

## NEWSLETTER #13

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## COMING EVENTS

- (2) Debate: BR and religion. The debate will be between KATE TAIT and Madalyn Murray O'Hair, and will be the highlight of the 2nd BRS Psychology Symposium, for the benefit of psychologists attending the American Psychological Association meeting in San Francisco, in late August.

We're not sure that "debate" is precisely the right word. In any case, the two ladies will present opposing points of view about BR's attitude towards religion. Kate takes the position that her father was essentially a religious man, with personal reasons for rejecting organized religion. Dr. O'Hair, on the other hand, believes that BR's outlook was scientific and that he was therefore unable to accept the "illusions dished up by our primitive anthropomorphic tendencies", not to mention the fact that all religions claim to be true and that therefore not more than one can be.

It was Dr. O'Hair who brought the lawsuit that stopped prayers in U.S. public schools.

HERB LANSDELL is making all arrangements. BRS members will be welcome. We'll let you know the date, time and place

We don't think you'll want to miss this event, if it's at all possible for you to get there.

- (3) 2 BR movies. BOB DAVIS will be showing the movies, "BR discusses philosophy" and "BR discussess Happiness" sometime during the weekend of April 29-30. This is the weekend that the American Humanist Association meets, in Los Angeles. Bob will show the films either at the AHA meeting or at his home. He will notify members in the Southern California area about arrangements. Members from outside the area who may attend should notify Bob. (7025 W. Franklin #86, Hollywood, Ca. 90068. 213-874-5568)
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## 4TH ANNUAL MEETING

- (4) The 4th Annual Meeting of the BRS was held the weekend of February 4-5-6, 1977, at the Westwood Holiday Inn (Los Angeles).

The February 4th (Friday evening) session was a Directors Meeting (but open to all members). Present were AMY BLOCK, PETER CRANFORD, BOB DAVIS, LEE EISLER, JOE NEILANDS, JACK PITT, and STEVE REINHARDT. The meeting lasted long into the night, and produced a number of decisions:

- The statement as to BRS aims will be kept simple (51).
- Next year's meeting will be at the Russell Archives, in Canada, and probably not in winter -- perhaps during spring recess or in summer.
- Jack Pitt's proposal for BRS Fellowship Travel Grants was approved (20).
- \$300 was appropriated from BRS funds for the purchase of ER films, as a result of Don Jackanicz's proposal (47).
- Kate Tait, the BRS's first Treasurer -- and as most of you of course know, BR's daughter by his 2nd marriage, to Dora Black -- was made an honorary member.

February 5th (Saturday) was the big day. There was a morning session, an afternoon session, and a banquet in the evening. Present some or all of the time were IRVIN ASHKENAZY, AMY BLOCK, PETER CRANFORD, BOB DAVIS, LEE EISLER, MARTIN GARSTENS, CHARLES GREEN, TOM HORNE, JIM & RITA HAUN, HENRY (& Rosemary) KARUS, AL KRAVIG, ELGIN MADEO, STEVE MARAGIDES, JOE NEILANDS, JACK PITT, STEVE REINHARDT, HARRY RUJA, JOHN TOBIN and BILL YOUNG, as well as a number of guests.

The meeting-room contained posters of ER, and on tables were many books by or about ER, most of them from Bob Davis's own library.

The meeting opened with the film, "BR discusses philosophy." (The newly acquired film, "BR discusses happiness," did not arrive in time. No doubt we will see it at next year's meeting, at the Russell Archives.)

Then came words of welcome from BRS Founder, PETER CRANFORD, followed by BOB DAVIS's report on his trip to England (8). JACK PITT told about the new BRS Fellowship Travel Grants (20), LEE EISLER spoke about the cost of acquiring a new member (12) and read DON JACKANICZ's report on the BRS Library. MARTIN GARSTENS found that trying to arrive at an Applied Philosophy was not easy (11). HARRY RUJA told about the trials and satisfactions of collecting ER's columns written for the Hearst newspapers (published under the title Mortals and Others).

However, nothing's perfect, and neither were we. We recklessly promised what we could not deliver. We had a Red Hackle Hour without Red Hackle. Anyone who was lured to the meeting by the promise of Red Hackle has a genuine grievance. We will try to make up for it next year.

Highlight of the entire weekend was the presence of Will and Ariel Durant at the banquet Saturday evening. Though we would have been entirely content merely with their presence, they spontaneously and voluntarily told charming anecdotes about some of their experiences with ER. She told about the time she and ER went to a Greenwich Village nightclub, where ER was so charmed by the attention paid him by the professional ladies of the establishment that they stayed until closing time. He told a delightful story of how ER had it in mind to try to interest Ariel in amorous activities, but was thwarted by the unusual fact that the car's driver was Ariel's brother, who refused to drive where ER wanted to be driven but drove Ariel home instead. Our only regret is that there were no tape recorders at the banquet, to preserve the Durant stories.

All BRS business was completed on Saturday, and therefor there was no formal BRS meeting on Sunday (February 6th).

Our meetings get better and better. This was the best one yet. We salute Bob Davis, for keeping it moving, keeping it organized, and keeping it interesting all the way.

## REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Chairman Peter G. Cranford reports...

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as Finance Coordinator:

"We continue to be financially sound and no doubt will continue to be so for the coming year. Two major expenses are looming that need to be provided for by contributions. Jack has offered to do the work required to set up an annual scholarship of \$500 to assist someone with research expenses at the Russell Archives. Don Jackanicz needs about the same amount to purchase 5 BR films that have become available.

"One member's will provides a bequest that should amount to about \$10,000. A number of members are making contributions of expenses connected with BR offices they hold. Another member who is writing a book will give 15% of royalties to the BRS. Our President, who is making a much needed trip to England on our behalf is financing it himself. Various members have made cash contributions. Steve Reinhardt is doing a masterful job as Treasurer...as his reports show.

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as Psychology Coordinator:

"We have now established an intellectual beach-head with the members of the American Psychological Association. This is being consolidated by Herbert C. Lansdell, and no doubt we will be hearing from him as his plans materialize. He will be working primarily with the Society for Philosophy and Psychology (54) within APA. Other psychological groups that would profit from a more extensive knowledge of Russell should be worked with next year -- particularly the clinical psychologists. Perhaps the Psychology Corner can do this. Also the "blow of a thousand blows" would be the wide distribution of the papers read at the symposium, including Blackwell's marked list of BR books. Bateson, for instance, has been inspired by Russell in his theorizing about schizophrenia, as Jack Pitt pointed out in his recent paper.

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As Chairman of the Board:

"I would recommend that all members be highly motivated and have a good knowledge of Russell. To bring as many of these people together as possible, I favor expanding the number of directors.

"At this time I do not think we should be concerned with building a large membership. We have close to 175 very intelligent people. This number is more than adequate to determine where we are going and how to get there. The problem is how to harness our brain power. If we do not do this, we will lose members as fast as we get them -- particularly if they come to us with expectations of finding an intellectual or activist home.

"This brings the matter of what key, if any, is there to future growth after goals have been identified. Russell gives us the answer in his principle of compossibility. "Compossibility" seems to be broadening its meaning "ostensively", as BR would say. Letters between members show an increasing use of the word. I understand that BR told Lady Russell that it was his hope that compossibility would have a growing influence. In such writing as I have done lately, formally and informally, I have used the term with expanded meaning, as have others. This is not necessarily bad. BR did it himself when he borrowed the term from Leibniz. I think the idea of compossibility has a very wide applicability, and indeed,

I should like the U.S. President, who is a student of Russell, to examine it as a guide to foreign policy. I think compossibility is the key to the expanding influence of the Society. I used the principle in promoting the recent psychology meeting. In effect, the psychologists left the meeting with information psychologically useful to them (in easily understood ways.) The principle was also applied in less obvious ways to organize the meeting. We will not lose any member when belonging to the Society is compossible — i.e., to the member's good and to our good. We already have some degree of compossibility: some want to serve society, some want intellectual friends, some are inspired by Russell, and some want what our Newsletter gives them. I do not think that this is enough to nurture a world-wide movement. There is no present reason to believe that we will be much more effective than the Humanist groups.

"Although the Society is not yet ready to think about a large membership, it can begin to think about a strong one. To become so, it would have to learn how to make money. If the members shared in the profit, we would have a compossible arrangement. The money could be used to make more money, which could then be used to recruit members or promote Russell's ideas. When enough interest is generated in Russell, members who were knowledgeable about him and had a message to deliver could get lecture fees. Money could also be made in writing about Russell in such a way as to be popularly attractive. This is a potential gold mine. I expect that there are scores of books that could be written by taking Russell's ideas and making them more understandable. Lee Eisler's idea in Morals Without Mystery was a move in this direction.

"Our best work is being done by essentially "one-man committees". To find and utilize every member who is willing and able to work in such a fashion would greatly strengthen us. The considerable influence that Christianity has had on the Western world is derived from the work of early disciples. If we consider ourselves the custodians of Russell's spirit, it is theoretically possible for another small group such as ours also to achieve notable influence. Grandiose as the idea may appear, the attempt must be made, since there is nothing on the horizon that gives the world much reason to hope. I am most hopeful about ourselves. With our present membership and one million dollars, we could realistically do 200 times what we are now doing with five thousand dollars."

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President Robert K. Davis reports on his visit to England:

"I can't do full justice to my recent trip to England (From December 15 to January 5), but a number of members have asked me to write a brief report, so here it is:

"I went primarily on BRS business, but I also attended to personal business and enjoyment. I arrived in London on the 16th, going from 80° sunny California to cold, rainy Chelsea. In fact I was cold and wet most of the time, but everyone was solicitous and had me sit near the heaters. I spent the first 4 days in London, attending to business during the day and to the arts in the evening. I went to several superb Christmas concert plus some plays.

"I visited with the Rev. Michael Scott for several hours. He had gone to South Africa as a boy and had lived there until 1948, at which time he was expelled by the present government (which had taken over from General Smuts) because it did not like Scott's anti-apartheid work. He has worked for many causes in England and Africa since then. He worked with BR in the CND (Committee for Nuclear Disarmament) and the Committee of 100 in the 50s and 60s and was present at the Trafalgar Square

demonstration that resulted in BR's imprisonment. Our discussion ranged over a wide variety of topics, but dealt mostly with BR's work in Africa. I have promised to help him with one item. He has been an observer at the UN for almost 30 years for the International League for the Rights of Man. Because of South African pressure, the U.S. government had been giving him a restricted visa. He can only stay in New York for the UN session and may not go more than one mile from the UN. This year, apparently to mollify South Africa, because of Kissinger's activities in Rhodesia, the State Department refused him entrance to this country. After protest, they relented (they have to let people like Scott go to the UN), but listed requirements they knew Scott could not meet. Therefore he missed the first session in almost 30 years. I am seeing what can be done to prevent that, next time.

"From London I traveled to Nottingham. There I visited the Russell Peace Foundation at Bertrand Russell House. Mr. Ken Fleet gave me a tour of the building and the presses, and talked with me about the Foundation. I bought a large number of their books. I am getting enough copies of their 'Aims and Work' brochure to distribute with the Newsletter. I also want to make arrangements so that members can purchase books from the Russell Press.

"From Nottingham I went to Manchester, to see BRS member John Sutcliffe. John and I spent about 7 hours together, talking. I found John to be a man of wide interests, with a desire to promote the BRS. Unfortunately, the situation in England does not lend itself to our style of organization. But John is a valuable member to have in England.

"A friend, Peter Houchin, picked me up in Manchester and we drove to Edinburgh for Christmas. We went through the lake district of Wordsworth fame. As a result of this trip, Peter and I are to be business partners. He hunts for 18th Century books of research value and exports them to the U.S. and elsewhere. I am helping him, and hope to expand it to prints, maps, brass rubbings, etc. and we hope to start a small shop in L.A.

"Peter, his German wife, her mother from Bavaria and I had Christmas Dinner at Mrs. Dark's, his former landlady. She is a peppery woman in her 70s. Her son was there. Also her 2nd husband, a Polish expatriate. He had fought the Red Army in 1920 and the Nazis as a partisan, had been at Dunkirk, and had had his land confiscated by the Communists in 1945. His daughter was also present, on her first trip out of Poland. It was a very ecumenical evening; we did not discuss politics.

"While in Edinburgh, I visited David Hume's tomb. Unfortunately, the tomb of one of the great atheists of modern times came under the control of a hyperreligious female descendent, who covered it with noxious, sentimental religious quotes. Shocking!

"I rented a car and the four of us drove to Plas Penrhyn, Penrhyndeudraeth (I can pronounce it now). I stayed at the Portmeirion Hotel. It is a 'fantastic' resort. I stayed in the main hotel, which is 19th Century, with large lounging rooms and personal service. There are also 36 guest cottages built in an Italian style. It is all somewhat familiar because it has been seen often in movies and on TV.

"The next day I visited Lady Russell. Her house is small and comfortable. From it you can see the bay, Shelley's house, and a Roman campground. A local farmer gave me a personal tour of the neighborhood. Lady Russell is quite vigorous and interested in her husband's work. We spoke for 2½ hours. We discussed the BRS, the Foundation and other things. She showed me the library, which included BR's copy of Principia and mementos and gifts from people, including Ho Chi Minh. I left and returned at four with my friends, for tea and more talk. The visit with Lady Russell was the high point of my trip.

"That evening I attended a Welsh banquet at the hotel. Lady Russell asked me what a Welsh banquet was. I found it to be a good meal based on medieval recipes and accompanied by intolerably dull speeches in Welsh.

"From Wales we drove to Peter's house in Bridgewater, Somerset. Michael Scott thought I should visit Dora Russell at Porthcurno, so we drove down. The house and Dora as just as Kate Tait described them in her book. I spent about 4 fascinating hours with Mrs. Russell. We discussed many things, but mostly the school and her children. She let me read the draft of a book she is writing on the school. (The Beacon Hill School. See 23.) It is excellent. I also browsed in her (and BR's) library that dated from the school years. I drove back to Penzance and took a train to London.

"I spent New Years in London. New Year's Eve I saw Gilbert & Sullivan's Patience, performed by the D'Oyly- Carte Company at Sadler-Well's Theatre. I then went to Trafalgar Square for midnight. There were about 100,000 people there and I think I was the only sober one. Since it was raining, that was not wise. (To have been there, or to have been sober? Ed.)

"At the start of the week, I met Chris Farley for tea. We had a long fruitful talk about the Foundation and the BRS. We cleared up some misunderstandings, and he gave some valuable advice based on his long years of experience with the Foundation.

"That evening I splurged and dined at the Savoy, feeling very regal.

"My last day I attended to personal business and also visited the headquarters of Amnesty International. There I discussed my proposal for a BRS Rights group working through them. I will have more to say about this later. If it goes through, it will be the first of its kind.

"The next day I flew home. I arrived (ugh) in rain. The plane I arrived in took off for New Zealand, and was later struck by lightning.

"For 3 weeks I had burned the candle at both ends, and now I slept 12-15 hours a night for a week. I then pulled together the final details for the Annual Meeting."

Treasurer Stephen J. Reinhardt reports:

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For the quarter ending 12/31/76:

Balance on hand (9/30/76).....	1985.31	
Income: 11 new members.....	105.00	
28 renewals.....	379.48	
Total dues.....	484.48	
Contributions.....	1384.66	
Interest.....	4.22	
	1873.36	1873.36
		3858.67
Expenditures: Information & Membership		
Committees.....	989.94	
Subscriptions to "Russell".....	66.50	
Other.....	1241.00	
	2297.44	2297.44
Balance on hand (12/31/76).....	1561.23	1561.23

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For the year ending 12/31/76:

Balance on hand (12/31/75).....	1173.14	
Income: 78 new members.....	778.00	
82 renewals.....	1088.48	
	Total dues....	1868.48
Contributions.....	2793.63	
Other and adjustments.....	41.04	
	<u>4701.15</u>	4701.15
		<u>5874.29</u>
Expenditures: Information & Membership		
Committees.....	2636.19	
Subscriptions to "Russell".....	213.50	
Other.....	1463.37	
	<u>4313.06</u>	4313.06
Balance on hand (12/31/76).....		<u>1561.23</u>

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

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Applied Philosophy Committee (Martin A. Garstens, Chairperson):

"his Committee really has as many chairmen as there are local BRS groups or chapters around the country.

"My efforts have mostly consisted of trying to delineate some scheme whereby philosophy (which, according to philosophical tradition 'bakes no bread', thus implying that it is impractical and therefore inapplicable) might be made applicable.

"In my estimation we in the BRS do not have a clear idea as to how to transform philosophy into applied philosophy, and BR never supplied us with a ground plan.

"I think the general feeling in our Society has been that if we can just get more people to read many of BR's books, there would be a great gain in reason in the world. In that sense, philosophy would have become applied. To a degree this is true.

"Unfortunately those who already have a taste for reason are the ones attracted to BR, and it is very hard to reach those who do not. Reaching the latter is the problem for the BRS.

"I am very much struck by the reaction in this country to Alex Haley's book, 'Roots,' and to its recent portrayal on TV. I was deeply moved by it, as were some 100 million people (it is estimated) who watched it. There was literally an emotional ground swell to what was a rational description (partially fictionalized for concreteness) of an important portion of our country's history.

"Of course whatever good comes of it all will be frittered away due to lack of an overall philosophy (amongst the 100 million viewers) in which to fit it.

"The overall philosophy is theoretically being supplied by the BRS through the works of BR.

"Unfortunately, BR himself never got down to the nitty-gritty of developing methods of getting philosophy to the masses.

"John Dewey, I believe, contributed more to this aspect of the problem than any philosopher I know of. But even he did not complete the job.

"I have come to believe that Ethics is a key element in trying to reach the masses rationally

"For about 2 years I organized a group studying BR directly. During the last year I joined the local Washington Ethical Society (a Humanist group) to see how Ethical teachings are used in a practical group meeting weekly or more often.

"I have tried to introduce Russell and related philosophies in the Ethical meetings (there are several hundred members), and we are in the midst of several interim seminars along these lines.

"The problem in the Ethical group, as in the BRS, is that people join with many diverse interests. One thing I have accomplished is to make many in the group aware of the need for a common overall philosophic outlook, if ethical tasks are to be sensibly carried out. I hope to report further on this in the future.

"I now think that Ethics can be studied to a large degree as a science, and that consequently a far higher degree of agreement can be attained than many people realize. The high degree of agreement does occur in the sciences. I must say, however, that Russell, while a great believer in science, did not hold this point of view. I think he was mistaken. People like Dewey and M.R. Cohen believed that a scientific approach is possible.

"Part of the BRS's task is to clarify how this can be done."

Information Committee (Lee Eisler, Chairperson):

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Advertising. During 1976 we advertised in 8 publications. When the results came in -- in the form of inquiries and enrollments -- we found that 4 of the 8 did much better than the rest. So in 1977 we are concentrating on the 4 "better" publications. There'll be 12 ads -- one per month -- in each of the 4, as compared with 6 ads in 1976.

The 4 better publications -- better from the standpoint of recruiting new members economically -- are MENSA, THE HUMANIST, HARPER'S MAGAZINE, and THE NEW REPUBLIC. The other 4 are APA MONITOR (read by psychologists), ATLANTIC MONTHLY, BULLETIN OF THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS, and THE PROGRESSIVE.

ATLANTIC MONTHLY produced the greatest number of inquiries, but very few enrollments. That made the cost of a new member acquired through ATLANTIC MONTHLY very high -- \$32 (because it costs us about \$1 to answer an inquiry.) This compares with the average cost of a new member produced by the better group -- \$4. That's why we dropped out of ATLANTIC MONTHLY.

We are now testing a few ads in UU WORLD (Journal of the Unitarian Universalist Association.) Our thanks to BILL YOUNG and JOHN HARWICK for suggesting UU WORLD. We welcome such suggestions.

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Press release discontinued. In the past, when a new member joined, we would send a Press Release (with the member's permission) to his/her local or hometown or campus newspaper. The Release identified the member, said he/she had joined the BRS, and then said some nice things about BR, and of course mentioned the BRS. We have done this for several years, but it has produced no results whatever; no member has ever sent us a clipping based on the Release. We are therefore discontinuing this kind of Release.

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Library Committee (Donald W. Jackanicz, Chairperson): see Item 47.



(15) Membership Committee (Lee Eisler & Carol Mull, Co-Chairpersons):

A membership list, giving members' names and addresses, as of 1/1/77, is enclosed with this Newsletter. It was also distributed at the Annual Meeting.

Science Committee ( J.B. Neilands, Chairperson):

(16) Nyet. The Neilands article, "Science and the Biosphere: Coexistence or Catastrophe?" (NL9-47) has been reprinted — along with comments by others — in Scientific World (Vol. XX, 1976, No. 4, p. 20), the "journal of the World Federation of Scientific Workers, published quarterly (in London) in English, French, German and Russian."

Several of the comments were favorable, but that of Academician N.P. Federenko (USSR) was not.

Joe had said, among other things: "We all believed, with Francis Bacon, that scientific research would work for the 'merit and emolument of man', and we were unabashed fans of the technological fix.... Yet all of this seems now to have been a Faustian bargain when measured against the potentially destructive power inherent in a runaway technology.... In short, we must 'go lean', 'live lightly', recycle, study nature, turn to the sun as the only truly 'organic' source of energy, and terminate the unconscionable waste of both material and intellectual resources on militarism."

Federenko says: "It is more than naive to think, as is currently fashionable in the West (e.g., "Small is Beautiful," by E. F. Schumacher, NL8-63) that the slowing down of the process of turning the world into a wasteland can be based on elementary self-support of a feudal type. There is no road back. We can only go forward..."

Then Federenko makes his political pitch, telling us that socialism will solve the problem: "However, for the time being, people as a global entity are, indeed, incapable of taking account of the principal natural laws, as has been pointed out by J.B. Neilands, who is right when he says that this is where the essence of the present day ecological crisis lies. But 'for the time being' is determined by social conditions. A socialist organization of the world will remove this limitation and will provide mankind with the key to environmental management."

What problem hasn't socialism promised to solve?

(17) Underwater monster. The panel discussion (preceded by a campus march) at UC Berkeley on 10/21/76, sponsored by the BRS Science Committee and others (NL12-10), produced some horrendous facts about the Trident submarine, according to a story in The Daily Californian, Berkeley (10/25/76).

The Trident is being built by Lockheed. Former Lockheed engineer Robert Aldridge, who helped design the Trident's MARV (part of the Trident's missile), provided these facts:

- . The Trident is almost twice the length of a football field, and more than 4 stories high.

- . It will carry 24 Trident II missiles, each of which contains 17 maneuvering warheads (MARVs) that can be sent to different targets. It can thus destroy  $24 \times 17 = 408$  cities with nuclear blasts each 5 times more powerful than those that hit Hiroshima.

- . A Saturday Review article by Norman Cousins said that, next to Pres. Ford and Secretary Brezhnev, a Trident commander is the 3rd most powerful man in the world. He will control more destructive force than that of Great Britain, Italy, Spain, Brazil, West Germany, Japan, etc.

. The Navy plans to have a fleet of 30 Tridents by 1990 at a total cost of at least 90 billion  
 . "The public is being deceived by the government," said Aldridge. "They try to force us to believe that if we don't continue to pour in billions of dollars towards national defense, we'll fall behind the Russians and make ourselves vulnerable. We can kill each other so many times over it doesn't matter anymore."

- (18) Facing up to Nuclear Power, a recent book, is reviewed and recommended by Joe Neilands. See Item 46.
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#### PHILOSOPHERS' CORNER

- (19) Report of the Philosophers' Committee (Edwin E. Hopkins, Chairperson):

The BRS session at the annual meeting (in Boston) of the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), on December 28, 1976, went extremely well, with unusually lively interplay between panelists and audience, according to JUSTIN LEIBER, who chaired the session. (For the program, see NL12-61.) Attendance was sparse, however, apparently because the APA failed to distribute its Bulletin (containing the program) in time.

This is the 3rd year in a row that the BRS has held a session at APA meetings. A call for papers, for next year's session (in Washington, D.C.) has already gone out.

- (20) BRS Fellowship Travel Grants. The BRS will award a \$500 Travel Grant each year, to enable a scholar -- selected by a BRS Grant Committee -- to travel to the Russell Archives at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, to do research. (This was Jack Pitt's fine idea.)  
 As to funding, Peter Cranford has offered \$250, to match another \$250 from BRS funds. The BRS will earmark \$1.50 of each member's dues, for this purpose. The first grant will be awarded in 1978. For more information, ask Jack. (Dr. Jack Pitt, Dept. of Philosophy, California State University, Fresno, Ca. 93740.)
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#### PSYCHOLOGISTS' CORNER

- (21) APA. These BRS members are also members of the American Psychological Association:

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## BY BERTRAND RUSSELL

- (22) "Bertrand Russell Speaks His Mind" is a transcript, in book form, of 13 TV interviews which BR gave in 1959 (NL7-12). Originally published in the USA by Avon in 1960 at 50¢, "Books In Print" lists it, hardbound from Greenwood, for \$9.75, but it has in fact been unavailable. We have just received a paperback version published in West Germany, in English.
- \* You can now borrow it from the ERS Library, or buy it from Verlag Darmstädter Blätter, Schwarz & Co., Haubachweg 5, 61 Darmstadt, West Germany, for DM 9.80.

We recommend it because it's a good Russell sampler; it deals with 13 interesting topics, is brief, and easy to understand. 2 of its chapters are transcripts of the 2 films the ERS now owns, "BR discusses philosophy" and "BR discusses happiness."

We thank the publisher for sending us a copy.

## ABOUT BERTRAND RUSSELL

- (23) Recollections of Beacon Hill. UNA CORBETT's daughter, Joy, was a student at the Beacon Hill School, entering in 1928, the year after Russell and his wife Dora founded it. Una has kindly sent us a clipping from The Record, Antioch College, dated 6/6/47, in which Joy talks about Beacon Hill:

After Russell's School, Antioch is Conservative

"I hear you consider Antioch a terribly conservative institution," many a person has remarked to Joy Corbett -- and after having studied 11 years under Bertrand Russell, she can only reply, "Well, it is."

After having been chairman, at 11, of the school council at Russell's Beacon Hill school near Chichester, England -- a council with all the powers of our administrative and community councils put together, hiring and firing the teachers -- Joy came into a much more old-line atmosphere at Antioch. Among other things, Antioch is the first school where she has received grades.

Unconventionalities

Russell's school, originally intended to run from the age of two or three to college age, actually only had a student body of 30-40 students of 12 years old or less when Joy was there. Besides the more obvious unconventionalities such as mixing dorms for boys and girls, and no clothes at all worn in the summer months, Joy remembers the strong political conscience the children were given. "Even in plays we wrote and produced, we were very much absorbed in the miners' problem, the Ethiopian war and other social subjects."

The education at Beacon Hill was ultra progressive, with the chief aim to develop the child's personality by pottery work, painting, carpentry and the like. There was little of the three Rs, Joy noted, as these could be picked up at a regular academic school within a year of transferring, whenever the students did, into grade school or high school.

History, geography and some languages were worked in to certain of the students' projects, and a few books were introduced into some of them, but only as they served the students' interests and never as ends in themselves.

### Reading Trouble

Joy, now a third year English major on a co-op job in New York City, remembers that she had trouble reading while at Russell's school. "Progressive educational philosophy says not to make children do what they do not like to do," she smiled, "but it turned out I just had poor eyesight." Though chairman of the school council at 11, Joy was never secretary, she recalled, "-- I couldn't write that well."

Joy's memory of Russell dates from when she was about eight. "He was tall, thin, and white-haired, and we all called him Bertie. Dora, his wife, is also a creative teacher, and continued the school after their divorce." Their philosophy of education is set forth in Russell's Education and the Good Life and Dora's The Right to Be Happy.

Of her life in their school Joy is enthusiastic. "If there is one thing I learned there, it was the meaning of freedom. I learned what freedom is by first hand experience. We had freedom in everything, from self-government to self-expansion. The School gave us free reign and we had to learn moderation by trial and error. We both originated and enforced the rules. Once we did away with all rules, but it did not work out, so we made new ones."

### Ended in 1939

Life at Beacon Hill was always varied and stimulating, with visitors from foreign countries to study the methods, refugees from the Hitler-occupied countries and Franco Spain, and hunger-marchers stopping by on the way to London to demand larger unemployment benefits. There were always some American students but the outbreak of the war in 1939 sent them all, including Joy, scurrying home.

(24)

Will visits Bertie. Excerpt from a letter from Will Durant to Bob Davis, dated 12/2/76:

When we visited John Cowper Powys near Corwen, Wales, in 1948, we made a side trip to see Bertrand Russell in his Wales hideout. He was in good health and good cheer, and ambled with us over his grounds.

We shall have a few friendly pages about Lord Russell in A DUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY, scheduled for publication in 1977.

(25)

WARREN ALLEN SMITH received the following letter from BR, dated 2/24/51:

Dear Mr. Smith:

You ask me whether I call myself a Scientific Humanist or a Naturalistic Humanist. I am not in the habit of giving myself labels. I should not have any inclination to call myself a humanist, as I think, on the whole, that the non-human part of the cosmos is much more interesting and satisfactory than the human part.

But if anybody feels inclined to call me a Humanist, I shall not bring an action for libel.

(26) An English bookseller's catalog contains this item:

RUSSELL (Bertrand) A highly important typescript letter, signed, to the novelist, Pamela Frankau, approximately 100 words on one page, (Wales), 22 Sep. 1960, concerning the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament of which he was President, declaring that the time has come to incite the nation to riot (or 'civil disobedience' to use his phrase) and informing her of the formation of 'the Committee of 100' for that purpose: a document proving to our mind that the boring old mathematician should have stuck to his sums. Together with Miss Frankau's reply (copy) declining to join. 50 pounds.

Our thanks to BOB DAVIS for this item.

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#### BR'S INFLUENCE

(27) Paddy Chayevsky — who wrote the screenplay for "Network", a movie satirizing TV that we recommend highly — "quoted Bertrand Russell" in an interview in The New York Times (11/14/76). The Times story did not say what Mr. Chayevsky had quoted, so we wrote him and asked. Here is part of his answer:

"The sentence of Bertrand Russell's which I paraphrased — rather than quoted — was a definition of the purpose of philosophy, which, as I recall, was to learn how to live with uncertainty."

One place where BR says this is in the chapter, "What is philosophy?" of the book, "Bertrand Russell Speaks His Mind" (22):

I think that the sort of philosophy I believe in is useful in this way: that it enables people to act with vigour when they are not absolutely certain that it is the right action. I think nobody should be certain of anything. If you're certain, you're certainly wrong, because nothing deserves certainty, and so one ought always to hold all one's beliefs with a certain element of doubt, and one ought to be able to act vigorously in spite of the doubt. After all, this is what a general does when he is planning a battle. He doesn't quite know what the enemy will do, but if he's a good general, he guesses right. If he's a bad general, he guesses wrong. But in practical life, one has to act upon probabilities, and what I should look to philosophy to do is to encourage people to act with vigour without complete certainty.

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#### BR QUOTED

(28) A gentleman. Cecil Porter's article from London, in "The San Francisco Examiner & Chronicle, Sunday Punch" (2/13/77) discusses the British aristocracy's traditional low opinion of "trade".

"For generations the only respectable ways to acquire wealth were to make war, to own land, or administer the law. As Philosopher Bertrand Russell said: 'A gentleman may use a sword but never a typewriter.'"

Thank you, AMY BLOCK.

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Item deleted.

## ASSESSMENTS OF BR

(30)

Off the Hook. In response to the Sidney Hook article, "Bertrand Russell the Man," in Commentary July 1976 (NL12-62), which describes BR as anti-semitic, BOB DAVIS has this to say:

I feel that Hook's charges were a tissue of distortions that could not have been accidental.

I wish to reply to the anti-semitism charge since a number of members appear to have accepted it. The charge is based on some rather poor underpinnings. Hook refers to a letter in which BR tells of staying in New York with Jewish friends, but that he "longed to be with the uncircumcized." To interpret this as anti-semitic is absurd -- the whole letter conveys a tone of respect and gratitude to the people involved. BR's "uncircumcized" statement was an off-hand way of saying he longed to be home with his own friends.

Hook also states that when BR made derogatory references to millionaires it was "always Jewish millionaires and never American or Indian millionaires." In point of fact, this is wrong. Anyone familiar with his letters and writings knows that "American millionaires" is a phrase Russell usually used.

Finally, Hook referred to BR's last public statement, which concerned Israel:

The aggression committed by Israel must be condemned, not only because no State has the right to annex foreign territory, but because every expansion is also an experiment to discover how much more aggression the world will tolerate... We are frequently told that we must sympathize with Israel because of the suffering of the Jews in Europe at the hands of the Nazis. I see in this suggestion no reason to perpetuate any suffering. What Israel is doing today cannot be condoned, and to invoke the horrors of the past to justify those of the present is gross hypocrisy.

This is not calculated to please Israeli supporters but is hardly anti-semitic.

At our Annual Meeting, several Jewish members who are familiar with BR's record in this area expressed their outrage at Hook's assertion.

To further repudiate Hook's charge, we are trying to get permission to run an article BR wrote in 1933. (See Item 32).

Hook went on to make similar distortions concerning women and the family. They are equally off the mark, but I won't go into that here. The recent issue of "Russell" (20: winter 75-76) has balanced that out a bit better.

A few words must be said about Mr. Hook. He and BR were old philosophical antagonists. I have in my library a book, The Meaning of Marx, 1934. It is the symposium in which BR first published his essay-speech, "Why I Am Not A Communist," at a time when Communism was very chic intellectually. Defending Communism was Sidney Hook. By the fifties, however, Hook had become a somewhat militant anti-communist. Throughout the 50s and 60s he was in conflict with the sort of positions BR adopted in international relations. I think quite frankly that this is the source of Mr. Hook's distortions of Russell on the matters that he chose to mention in his review. It was, in other words, a cheap shot.

Incidentally, Hook published an essay on Morris Cohen last summer at about the same time he attacked BR. In the Cohen article he managed to get around to labeling George Santayana as "an ill-concealed anti-semitic." This has been admirably refuted in American Scholar (December 1976). I wonder if Mr. Hook has a passion for this particular charge.

- (31) Revenge. DONG-IN BAE has this reaction to Sidney Hook's article in "Commentary"(NL12-62): "It is understandable that such an opportunistic and pseudo-humanistic technocrat as Sidney Hook must hate such a man as Bertrand Russell. In his article he is taking revenge for the passages about him in the Autobiography."

This is what is in the Autobiography (Vol.III,p 147):

Several years later Hook again attacked me publicly, but this time in such a manner that no comment from me was necessary. It amused me, however, that for his defense of "freedom" and his attack on my views on Vietnam, he chose as his vehicle a journal later admitted to be financed by the Central Intelligence Agency.

- (32) "Why Are Alien Groups Hated?" is the title of a BR essay in Everyman (10/6/33) that we are awaiting permission (from the BR Estate) to reproduce. It is impossible to believe that the man who wrote this essay was anti-semitic, Sidney Hook notwithstanding. Our thanks to HARRY RUJA, who sent us this essay.

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#### THE BRS AWARD

- (33) O'Hair. TOM TASKONIS writes: "In support of my nomination for our first annual award -- Madalyn Murry O'Hair -- I submit the following quote from BR, indicating that he would have agreed":

"Bertrand Russell was in correspondence with Dr. Madalyn O'Hair during the early 1960s, and was the single person of note in the world to come to her assistance during the times when she was being arrested and imprisoned. On December 4, 1965, he issued the following statement:

"The arbitrary arrest of Mrs. Madalyn Murray is outrageous. Her views as an Atheist are shared by the intellectual community of all countries, and her persecution cannot be tolerated.

"I urgently request the immediate release of this brave and entirely admirable woman.(Signed) Bertrand Russell.' The American Atheist, June 1976, p.3

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## CURRENT ATTITUDES

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Religious USA. "Gallup Poll Finds New Evidence of Pervasive Religious Character of U.S., With Only India More Committed," says the heading on a New York Times story on 9/11/76.

During a Presidential campaign in which Jimmy Carter's "born again" faith has helped raise curiosity about the nation's overall religious character, some new evidence from the Gallup poll indicates that the United States is as pervasively religious as it was a quarter century ago.

A survey of 60 non-Communist nations suggests that the United States professes a greater level of religious commitment than any other major industrialized society and ranks only behind India among all countries studied.

Compared to Europe, which spawned most of this nation's denominations, the gap is particularly striking. While 56 percent of Americans surveyed said that their religious beliefs were "very important", for example, only 27 percent of Western Europeans said the same.

Likewise, while 94 percent of Americans said that they believed in "God or a universal spirit," 78 percent of Western Europeans made that affirmation.

Asked if they believed in life after death, 69% of the American respondents said they did, a percentage point higher than a similar Gallup survey of Americans in 1948. Among Europeans, the same answer was provided by a high of 48 percent among Italians to a low of 33 percent among West Germans.

The figures attest both to the continuing central role of religion in America and to the decline of faith in Europe.

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An apparent disparity has developed in the last few years between private profession of faith and participation in organized religion. Most major denominations have suffered membership losses in recent years, particularly among the young. Although the sharp decline appears to have ended among most of these churches, the losses have been significant.

But there appears to be little support for those who, a decade ago, were predicting the demise of American spirituality under the weight of secularism. Since the "God is dead" movement and the radical turning away from religion by students of the 1960s, the nation has experienced a wave of evangelistic activity which has included succeeding generations of youth.

Our thanks to HERB LANSDELL.

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## OPINION

(35)

Tom. We have received a 4-page letter from TOM TASKONIS expressing a number of opinions, with some of which we disagree.

. The BRS should undertake to refute charges made against BR (such as Hook's charge of anti-semitism). We agree.

. Tom faults Hook for writing that BR hailed "the ruthless Leninist,



Ho Chi Minh, as a fighter for human freedom," and then, among other things, Tom denies that Lenin was ruthless. ("Hook does not actually call Lenin ruthless, but to combine the terms does" imply it.) "Lenin may have been, some say, opportunistic, perhaps even elitist, but certainly not ruthless." We disagree. ER met Lenin, and found him to be ruthless.

. Tom criticizes DONG-IN BAE for saying communism is undemocratic. "By definition, communism is democratic." "In the Soviet Union people vote just as they do here." We disagree.

. Tom enclosed a pamphlet, "Everything you always wanted to know about the Middle East conflict...but were afraid to ask", from the Middle East Coordinating Committee. It includes a paragraph by ER containing the sentence, "What Israel is doing today cannot be condoned." We agree (though you don't have to.)

These are merely excerpts, some perhaps out of context. We will lend \* Tom's whole letter on request.

#### NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

(36) Dong-In Bae. See Item 56.

(37) Don Jackanicz, who is working for his doctorate, has passed his orals. He is now working on his dissertation, tentatively titled, "The Place of Bertrand Russell in Intellectual History."

(38) Corliss Lamont. The (Sunday) New York Times Review of the Week on 1/10/77 contained a large ad headed:

To the American People  
The Carter Administration  
and The Congress

Vietnam  
A Time for Healing and Compassion

The ad advocated, among other things, direct negotiations between Washington and Hanoi, admission of Vietnam to the UN, lifting the embargo on American trade and travel to Vietnam, extending diplomatic recognition to Vietnam, economic aid for reconstruction of Vietnam, pardon for military deserters and those with less-than-honorable discharges, improvement of programs for Vietnam veterans.

Many of these steps seem likely to be taken, which must give considerable satisfaction to the ad's 19 signers. The bottom-line name was "Corliss Lamont, Author, Coordinator."

(39) \* John Sutcliffe took some excellent pictures of Penrhyndeudraeth during his visit there (NL12-29). They can be borrowed from the BRS Library.

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## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members:

Marie Bergman/1306 N. Orleans/ Bowling Green, OH 43402  
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 Paul Doudna/ 10644 Jesskamp Drive/Ferguson, MO 63136  
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(Corrections are underlined. A new address has no underlining.)

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## BULLETIN BOARD

(42)

Book distributor wanted. BOB DAVIS would like to find a North American distributor for the Spokesman Press, the publishing arm of the BR Peace Foundation (England). If anyone is interested, or knows of someone who might be, please notify Bob. (7025 W. Franklin #86, Hollywood, CA 90068.)

## QUESTIONS &amp; ANSWERS

- (43) Sartre. TOM TASKONIS had asked (NL12-42) about BR's opinion of Sartre. Here it is: "I think the Existentialist philosophy is pure nonsense, based intellectually on errors of syntax and emotionally upon exasperation." (Dear Bertrand Russell, Houghton Mifflin, Boston, 1969, p. 109.) Our thanks to BOB DAVIS.
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## CORRECTIONS

- (44) Poverty, not Pursuit. In NL12-44, when we recommended a recent book by Barry Commoner, we gave an incorrect title, "The Pursuit of Power." The correct title -- and a much better one -- is "The Poverty of Power."
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## BOOK REVIEWS

- (45) "The Life of Bertrand Russell" by Ronald W. Clark is reviewed by KATE TAIT in the latest issue of "Russell" (No.21-22). Not to be missed!

- (46) "Facing up to Nuclear Power", by John Francis and Paul Abrecht (editors). The Westminster Press, Philadelphia, 1976. \$3.95. Reviewed by J. B. NEILANDS:

This 244-page paperback is copyrighted by the World Council of Churches (WCC). The majority of the text is taken directly from the May, 1975 issue of Anticipation and represents a selection of the background papers presented at a Hearing on Nuclear Energy held at Sigtuna, Sweden, June 24-29, under the auspices of a sub-unit on Church and Society of the WCC.

The individual papers in this volume are relegated to six sections, namely, an introduction, the nuclear option, alternative energy sources, social ethics of nuclear power, a report to the churches and, finally, a summing up. There is an appendix consisting of a glossary of technical terms.

The WCC has attempted to assemble within this volume all points of view about nuclear power, both favorable and unfavorable. Alvin Weinberg, a well-known proponent, thinks the benefits are worth the price, which is eternal vigilance. Hannes Alfvén feels otherwise. A unique feature of this book is the section on global energy perspective wherein options for Latin America and Africa are considered. There is a fairly extensive discussion of radiological hazards and the relation of nuclear power to atomic weapons is explored in extenso.

Although the book is a balanced and self-contained review of nuclear power, two aspects of the process might have received further attention. Thus it would have enhanced the quality of the book to have included a section dealing with the abiologic nature of fission and fusion and the theory of its incompatibility with the life support system of the planet. Secondly, the book seems a little weak in politics and economics, at least within the American context. Full disclosures of the role of the AEC (now ERDA) as a huckster of nuclear power and the monopolization of uranium supplies by the energy industry would have been in order.

In spite of these limitations, *FACING UP TO NUCLEAR POWER* is an honest attempt to lay bare what is in store for a society about to go nuclear on a large scale. We owe it to ourselves, and especially to future generations, to become familiar with the arguments presented in this book. It is available on loan from the BRS Library, 3802 N. Kenneth Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60641.

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#### THE BRS LIBRARY

#### Report of the Library Committee (Don Jackanicz, Chairperson):

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Since the printing of the last Newsletter, the BRS Library has received an additional fifteen contributions from eleven individuals. This brings the collection to a total of forty-five items. During the same period, two items (Nos. 31 and 38) were borrowed. Again, it is quickly concluded that interest in contributing exceeds interest in borrowing. In my last report I suggested explanations of why so few members have borrowed. But I can now only repeat that the Library has been organized for convenient use by all interested members. As the Library continues to grow--and we should all be most grateful for this--an increasingly diverse collection is being made available. Now, for example, we can offer Russell's five most important works in mathematical philosophy, a field hitherto unrepresented. It can be reasonably supposed that in 1977 new subject areas, other rare or unusual books and articles, and more non-printed materials will find their place in the collection so that members will come to find the Library a vital part of the BRS.

It will be remembered that the first contribution to the Library was a film. In Newsletter 12 commercially available Russell films were described and a proposal was made that the BRS acquire the remaining six. Our one film has been used four times and will again be presented at the February Los Angeles meeting. But, as was mentioned last time, the other six films may soon be removed from active sales

catalogues. I strongly feel the BRS should obtain these films before the opportunity is lost. A complete or partial appropriation may be advisable. This will probably be discussed in Los Angeles. But members in a position to consider making a special donation toward their purchase might consider the value of acquiring these films. \$775.00 would be needed to buy all six films. Presently the Library has \$6.43 reserved for the purchase of materials. However, with this quite modest sum it can readily be seen how an appropriation or direct contributions are necessary. I trust that those agreeing that films of Russell would greatly enhance the BRS's resources will be willing to help.

As mentioned earlier (4), \$300 has been appropriated for the purchase of films. Don will choose the films to be bought.

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The 45. Here is a listing of the items in the BRS Library. When no author is mentioned, the work is by BR. The donor's name appears at the end.

1. Bertrand Russell Discusses Philosophy (film). Peter Cranford
2. Principles of Social Reconstruction. Don Jackanicz
3. Problems of Knowledge and Freedom, by Noam Chomsky. Don Jackanicz
4. The Right To Be Happy, by Dora Black Russell. Dan McDonald
5. The Political and Cultural Influence, an article in The Impact of America on European Culture. Bob Davis
6. Untitled contribution to Living Philosophies.
7. "Introduction" to The New Generation: The Intimate Problems of Modern Parents and Children. 1930. Bob Davis
8. Bertrand Russell Centennial Celebrations: Catalogue of the Exhibition (at McMaster). Dan McDonald
9. Roads to Freedom: Socialism, Anarchism and Syndicalism. Dan McDonald
10. A History of Western Philosophy. Lee Eisler
11. The Conquest of Happiness. Gary Slezak
12. New Hopes for a Changing World. Gary Slezak
13. Freedom versus Organization. Bob Davis
14. Dear Bertrand Russell. Dan McDonald
15. (item being checked)
16. "Russell on Religion" (essay) by Jack Pitt. Author.
17. Book review by Harry Rujá, of Bertrand Russell's Theory of Knowledge by Elizabeth R. Eames, and The Development of Bertrand Russell's Philosophy by Ronald Jager. Author
18. The Companionate Marriage by Ben B. Lindsey. Dan McDonald
19. Necessary Russell: An Introduction to the Life and Times of Bertrand Russell, by William Ready. Lee Eisler
20. 27 book reviews of Clark's The Life of Bertrand Russell, Dora Black Russell's The Tamarisk Tree: My Quest for Liberty, and Katharine Tait's My Father, Bertrand Russell — that appeared in various publications. Many donors
21. The Bitches' Brew or The Plot Against Bertrand Russell by Myra Buttle. Don Jackanicz
22. Russell in Review, J.E. Thomas and Kenneth Blackwell, editors. Papers from the McMaster Centenary Celebrations. The Bertrand Russell Archives

23. My Own Philosophy: A New Essay. 1946. The Bertrand Russell Archives
  24. The Life of Bertrand Russell in Pictures and His Own Words, compiled by Christopher Farley and David Hodgson. The Bertrand Russell Archives
  25. The Future of Science, with a "Self-Portrait" of the Author. Bob Davis
  26. Bertrand Russell's Philosophy, George Nakhnikian, editor. Papers from the Indiana University Russell Symposium, 1972. Publisher
  27. Mysticism and Logic. Dan McDonald
  28. The Autobiography of Bertrand Russell, Volume I. Dan McDonald
  29. Human Society in Ethics and Politics. Jim Martinson
  30. The Problems of Philosophy. Jim Martinson
  31. 4 papers from the BRS Psychology Symposium, 1976 The authors
  32. The Good Citizen's Alphabet. Lee Eisler
  33. Russell's Philosophy and the Modern Age by Tsutomu Makino. In Japanese. Author
  34. The Proceedings of the Bertrand Russell Memorial Logic Conference, Denmark 1971. Alan Slomson
  35. "Recollections of Three Hours with Bertrand Russell" by Lester E. Denonn. Author
  36. Introduction to Mathematical Philosophy. John Sutcliffe
  37. Principia Mathematica, Volume I. John Sutcliffe
  38. 15 color photographs from a visit to Penrhyndeudraeth, taken by John Sutcliffe.
  39. "The Labour Party's Foreign Policy", pamphlet, 1965. Peter Cranford
  40. Dictionary of Mind, Matter and Morals, Lester E. Denonn, editor. Peter Cranford
  41. "Pansychism versus Modern Materialism: Some Implications for an Ecological Ethics", unpublished paper by George Sessions. Author
  42. Principia Mathematica, Volume II. John Sutcliffe
  43. Principia Mathematica, Volume III. John Sutcliffe
  44. The Principles of Mathematics. John Sutcliffe
  45. "Psychosurgery: Some Ethical Considerations" and "INS Opinion about Psychosurgery", 2 papers by Herbert C. Lansdell. Author
- Plus 3.
46. Bertrand Russell Discusses Happiness (film). Peter Cranford, Lee Eisler, Don Jackanicz, The BRS Library, and The BRS Treasury
  47. Morals Without Mystery, by Lee Eisler. Author
  48. Bertrand Russell Speaks His Mind. 13 interviews. Publisher

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## BRS BUSINESS

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BRS aims. First, we would like to express our thanks to those who sent us their suggestions and comments: BAE, CRANFORD, DAVIS, EASTMAN, EISLER, JACKANICZ, MULL, NEILANDS, PARKER, SUTCLIFFE and TAIT.

The Directors have agreed that the statement as to aims should be brief. This is the statement:

The BRS aim is to promote BR's purposes.

This short statement has a very long reach, and can encompass many things. It covers: spreading BR's views; working for things he worked for; learning more about him; promoting appreciation of his life and actions; promoting Russell scholarship; promoting communication among Russell admirers, etc.

Here are some current BRS activities that help promote Russell's purposes:

- . The BRS Library -- promotes knowledge about, and understanding of, BR and his views.
- . The APA (philosophy) annual session -- promotes Russell scholarship.
- . The APA (psychology) session, which will probably be annual -- spreads BR's views on human behavior among psychologists.
- . The BRS Fellowship Travel Grant (new) -- encourages BR scholarship.
- . the soon-to-start Amnesty International tie-in -- to relieve oppression of political prisoners, a cause to which BR devoted much effort.

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Having said this, we cannot resist quoting Kate Tait's statement on aims:

The BRS serves a useful function in putting Russell-admirers in touch with other admirers, helping them learn more about Russell, and encouraging them to do some of the things he used to do.

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## NEWSLETTER MATTERS

(52)

This issue is late. Though dated February 1977, it will actually be mailed in April. We regret the delay, and intend to get back (gradually) to our regular quarterly schedule. The 4 annual issues bear the dates February, May, August, and November.

## ABOUT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- (53) The Society for Philosophy and Psychology had its 3rd annual conference scheduled for March 18-20, 1977 at the University of Pittsburgh, with a program in these areas: (1) mental representation; (2) problems of psychoanalysis; (3) moral psychology. For further information about this Society, ask HERB LANSDELL (Dr. Herbert C. Lansdell, 8412 Harker Drive, Potomac, MD 20854.
- (54) AHA. A news release from the American Humanist Association (9/24/76) advises that they have received \$136,000 in grants (from the Rockefeller Foundation and the Veatch Program), toward the production of a "new educational public affairs series of 26 color TV programs, titled 'Ethics in American Society'." It will explore "the ethical condition of the major institutions of American life, i.e., government, business, industry, the professions (education, law, medicine, journalism), the sciences, international relations and the personal and family ethic." The new series was spurred by the success of an earlier series, "The Humanist Alternative", consisting of 39 half-hour programs (in one of which, incidentally, ALBERT ELLIS participated), which was aired by approximately 225 public and commercial TV stations. Tentative release date of the new series is Spring 1977.
- (55) KBRS. DONG-IN BAE has formed the Korean Bertrand Russell Society. (The KBRS is located in West Germany and hopes one day to be located in a democratic Korea.) He formed it with "a very few Korean families also living in West Germany, and one German student of law." The KBRS has devised a constitution (called a "Statute"), and has issued a Manifesto, "For the Building Up of Social Democracy in Korea," setting forth its aims and ideals. It contains many references to BR, and includes the following sentence: "In South Korea there must be immediately abolished above all the antidemocratic-totalitarian-fascistic dictatorship of Yushin-terror-regime, and a true democratic society, in which freedom, justice and love will prevail, must be built up." Dong-In is the KBRS's President. Its address is Nassestr. 26, 5000 Koeln 41, West Germany. The KBRS has sent us copies of its new publication, "The Torch" (No. 1, March 1977. 78 pages.) It is written mostly in Korean and German, but some parts are in English, including the following:
- . BR's "A Liberal Decalog" (p. 5)
  - . A BR quote from Ideas That Have Harmed Mankind: "The general aim of the democrat is to substitute government by general assent for government by force, but this requires a population that has undergone a certain kind of training." (p. 20)
  - . A letter to Vice-President Mondale, on the occasion of Mondale's recent visit to Bonn, regretting previous American administrations' support of Korean President Park Chung Hee, and expressing satisfaction in the Carter Administration's statements on human rights. (p.44)
  - . The Society's Constitution and Manifesto. (pp.72 and 74)

\* "The Torch" can be borrowed from the BRS Library.



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P.S.

Three items are being mailed along with this Newsletter:

- . The BRS Membership List, as of 1/1/77. (Item 15)
- . "The Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, Its Aims and its Work"(16-page pamphlet)
- . A memo from Lee Eisler, seeking a Co-Chairperson for the Membership Committee