have some interesting pictures of the house, the inhabitants, and myself. If there is any interest, I will circulate them. Lady Russell showed me a copy of the catalog (of Lester Denonn's Bertrand Russell Library), which impressed me as an important document..." Perhaps Martin will bring the pictures to the Annual Meeting, for viewing.
- Incidentally, the catalog of Lester Denonn's huge library of books and articles by and about BR--it runs to some 150 pages--is available at \$3.50, from him.

- (27) CORLISS LAMONT's "article, 'How to be happy--though married', (THE HUMANIST, May/June 1973) is being reprinted in the forthcoming anthology, 'CONTROVERSIAL VIEWS ON SEX ROLES, MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY', edited by Kenneth C. W. Kammeger (Allyn and Bacon, Boston). "Dr. Lamont's book, 'VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS', (Prometheus Books) has led to several appearances by him on radio and TV..."THE HUMANIST, September/October, 1974.
- (28) * HARRY RUJA has reviewed 2 books about BR (in PHILOSOPHY AND PHENOMENOLOGICAL RESEARCH). They are BERTRAND RUSSELL'S THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE by Elizabeth R. Eames, and THE DEVELOPMENT OF BERTRAND RUSSELL'S PHILOSOPHY by Ronald Jager. A most interesting review! We have reprints of this 3-page review (date not known), but not enough to supply all members. We will mail them on request, while they last.
- (29) EDITH RUSSELL accepted honorary membership with this letter:

"Dear Dr. Cranford: Thank you for your letter of 27 June. I feel deeply the honour that you and Mr. Blackwell and Mr. Eisler and the other members of the Bertrand Russell Society have done me in electing me to honorary membership, and am very happy to accept. The aims of the society, as I have learned of them from you and Mr. Pitt, are very dear to my heart.

"It is good news, too, that your letter brings in telling me that there are already forty members of the society committed to these aims. Such rapid growth, and among people of such calibre and dedication, speaks for the work already done by the founding members. It augurs wonderfully well for the future of the society.

"I need hardly say, I hope, that I send you and them my best and warmest good wishes for success in achieving our aims."

NEW MEMBERS

- (30) We are delighted to welcome these new members:

Dr. Arthur M. Arkin, 12 East 97th Street, New York, N. Y. 10029
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 Stanley Morton Elam, R. D. #2, Pamplin City, Va. 23958
 Dr. Lawrence J. Forno, Dept. of French Language and Literature,
 College of Arts and Sciences, U. of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. 40506
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This brings the total number of members to 56, as of 10/15/74

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS, AND REMARKS

(31) JOHN BUTLER, presently teaching in Nigeria, asks:

"Would anyone know about the connexion between BR and Virginia Woolf? Since I am writing a thesis on Virginia Woolf and also several papers, I would like to do one of BR and Woolf. I wonder if they ever read each others' works and whether there was ever any correspondence between them other than personal. Any information would be welcome, as here we are desperately short of research facilities except in science."

His address: Ahmadu Bello University, School of Basic Studies, Zaria, Nigeria.

CORRECTIONS & SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS

- (32) The argument against chemical warfare, continued. The argument stated in NL3-22 -- that chemical warfare is indiscriminate, affects non-combatants, and may debilitate survivors for life -- strong as it is, is nevertheless incomplete as it stands. It fails to mention the effects of a still worse kind of chemical warfare, the kind that endangers the long-term stability of the biosphere; it is worse because it affects future generations as well as present. It is the kind practised by the U. S. recently, that may have done permanent damage to the inland forests of Vietnam. (NL2, p. 12)
- (33) Jack Pitt's article, WITH RUSSELL AT THE ARCHIVES, recommended by Peter Cranford, is to be found in "RUSSELL 2", not in "RUSSELL 12" as incorrectly stated in NL3-57.
- (34) Address Change: Gary M. Slezak's new home address is 6229 S. Talman Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60629

FINANCES

- (35) Contributions. We will announce contributions after all, despite what we said in NL3-56, because -- on second thought -- it seems fitting to express appreciation to someone who does more than required, in helping us keep the wolf from the door. We acknowledge, with thanks a contribution from Rick Hyman. We are also aware that officers, chairmen and others make a hidden contribution every time they absorb an expense in the course of carrying on the work of the BRS. We wish to thank them too.

RECOMMENDED READING

- (36) Paul Kurtz, Ed. THE HUMANIST ALTERNATIVE: SOME DEFINITIONS OF HUMANISM. Prometheus Books, 1973. Recommended by Gary Slezak.

Paul Kurtz, Ed. THE HUMANIST, September-October 1974. This issue deals with various cults of irrationality that have sprung up in recent years. Recommended by Lee Eisler.

ABOUT INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

- (37) FRED W. ALLENDORF, of Seattle -- graduate student in genetics, and pre-doctoral research associate, at U. of Washington -- has read WHY I AM NOT A CHRISTIAN. He was taken with BR's "clarity of thought and the logic unhindered by 'generally accepted' beliefs." He particularly values BR's "continual inspiration to live an enjoyable life." He joined BRS "in hopes of contacting people with similar interests and beliefs." B. S. (Zoology, P. S. U.). M. S. (Fisheries, U. W.). He reads SCIENCE, GENETICS, NATURE, and other special publications.
- (38) ARTHUR M. ARKIN, M. D., New York City psychiatrist, read THE PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY when he was 14 (His sister had given it to him). "I was electrified". After that, he read A FREE MAN'S WORSHIP and MARRIAGE AND MORALS (Today he is specially interested in BR's writings on epistemology). He was taken with BR's "tolerant scepticism, combined with brilliant analytic ability, and humor." He finds that his acquaintance with BR has helped "broaden my perspectives in problems of science and life...and in my attempts to formulate criteria for validity of psychological interpretation." He joined BRS for intellectual stimulation. He is a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, has affiliations with the Association for the Psychophysiological Study of Sleep, and reads THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHOANALYTIC ASSOCIATION.
- (39) JAN BERKSHIRE, of Hope, Indiana -- a graphic artist -- is not sure which of BR's writings he read first (by now he has read 20-25), but an early one was A HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY. He is interested in anything BR writes about. He was drawn to BR by "his remarkable attitude in general, his insight and the phenomenal sense of reality with which it was complemented, his seemingly unassailable integrity in the area of interpretation, the almost paradoxical combination of accuracy and humaneness in his manner of expression, and the courage in defending resultant convictions." He also values BR's "emotional and intellectual stamina, the singular degree of clarity with which he expressed himself, and the tremendous staying power of his humor." He joined BRS "out of respect for BR, for the prospect of valid involvement, the potential rewards of association," He'd like BRS to re-write the Questionnaire. (Touché, Ed.) Besides graphics, he is also interested in poetry, music, and the theatre.

- (40) JOHN A BUTLER--British, usually lives in Canada, but currently in Zaria, Nigeria, as Lecturer in English at Ahmadu Bello University -- read WHY I AM NOT A CHRISTIAN, ENQUIRY INTO MEANING AND TRUTH, and UNPOPULAR ESSAYS, in that order. He is interested in "practically anything BR wrote about, "especially history of philosophy. He was drawn to BR because A HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY "made an attempt to place philosophy against a socio-historical background; and also the fact the BR writes 'literature'; as a lecturer in English literature, BR's style is a useful example of lucid prose, stands next to (with) T. H. Huxley in clarity and lucidity". He also values BR's "idealism and the fact that BR is living proof that man needs no superstition or faith in God to be human." He joined BRS for "simply two reasons: academic (BR's impact on 20th Century intellectual life); and his work towards world peace (without which my first reason would be useless!)" He also offers to contribute articles, if needed, and might like to see BRS arrange for another publication dealing with BR's work. He is writing a thesis on Virginia Woolf (see Item 31). He reads TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT, P. M. L. A., CAMBRIDGE QUARTERLY. B. S., B. Ed., Dip. Ed. (all U. of Saskatchewan).
- (41) LAWRENCE J. FORNO, Ph. D., of Lexington, Ky., is Associate Professor of French (literature) at U. Of Kentucky. "As a graduate student in French literature at Columbia, I saw a quotation of BR concerning Rousseau, on an exam. I liked it so much that I read A HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY." Then he read WHY I AM NOT A CHRISTIAN, and RELIGION AND SCIENCE. He has kept right on reading BR, and by now "I've read almost all of his major books in print." He is specially interested in BR's views on philosophy and history of ideas. He was taken with BR's "clarity of expression, and wit." He specially values BR's "intellectual insights, personal courage, and example of integrity in all matters." He joined BRS to learn more about BR. He is researching "relationship of BR to 18th Century French philosophers. I hope to share my findings with BRS." (We look forward to it, Ed.) He'd like BRS to (1) foster the publication of all BR works (a definitive edition?); (2) conduct a world-wide survey of all persons who had contact with BR and never reported publicly, to bring out more biographical data on him." Member: Modern Language Assoc., American Society for 18th Century Studies, etc.
- (42) EDWIN E. HOPKINS, Ph. D., of Baltimore -- teacher of philosophy and of mathematics, his two loves (same as BR's) -- first read AN INQUIRY INTO MEANING AND TRUTH, then OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXTERNAL WORLD, and by now has read 8 or 9 of BR's works. He is specially interested in BR's views on ethics (especially as revealed in COH, with which he was -- and is -- much taken), mathematical logic, and history of philosophy, He joined BRS "to be in contact with kindred souls, with people who would have the same interest in discussing BR's works as I." He would like to see BRS form local chapters. Member: American Association of University Professors, and American Philosophical Association. His Ph. D. is from Duke. For his views on COH, see Item 13.

- (43) ALFRED C. KWOK, of Austin, Texas -- who is studying physics -- first read THE PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY, then the AUTOBIOGRAPHY, and THE PRINCIPLES OF MATHEMATICS. He is specially interested in BR's views on philosophy and logic, and was taken with BR's logical approach and reasoning. He particularly values BR's "personality and faith in logic." He joined BRS because of the importance he attaches to logic: "We human beings tend to be emotionally biased despite our intelligence. Logic is our compass in the sea of variance. It is most profitable intellectually to have it within you to learn by observation and interaction." He'd like BRS to let the public know BR's views on science and technology, psychology, peace, and human behavioral conditioning, for which he greatly respects BR. He reads SPECTRUM (IEEE), and PHYSICS TODAY.
- (44) HERMAN LEFKOWITCH, of Nutley, N. J. -- electrician and "self-educated high school drop-out" -- read WHY I AM NOT A CHRISTIAN, UNPOPULAR ESSAYS, and IN PRAISE OF IDLENESS, in that order, and has read a total of 15 works by BR. He is specially interested in BR's views on religion, science, and social justice. He was taken with BR's "clearness of thought, his ability to write with clarity on very difficult topics, and particularly values BR's "personal crusade for social justice, his logical approach to life and all its problems, and his iconoclastic search for truth." He joined BRS "to join like-minded people in honoring the memory of BR and furthering his views." He'd like BRS to "explore all possibilities of getting more people aware of BRS." He is a member of United Secularists of America.
- (45) JAMES E. (JIM) MCWILLIAMS, of Marvell, Arkansas -- high school teacher of English and German -- first read A FREE MAN'S WORSHIP (included in a textbook he used as a college freshman, in English in 1962). After that, he read BERTRAND RUSSELL'S BEST and WHY I AM NOT A CHRISTIAN. He was drawn to BR by "the strength of spirit evinced in A FREE MAN'S WORSHIP, i.e., his ability to face the darkness unafraid. To me his courage was exhilarating." He also values BR's "rational acumen and his wit, i.e., the sense of humor he kept in dealing with falsehood and wrong thinking." By joining BRS, he "rather hoped to meet or come into contact with others who share my admiration for BR." He'd like BRS to (1) "organize as many college campus chapters as possible; (2) become a recognized spokesman for civil liberties; and (3) arrange for special displays and promotion of BR's writings -- in public and other kinds of libraries." He belongs to the Sierra Club, American Humanist Association and American Civil Liberties Union. B. A. (Latin), M. A. (English), Fulbright Scholar (India 1966-67), and U. of Mississippi Fellow (1971-72).
- (46) HARRY RUJA, Ph. D. of San Deigo -- Professor of Philosophy at San Deigo State University -- was first exposed to BR's writings in philosophy courses, in the 1930's. By now he has read practically all of BR's books and probably half of BR's shorter pieces. Among the first things he read, as he now recalls it, were WHAT I BELIEVE, A FREE MAN'S WORSHIP, ON SCIENTIFIC METHOD IN PHILOSOPHY, and MYSTICISM AND LOGIC. He is specially interested in BR's views on ethics. He was taken with BR's "objectivity, rationality, and concern for human happiness," and thinks BR "deserves fame because of his contributions to logic." He joined BRS to be in touch with others who share his goals, and because it is "important to keep BR's memory alive." He'd like BRS to (1) encourage philosophers to discuss BR's philosophy, (2) help keep BR's publications in print; and (3) encourage magazines to reprint some of BR's essays.

He has collaborated on a BR bibliography with Ken Blackwell, and gave a talk, "The Problems and Pleasures of a Russell Bibliographer", at the 1972 BR Centenary Célébration at McMaster University. He is a member of the American Philosophical Association, American Civil Liberties Union, Zionist Organization of America, and B'nai B'rith. He reads PHILOSOPHY AND PHENOMENOLOGICAL RESEARCH, MIDSTREAM, and AMERICAN ZIONIST.

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HILDBURG SCHEU, of Waterloo, Ontario -- mother of a grown family, now a philosophy student (as a result of her exposure to BR's writings)--- first read BERTRAND RUSSELL SPEAKS HIS MIND, then THE CONQUEST OF HAPPINESS, and SELECTED PAPERS, and has read a total of about 10. She is specially interested in "everything covered in the first two books I read." (The first one deals with philosophy, religion, war and pacifism, communism and capitalism, taboo morality, power, happiness, nationalism, the role of the individual, fanaticism and tolerance, the H-bomb, and the possible future of mankind. Ed.) She was taken with BR's "way of treating the subject matter, his tremendous wit, and lucidity, his erudition. Can one ever stop reading BR? One could be cheerfully marooned somewhere with 5 to 10 of his books and keep quite occupied." She joined BRS because she likes to talk with other Russellites--but not the ones interested in formal logic or mathematics, which are not her interest in life. "There must be more like me who nevertheless find much to enjoy in BR." She'd like BRS to have closer collaboration with the BR Archives at McMaster, and have annual meetings there instead of in NYC, (We think BRS collaborates very closely with the Archives. Any suggestions as to how to make it still closer will be welcome. Ed.)

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RODNEY L. THOMAS, of Kent, Ohio, has a B. S. in Music Education and is now a graduate student, and graduate assistant, in Philosophy at Kent State U. His undergraduate degree is from an Evangelical Christian Liberal arts college; he is interested in bringing liberal humanistic views to church audiences via theatre. He first read PRINCIPIA MATHEMATICA (in a course on metalogic), then A FREE MAN'S WORSHIP and THE PRINCIPLES OF MATHEMATICS. He is specially interested in BR's views on morality and humanism. He began to read BR out of curiosity; "Now I am excited in hearing about his ethical writings and humanistic dedication." He joined BRS (1) because of his interest in BR's ethical views; (2) he'd like to know about efforts by others in humanistic projects; and (3) "to find others of like mind, with the same project goals in mind and possibly joint efforts with them." He reads THE HUMANIST, is a member of American Humanist Association.

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ATWELL R. TURQUETTE, Ph. D., of Urbana, Illinois -- Professor of Philosophy at U. of Illinois -- first read THE ABC OF RELATIVITY, then COH and PHILOSOPHY OF LEIBNIZ, and has read about 20 books by BR. He is specially interested in BR's views on philosophy and logic. He was (and is) taken with BR's "clear analysis of ideas...and his broad humanity, "which he greatly values". He joined BRS because he "was curious to see what kind of Society would attempt to realize BR's ideals.

I have been interested in BR for many years and thought BRS might be able to add to my knowledge of BR." He'd like BRS to (1)"promote world peace and disarmament at all levels; (2) Promote the purpose of the Committee on Science; and (3) promote the purpose of the Committee on Civil Liberties." He was one of BR's students at U. of Chicago.

A FINAL P. S.

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(This Newsletter was reprinted 3/75. Corrections were made, including, particularly, in the section, NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS, Items 37-49; the names here are now listed in correct alphabetical order; the previous printing had some names out of alphabetical order. There is now a double item number, e.g., ~~(40)~~ (37); here 37 is the correct new number, 40 is the former number, in the earlier printing.)