

NEWSLETTER #16  
November 1977

- (1) Medvedev at Berkeley November 22nd(2). BRS at APA (philosophy) December 28th (3). Next Annual Meeting (4). Directors elected (12). "BR and God" (13). Reston column (17). New name wanted for Newsletter (47). 4-Year Index (56). An asterisk in the left column indicates a request.
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COMING EVENTS

- (2) Medvedev. As mentioned previously (NL15-5), Dr. Zhores A. Medvedev has accepted the BRS Science Committee's invitation to give a talk at Berkeley, on November 22nd, at 4 P.M., on radioactive contamination of the environment in the USSR. For background on Dr. Medvedev, see (58).  
An informal evening meeting with Dr. Medvedev, for members and friends of the BRS, is contemplated.  
Bob Davis will probably send a brief note to California members, giving further details.  
Members who think they may attend should so notify Bob or Joe Neilands -- especially members outside the California area. (Bob Davis, 7025 W. Franklin #86, Hollywood, CA 90068. Professor J. B. Neilands, Dept. of Biochemistry, U. of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.)
- (3) BRS at APA. The BRS Philosophy Committee's Symposium at the meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division) takes place the morning of December 28, 1977, at the Park-Sheraton Hotel, Washington, D.C. The Symposium is an annual event.
- (4) Next Annual Meeting will be at the Russell Archives, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, May 19-20, 1978. More on this in President Bob Davis' report (6a).
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REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

- (5) Chairman Peter G. Cranford reports:

One of the hard facts of life is that the humanist movement is staggering at the moment...both here and in England. Some of this is due to a lack of money, but the primary problem has been that humanism has not been able to supply the philosophical needs heralded by the revolt of youth in the 1960's. The latest issue of "The New Humanist" documents the situation rather well in an article by Colin Campbell in Towards a Humanist Vision (May/August 77).

What this means for the rational movement is that the promotion of rationality may have to become more rational. I think the BRS is on a track which has more promise than the traditional humanistic one. Attacks on mysticism do not seem to attract adherents. There is some accumulating evidence that mysticism has a psychobiological basis and its habitat is in the right hemisphere of the brain. Before we can deal with it, we will certainly have to understand it. However we may not be able to wait on this kind of research. We may have to operate with faith that our use of Russell as a tentative model is as good as we can do at the moment. Certainly he is an inspiration to many of our members - as they have so indicated on the questionnaire we send them when they become members.

The task we originally set for ourselves: to wit "to spread his ideas" remains the same. I am convinced it is the rock upon which an applied philosophy can be built. On a personal basis I am continuing to do this in the local area. I have purchased one of Russell's films, "Russell Speaks on Happiness", and by the time this newsletter is printed I will have shown it to audiences at Fort Gordon, Georgia and at the Augusta Public Library. Don Jackanicz purchased the film for me at a price of \$130.00. I sent a contribution for the same amount to our treasurer with the provision that it be applied to the purchase. I also stipulated that the film was the property of BRS on indefinite loan to me. The film is followed by a questions and answer period. This is something others might wish to do.

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Jack Pitt and I have concurred on a joint plan to establish a science of applied philosophy. In its present stage we are seeking an audience with Dr. Peter Bourne and Mrs. Carter to ask for funds for a feasibility study. The chief levers will be the philosophical vacuum in the schools and the use of some 2500 unemployed philosophers to promote the study and practice of ethical values. We envisage the use of other professions in developing the science.

As soon as we have the money, I strongly recommend that we call for volunteers to work on the matter of financing BRS. I have been accumulating sources and basic literature as to the ways in which non-profit organizations can successfully raise money. I don't think that volunteers alone can do the job. There should be some pay, plus a fair percentage of the money that is raised.

As Lee will no doubt mention, three members have already made some provision in their wills for BRS.

#### President Bob Davis reports:

(6a)

The 1978 Annual Meeting will be held at the Russell Archives, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, the 3rd weekend in May (May 19-20). I selected this date, after consulting with the Board and other members, because May is a good month for using McMaster facilities, especially the dormitory rooms for those who may wish to. This particular weekend avoids the Memorial Day weekend, and being late in May, seems to avoid some academic dating problems. Also, the 18th will be BR's 106th birthday.

I hope this will be our best meeting yet. We will have all the resources of the Archives to draw on. The bulk of the membership -- from Chicago to New England -- is within reasonable driving distance. I have an offer from Lester Denonn -- editor of several of BR's books, including "The Basic Writings of Bertrand Russell" -- to give a talk, "Roaming in my Russell Library". Lester Denonn has one of the finest private collections of Russell literature in the world. I hope to have several

\* speakers of this caliber at the Meeting. Any suggestions about other speakers would be welcome.

The next Newsletter will give more details about the Meeting, including available facilities. Scholars should be able to do research at this time, at the Archives, which may make them eligible for grants; at the very least, their expenses would be tax-deductible.

(6b) I would like, from time to time, to relay information on ER's views on questions of current interest that might not be generally known.

The first such issue is that of the Panama Canal, which promises to develop into a rather heated and possibly violent international controversy. ER had the following to say in the chapter, "Pros and Cons of Nationalism" (p. 130-1) in "Fact and Fiction" (1962):

Political theory at the present time has no clear principles by which to decide the delimitation between the sphere of nationalism and the sphere of internationalism. The need of hitherto unrecognized principles has been made particularly evident by the dispute about the Suez Canal. Taking the matter first in the abstract and without regard to current disputes, it is evident that mankind as a whole have an interest in keeping open the routes of commerce and that, where a general interest is involved, it is not right or just that any one nation, or even any two or three, should have exclusive control. But this is never evident to those who, at any moment, have such control. The British had control of Suez and in some degree of Gibraltar; the Americans have control of Panama. It did not occur to us that there was anything unjust in this. On the contrary, we felt ourselves so wise and good that everybody ought to rejoice in having anything so important in our hands. The view which Colonel Nasser has proclaimed is, from the standpoint of principle, the same as that which Britain formerly proclaimed: namely, that there is no injustice in having the canal managed by one power. It should be generally admitted that anything so internationally important as the Suez Canal or the Panama Canal should be under an international authority. The claim that those who happen to live on its bank should have the right to inflict enormous damage upon those who live elsewhere is one in which there is no justice. One might as well claim that two people who live opposite each other on Fifth Avenue should have the right to put a wall across the street. But there is another over-riding principle more important than the rights and wrongs of any particular dispute. It is that in a world of nuclear weapons no dispute must be settled by war except when a decision has been reached by an international authority and resistance to its decision is easily quelled. These conditions do not exist in the Suez dispute and therefore whoever threatens war as a means of deciding it is an enemy of mankind.

I find this a convincing and sane argument, and believe it unfortunate that we did not move in this direction. "Fact and Fiction" is an interesting though obscure book of essays that provides much of ER's thoughts on political questions of the 50s.

(6c)

The 2nd question is that of homosexual or "gay" rights, which is proving to be a question of interest and conflict. BR did not discuss this, to my knowledge, in any great depth. There are some unfavorable comments about BR's views on the subject vis-a-vis such people as Lytton Strachey, John Maynard Keynes, and Ludwig Wittgenstein. However, these views indicate disapproval of such things as Strachey and Keynes using their positions in the Apostles discussion club at Cambridge to woo freshmen. BR also called it "sterile" from a reproductive point of view; which scarcely seems a controversial opinion. The direct comments by BR that I can find are as follows:

Dear Bertrand Russell (p. 120): "My attitude toward homosexuality is that it should be regarded no differently from heterosexual relations — it is a matter only for the people immediately concerned..."

A June 1954 Letter to the Editor of The Twentieth Century: "Sir, I wish to express my very complete agreement with the letter from Mr. Bernard Wall published by you in May 1954. I do not think that making homosexuality a crime serves any purpose except to relieve the vindictive feelings of people who have failed to understand the right principles of the criminal law. Homosexuality of adults with mutual consent is a private matter in which society has no legitimate interest. There is no better reason for punishing it than for punishing extra-marital heterosexual intercourse. Most continental countries recognize this, and I earnestly hope that the English law may before long become equally humane"

The pamphlet, A Meeting in Honour of Bertrand Russell 1872-1970, which relates the events of a memorial for BR, contains the information that the minister heading the Homosexual Law Reform Society was on the dais, and that BR had been "a member of the Honorary Committee of the HLRS and a consistent supporter in his writings and in many other ways." I have written this minister for information on this aspect of BR's work, but have not yet received a reply.

(6d)

On a different subject, I would like to refer you to Carl Sagan's new book, The Dragons of Eden, concerning the evolution of intelligence. He quotes BR as stating, with regard to the development of polymaths, that "the development of such gifted individuals required a childhood period in which there was little or no pressure for conformity, a time in which the child could develop and pursue his or her own interests no matter how unusual or bizarre. Because of the strong pressures for social conformity both by the government and by peer groups in the United States — and even more so in the Soviet Union, Japan, and the People's Republic of China — I think that such countries are producing proportionately fewer polymaths."

(6e)

As acting head of the Universal Human Rights Committee, I am including a copy of the Helsinki accords. These accords are the focal point of much of the rights struggle in the Eastern European nations. The accords call for their wide dissemination by the signatories. Russia, interestingly enough has a better record in this matter than most of the West, since they ran them in full in Pravda. The U.S. in particular has been remiss in this. At any rate, this is a partial correction, and I hope you find the pamphlet of some interest and importance.

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## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(7) Library Committee (Don Jackanicz, Chairperson):

See (39,40).

Membership Committee (Lee Eisler Chairperson, Beverly Smith, Co-Chairperson)

(8a) Advertising. The recent ads in "Atlas" have produced inquiries and members; we expect to use "Atlas" in 1978. We will probably drop "Human Behavior". We are testing ads in "The Nation".

(8b) Welcome Packet. For the benefit of members who joined long ago, and for the record, here is what today's Welcome Packet — which is sent to new members when they enroll — contains: (1) Letter of Welcome (R5 9/77), (2) the Russell book-list by Blackwell, (3) the 1975 Report on Courses on ER, (4) the BRS Bylaws, (5) the BRS Directors' Bylaws, (6) the BRS Questionnaire, and (7) BRS Newsletters of the current year (if none yet issued this year, then last year's.)

(8c) Membership analysis and statistics: see (27,28).

(9) Philosophers' Committee (Edwin E. Hopkins, Chairperson):

Everything is set for the BRS/APA meeting in Washington, D.C. on 12/28/77. We reproduce the Program (55) and abstracts of the papers (53,54).

Next year's meeting (December 1978) will be in Philadelphia. I have already sent a call for papers to The Journal of Philosophy, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, The Review of Metaphysics, Russell, The Southern Journal of Philosophy, and The American Philosophical Association.

(10) Universal Human Rights Committee (Bob Davis, Acting Chairperson):

We are distributing, with this Newsletter, a 28-page "Bulletin Reprint" from The Department of State, titled, "Conference on Security in Europe: Final Act, Helsinki, 1975," referred to in (6e) as the "Helsinki accords". Section VII on Page 3 is headed: "Respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedoms of thought, conscience, religion or belief."

## PROMOTING ER AND THE BRS

(11) Library movie. PETER CRANFORD arranged to show the film, "Bertrand Russell Discusses Happiness," at the Augusta Library. "About 80 people attended. There was much discussion of the film, of ER himself and of the happiness problem. A successful event," says Peter.

## THE MEMBERS VOTE

- (12) Directors elected. The ERS was caught in a bind in this election. We wanted all 6 Candidates to be Directors, but our Bylaws permitted only 5. (The Bylaws limit us to a maximum of 15 Directors, and we already had 10.) The Bylaws can be amended; that requires a vote of the membership. We will propose amending the Bylaws, to increase the maximum from 15 to perhaps 30, at the next Annual Meeting (May 1978). If the amendment carries, then by the time of the next election (August 1978), it will no longer be necessary for the ERS to deprive itself of the services of good people because of Bylaw restrictions.

The following were elected by mail ballot, for 3-year terms starting 1/1/78: ED HOPKINS, DON JACKANICZ, JACK PITT, WARREN SMITH, KATE TAIT.

- As for "voter turnout", it was — in a word — miserable. 89% of the members did not vote. That's even worse than last year's poor showing of 83%. What can we do to get more members to vote? We'd welcome your  
\* ideas on this.
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## ABOUT BERTRAND RUSSELL

- (13) "Bertrand Russell and God: A Memoir" is the title of a short article by Leo Rosten, for Saturday Review/World several years ago (2/23/74). We reproduce it (52).

(Thank you, Rosemarie Lev.)

- (14) "Six Men" by Alistair Cooke (Knopf, New York, 1977) devotes one of its six sections — 26 pages — to BR. Cooke, though not without admiration for BR, seems not to really like him, and writes about him in a belittling way. It is a well-written piece, interesting all the way, and an antidote for Russell-idolatry.

- (15) Favorite song.

"...I am 14 years old...One of my hobbies is collecting the names of the favorite songs of famous people..."

"Thank you very much for your letter. My favorite song is 'Sweet Molly Malone', who sings of the streets of London."

Dear Bertrand Russell, ed. Feinberg & Kasrils,  
Houghton Mifflin, Boston, 1969, p. 140

Here are the words:

In Dublin's fair city, where the girls are so pretty,  
'Twas there that I first met sweet Molly Malone.  
She wheeled her wheel barrow through the streets broad and narrow  
Cryin' "Cockles and Mussels alive, alive-o!"

She was a fishmonger, but sure 'twas no wonder,  
 For so were her mother and father before,  
 And they each pushed their wheel barrow  
                   through the streets broad and narrow  
 Cryin' "Cockles and Mussels alive, alive-o!"

She died of a "faver", and no one could save her,  
 And there was the end of sweet Molly Malone;  
 Her ghost wheels her barrow through streets broad and narrow  
 Cryin' "Cockles and Mussels alive, alive-o!"

Folksinger's Wordbook

Oak Publications, New York, 1973

(Thank you, Bob Davis.)

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#### ER'S INFLUENCE

(16)

Testimonial. Occasionally when new members enroll, they tell us about their feelings of indebtedness to ER. Here is a recent instance, one we find particularly interesting:

I well remember May 18, 1972 -- Russell's one hundredth birthday. He was no longer around to receive a card, so I ordered a chocolate cake bearing the inscription, "Happy 100th Russell". My family and friends and I ate it, drank some wine, swapped some stories, and had a jolly good time.

Bertrand Russell was the first thinker of any weight I encountered. I was about 13, if memory serves me, when I learned of him through his autobiography. I was led, of course, on to his other writings. Thanks to their moral force, clarity, energy and breadth, Russell's books awakened me to the big wide world, and now I too am interested in just about everything. I don't suppose I've thought about him for more than 10 minutes in the last couple of years, apart from reading Clark's biography, because my mind has been on a million other things; but it is to Russell that I owe my enthusiasm for learning and for using knowledge toward a worthwhile end. I am now a student of microbiology. If the human race some day allows me to serve it, that will be the climax of a journey stretching back to when I discovered Bertrand Russell.

I was very pleased, then, to learn of your Society. For Russell -- for his brilliance and courage, for his force and clarity, for his breadth and curiosity; above all, for his ability to think and act -- I have nothing but blissful affection.

Sincerely yours,  
 Greg Beaulieu

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## BR QUOTED

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This is James Reston's column in The New York Times of 8/12/77:

## Silly Season Samples

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11—"I venture to propose for the reader's favorable consideration," Bertrand Russell once wrote, "a doctrine which may, I fear, appear wildly paradoxical and subversive. The doctrine in question is this: That it is undesirable to believe a proposition when there is no ground whatsoever for supposing it true."

We fished this out of an old Silly Season file the other day when Chicago began talking about a World Series between the Cubs and the White Sox, and finally decided to reprint it after reading some recent hot-weather stunners.

- Beame insists New York Will Balance Budget.
- Carter Says Welfare Plan Will End Corruption.
- Brezhnev Backs Human Rights.
- Lance Says Everything Okay.
- Republicans Seek Liberal Candidates.

Now, there is no evidence whatever for supposing that all these things are true. You might as well announce that "Boys Don't Like Pretty Girls,"

but for some quirky human reason, the Russell Doctrine and others like it never seem to gain much ground.

Take the case of the Chief Justice of the United States, Warren Burger. He is, presumably, no admirer of Lord Russell, whose views on sex were somewhat advanced and on pacifism somewhat retarded, but Mr. Justice Burger came up a while ago with an equally radical proposal. This was: That it is undesirable for the President or the Congress to propose new laws without providing enough judges to administer those laws.

His judicial judgment, put forward with the utmost courtesy, was that if the White House and the Congress insisted that industry submit to "impact statements" (a fancy phrase for considering what you were doing), maybe the Executive and Legislative branches should do the same. This produced quite a hiccup here and was regarded as the silliest suggestion since Barry Goldwater proposed that the country get up enough scratch to pay its bills.

For example, the President has just proposed to legalize the millions of illegal aliens in this country, with full social benefits including welfare payments for those who have been here since 1970. But he made no provision for the cost or "impact" of these people and their families on the budgets of New York or Los Angeles.

Or consider Secretary of State Vance's recent trip to the Middle East. He knew before he left that the Israelis would say "No to the P.L.O."—they have been saying it in italic Caps for months—but he's now saying before flying off to China that the problems of territory and representation in the Middle East should be left to the foreign ministers, whose power is even less visible than their names.

The defiance of the Russell Doctrine of rational skepticism is not to be explained by the excessive summer heat or by any United States monopoly of national pride. As Russell says, nationalism is an extreme example of passionate belief in narrow and doubtful political beliefs and illusions.

For example, there is "no ground whatever" for supposing that Mexico can go on doubling its population and

unemployment every generation and exporting its talented but workless people to the United States without provoking a really serious crisis in United States-Mexican relations within the new few years.

Or that René Lévesque can separate Quebec from Canada without risking the dismemberment of that great country and disrupting the friendly and essential economic and military relations of North America. But these things are happening without regard to Russell's Doctrine that "it is undesirable to believe a proposition when there is no ground whatever for supposing it true."

"The skepticism I advocate," Russell said, "amounts only to this: (1) that when the experts are agreed, the opposite opinion cannot be held to be certain; (2) that when they are not agreed, no opinion can be regarded as certain by non-experts; and (3) that when they all hold that no sufficient grounds for a positive opinion exist, the ordinary man would do well to suspend his judgment."

Russell suggested that while these propositions may seem mild, yet, if accepted, they would absolutely revolutionize human life. "I am also aware," he said, "that [they] would diminish the incomes of clairvoyants, bookmakers, bishops [he should have added columnists] and others who live on the irrational hopes of those who have done nothing to deserve good fortune here or hereafter."

Even so, he stuck to the moral of his fable:

**"IT IS UNDESIRABLE TO BELIEVE A PROPOSITION WHEN THERE IS NO GROUND FOR SUPPOSING IT TRUE."**

\* What is the source of Reston's quotation?



- (18) "Monogamous mammals are hard to find" is the opening sentence of an article by M. G. Riegel, in Science News (Vol. 112, 7/30/77, p. 76), titled "Monogamous Mammals". The 3-page article closes with a BR quote from Marriage and Morals: "Uninhibited civilized people, whether men or women, are generally polygamous in their instincts."

(Thank you, HERB VOGT.)

- (19) BR quoted and rebuked.

"This [Chinese] faculty of organizing small islands of happiness, even in seas of the direst hardship, has always roused the wondering admiration of foreign observers. Bertrand Russell, who visited China in 1920, noted this feature and earned a stinging retort from Lu Hsün. About an excursion near the Western Lake, in Hangchow, Russell has written: 'I remember one hot day when a party of us were crossing the hills in chairs — the way was rough and very steep, and work for the coolies very severe. At the highest point of our journey, we stopped for ten minutes to let the men rest. Instantly they all sat in a row, brought out their pipes, and began to laugh among themselves as if they had not a care in the world.'

"To this Lu Hsün replied tartly, and his answer, like everything he wrote, is singularly apt today: 'As for Russell, who praises the Chinese after seeing smiling porters at the Western Lake, I do not know exactly what he is driving at. I do know one thing: if the porters had been able not to smile at those whom they carried, China would have long since been out of its present rut.'"

All the above comes from "Chinese Shadows: Bureaucracy, Happiness, History," by Simon Leys, in "The New York Review of Books" (6/9/77), p. 23. The Russell quote is from "The Problem of China" (London, 1926). The Lu Hsün quote is from "Lu Hsün ch'üan-chi" (Peking, 1963) p. 316.

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#### ASSESSMENTS OF BR

- (20) Alden Whitman, chief obituary writer for "The New York Times," 1964-1976 writes:

Of those now safely dead, I can pick out a dozen for whom it was a pleasure to say a final word: ... Bertrand Russell, because he dared to envision a better, more rational humanity..."

For the rest of Whitman's dozen, see "11 Years on the Death Watch" by Alden Whitman, in "More, The Media Magazine" (September 1977).

(Thank you, DON JACKANICZ.)

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## NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

- (21) Peter Cranford wrote this Letter to the Editor, which "The Atlanta Constitution" published on 8/25/77:

I should like to comment on Billy Carter's statement ascribed to his mother that he is smarter than his brother, Jimmy.

It may well be that he is right in the sense that he might perform better on an I.Q. test or that he would be superior in an exchange of repartee, or that he would be shrewder in a business deal. Regardless of such activities, he would not necessarily be smarter in the real sense.

One of the "smartest" people I knew was an alcoholic, gradually destroying his brain jigger by jigger and then did it completely by killing both his wife and himself.

When I was chief clinical psychologist at Georgia State Hospital some 25 years ago, I got together about 15 people to assist me on a research project. Most of them had I.Q.'s of 120 to 154. They were all patients.

The truth of the matter is that intelligence measured by "smartness" is of very little value. Real intelligence is judgment embodied in useful knowledge, a good set of emotions, habits of diligence, a reasonable dedication to altruism, and a minimum of self-destructiveness.

It's clearly apparent that if we accept this latter concept of intelligence, which most psychologists agree upon, there is no way that Billy can compare himself with Jimmy. Perhaps he can some day if he can manage to repeat the birth process.

- (22) Albert Ellis. See (35).

- (23) Peter Houchin, our member in Edinburgh, a specialist in 18th Century English literature, locates and sells 18th Century books of scholarly interest. Bob Davis has asked Peter to find items related to the Russell family. Two of these have appeared in the Newsletter: the cause of death of the Earl of Bedford's wife (NL4-35), and the strange case of Elizabeth Russell, in this issue (41). Bob writes:

He has just sent me a first edition of "The Life of William Lord Russell" (the Russell beheaded by Charles II in 1683) by Lord John Russell (HR's grandfather). He has also sent "Letters of Lady Rachel Russell" — the widow of William. He has another edition of Lady Rachel, the 6th, in 8 volumes, 3 engravings, in calf leather, published in 1801. Cost £ 16 (\$28). There is a first edition (1784) of plays by William Hayley, calf and marbled board, that includes a play about William Russell, "Lord Russell: A Tragedy", Price £38 (\$66.50). Anyone interested should mail me a check made out to Octodecimo Books. (Bob Davis, 7025 W. Franklin #86, Hollywood, CA 90068.)

- (24) Corliss Lamont wrote this Letter to the Editor, which The New York Times published on 8/7/77:

The Times has rendered an important service by exposing the close and improper ties between the American Civil Liberties Union and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. As a member of the board of directors of the A.C.L.U. I myself was caught in this web of intrigue because officers of the organization were worried about the absurd rumor that I was

a member of the Communist Party.

So it was that in the early 1950's Patrick Malin, then executive director of the A.C. L. U., reported to a full meeting of the board: "I was down in Washington a few days ago and dropped in on J. Edgar Hoover at the F.B.I. I asked him whether Corliss Lamont was a member of the Communist Party, and he said, 'No'." I protested Mr. Malin's little interview as clearly violating the A.C.L.U.'s principle of functioning on an entirely independent political basis. But no other member of the board present raised the slightest objection.

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(25) NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome these new members:

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### MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS AND STATISTICS

- (27) 2 out of 3 return Questionnaires. Of the 44 new members who enrolled during the first 9 months of 1977, 29 — 2 out of 3 — have returned the BRS Questionnaire. We would like to improve this statistic, since we find the Questionnaire quite useful. If you have never sent us your
- \* Questionnaire, please consider doing so. If you can't locate your Questionnaire, Bev Smith will send you another. Her address: 74 Montaine Park, Rochester, NY 14617.
- (28) Some membership statistics. There were 172 members of the BRS on 10/15/77 (not including honorary members). 143 (83%) were male, 29 (17%) were female. 56 (33%) were students. 24 (14%) were on the staffs of colleges and university.

Here it is, in another form:

|        | <u>non-academic</u> | <u>academic</u> | <u>students</u> | <u>totals</u>     |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Male   | 75                  | 21              | 47              | 143 (83%)         |
| Female | 17                  | 3               | 9               | 29 (17%)          |
|        | <u>92 (53%)</u>     | <u>24 (14%)</u> | <u>56 (33%)</u> | <u>172 (100%)</u> |

There are, incidentally, 4 husband-and-wife couples.

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### BULLETIN BOARD

- (29) First editions to swap. "I have been an avid reader of Russell's works for the past 15 years and have recently begun collecting his books in first editions," writes THOMAS STANLEY. "I wonder if any members would be interested in swapping duplicates." His address: Box 336, Hartford, VT 05047.
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### FOR SALE

- (30) BRS stationery for members? Across the top of "official" BRS stationery, used by officers and chairmen, is a BR quotation. One member liked it so much that he wanted it on the stationery he uses.
- If a sufficient number of members are interested, we will print stationery for members' use. This is what it would say:

Across the top of the page, the quotation:

"The good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge."\*  
Bertrand Russell

At the bottom of the page:

\*Motto of The Bertrand Russell Society, Inc.

The rest of the page — white, 8½ x 11 — would be blank. Paper quality: average.

If interested, send your check for \$3 for 100 sheets to the Newsletter. If enough members are interested, we will print; otherwise we will return your check. The price includes postage (about \$1).

- (31) Spokesman Books. For titles and prices, see NL15-27.
- (32) "The Tamarisk Tree" by Dora Russell. Good book, good buy. See NL14-31.
- (33) 18th Century books from Peter Houchin. See (23).
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#### CORRECTIONS

- (34) The Terkel interview (NL15-12,44): the corrected year is 1962.
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#### RECOMMENDED READING

- (35) "Exuberance: A Philosophy of Happiness" by Paul Kurtz (Editor-in-Chief of "The Humanist") is reviewed by ALBERT ELLIS in "The Humanist" (September/October 1977). He ends his review with these words: "Most philosophers have had surprisingly little to say about the philosophy of happiness. But Kurtz, like John Dewey and Bertrand Russell, has a great deal to say in this connection — practically all of it well worth reading."
- (36a) Encyclopedia Britannica, 14th Edition (1930) has a good write-up of BR, according to Lee Eisler
- (36b) "Bertrand Russell Speaks His Mind". Lee Eisler recommends it as a good introduction to BR for beginners
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## BOOKS IN WORK

(37)

Dora Russell has finished writing her latest book "and already I feel I must revise it!

"I was grateful to Joy Corbett for her remarks about the school (NL13-23), and to the ERS for printing them. I am quoting the part about freedom, in the last chapter of my book, duly acknowledged to the ERS Newsletter. ...she said just what was important to say about freedom and what I said happened in the school."

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## OBITUARY

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Rupert Crawshay-Williams, author of "Russell Remembered", as reported in "The Daily Mail" (England), 6/16/77:

Author Rupert Crawshay-Williams carried a solemn secret with him on his last routine journey to the village shops.

To the neighbors and friends he stopped to chat to, everything about the tall distinguished philosopher appeared normal.

But in his mind, he was turning over the final details of his death and that of his beloved wife, Elizabeth, desperately ill with an incurable paralyzing disease.

That night the devoted couple swallowed sleeping pills and lay in each other's arms reading a shared book and waiting for death.

...  
Last night, the author's sister, Lady Greenwood, revealed that the couple who couldn't face life without each other had long planned to die together.

Lady Greenwood, wife of Anthony Greenwood, the former Labour Cabinet Minister, made a life peer in 1970, said: "I think it was a beautiful thing to do.

"They had been married 45 years and adored each other. Only three weeks ago my brother told friends he could not live without her."

She added: "We often talked about death and going together. I used to ask Rupert if he would have the courage when the time came. Elizabeth used to join in the conversations..."

...  
He was a close personal friend of the late philosopher and nuclear disarmament campaigner, Bertrand Russell.

Lord Russell had a mansion only 100 yards away from Mr. Crawshay-Williams' cottage, and in 1970 the author published a book on his reminiscences of his friend, titled "Russell Remembered."

...  
Mr. Crawshay-Williams was closely linked to the rationalist wing of the Humanist Movement.

Followers believe in voluntary euthanasia and in the right of individuals to decide when and where to end their own lives, as long as others are not hurt.

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(Thank you, JOHN SUTCLIFFE.)

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## THE BRS LIBRARY

(39)

Don Jackanicz, Chairperson of the Library Committee, reports:

As the second anniversary of its creation approaches, it can be said that the BRS Library is fulfilling its promise. Of course much more can be done and, hopefully, will be done. But, over this short time, the Library's development does appear to have been sound.

The resource of a growing collection of diverse materials is available to members. A book sales program has been begun. With the Library's films (recently circulating in Colombia, Georgia, and California) numerous viewers have been introduced to Russell. Inquiries of non-members have been answered. All of this makes membership in the BRS more worthwhile and helps to broaden public awareness of Russell and the BRS. For members, though, there is another benefit being realized: not only can one borrow, one can contribute to the Library. While some are more active than others in BRS activities, every member can consider making a book or some other item available to others or donating an amount of money, large or small, for the purchase of rather expensive materials, especially films. If you are uncertain how to become involved in the BRS, one suggestion is to remember the Library.

Individuals contributing materials and money to the Library during this last quarter are heartily thanked. Again, all members are encouraged to use the collection whenever desired. And, as some members have done, all are invited to order publications at a discount. By buying these materials, one both obtains a quality item at substantial savings and aids the BRS Treasury.

In the last Newsletter I promised to prepare an article to accompany this report on the phonograph records of Russell. My research has progressed slowly, and I regret that the article is not yet completed.

Lastly, I would like to thank the many members who have corresponded with me about Library business. Such letters are always welcome and a source of great interest.

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**Recent Library acquisitions:**

(Previous acquisitions have been listed in NL13-48 and NL15-33. Here are the latest. Donor's name appears at the end.)

59. Bertrand Russell Discusses the Role of the Individual (film).  
Peter Cranford.
  60. The Tamarisk Tree: My Quest for Liberty and Love by Dora Russell.  
Ken Korbin.
  61. Reader's Index to the Subjects Dealt with in Bertrand Russell's Books, by Tsutomu Makino. In English. Author.
  62. "Naturalistic Humanism", chapter from Voice in the Wilderness.  
by Corliss Lamont. Bob Davis.
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## ODDITIES

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Elizabeth Russell anecdote. The following comes from "The Eccentric Mirror" by G. H. Wilson (London, 1813), Volume I:

ELIZABETH RUSSEL

Under this name the reader will undoubtedly expect to find recorded the adventures of a female, but in this he will find himself totally mistaken. The extraordinary person, some particulars of whom are here collected, passed during a long life for a woman, and was not discovered before his decease to belong to the other sex. In the following account it will be necessary, in order to avoid confusion among the relative pronouns, to make constant use of the masculine gender, however oddly it may be sometimes combined.

The various adventures of Russel's life, had they been collected by a contemporary, would have formed a volume as entertaining as those of the celebrated Bampfylde Moore Carew, whom he accompanied in many of his rambles, and from whom probably he first took the hint of disguising his sex to answer some temporary purpose.

It appears from the register of the parish of Streatham, that John Russel (a younger branch of the Bedford family) had three daughters and two sons: William born in 1668, and Thomas born in 1672. There is little doubt therefore that the person here recorded is one of the two, and that when he assumed the female dress, he assumed also the name of his sister Elizabeth, who died in her infancy; under this name in the year 1770, he applied for a certificate of his baptism. He attached himself at an early period of life to the gypsies, and being of a rambling disposition, visited most parts of the continent as a stroller or vagabond; when advanced in years he settled at Chipsted in Kent, where he kept a large shop. Sometimes he travelled the country with goods in the character of a married woman, having changed his maiden name for that of his husband, who carried the pack, and to his death he was his reputed widow, being known by the familiar appellation of Bet Page. In the course of his travels he attached himself much to itinerant physicians, learned their nostrums, and practiced their arts. His long experience gained him the character of a doctress, to which profession he added that of astrologer, and practiced both with great profit; yet such was his extravagance that he died worth six shillings only. It was a common custom with him to spend whatever he had in his pocket at an alehouse, where he usually treated his companions. About twelve months before his death he came to reside at his native place, Streatham. His extraordinary age procured him the notice of the most respectable families in the neighborhood, particularly that of Mr. Thrale, in whose kitchen he was frequently entertained. Dr. Johnson, who found him a shrewd sensible



person with a good memory, was very fond of conversing with him. His faculties indeed were so little impaired by age, that a few days before he died he had planned another ramble, in which his landlord's son was to have accompanied him. His death was very sudden: the surprise of the neighbours may well be imagined, upon finding that the person who, as long as the memory of any person then living could reach, had been always esteemed and reputed to be a woman, was discovered to be a man; and the wonder was the greater, as he had lived much among women, and had frequently been his landlady's bedfellow when an unexpected visitor came to the house.

Among other precautions to prevent the discovery of his sex, he constantly wore a cloth tied under his chin. As his neighbors not having the penetration of Sir Hugh Evans, who spied Falstaff's beard through his muffler, the motive was unsuspected. After his death a large pair of nippers was found in his pocket, with which, it is supposed, he endeavoured to remove by degrees all tokens of manhood from his face. It may be observed, that supposing him to be the younger son of John Russel, he would have been 100 years of age: if we suppose him to have been the elder, his age would have been 104. He himself used to aver that he was 108. He had a mixture of the habits and employments of both sexes; for though he would drink hard with men, whose company indeed he chiefly affected, yet he was an excellent sempstress, and celebrated for making a good shirt. There was a wildness and eccentricity in his general conduct, which frequently bordered on insanity; and at least we may fairly conclude, to use a favourite expression of Anthony Wood, the Oxford Biographer, that he had a 'rambling head, and a crazy pate'.

The following is an extract from the parish register at Streatham, relative to this singular character:

'———— Russell, buried April 14, 1772. N.B. This person was always known under the guise and habit of a woman, and answered to the name of Elizabeth, as registered in this parish, Nov. 21, 1669, but at death proved to be a man.'

(Thank you, PETER HOUGHIN and BOB DAVIS)

### FINANCES/CONTRIBUTIONS

(42) Contributors. We thank the following members for their recent contributions: UNA CORBETT, HARRY RUJA, BEVERLY SMITH, CYNDE STOLL.

(43) 2 films to go. The ERS Library now owns 5 of the 7 available ER films. The 2 remaining films cost \$135 each plus delivery charges. DON JACKANICZ, Chairperson of the ERS Library, would be happy to receive contributions from members, to enable the Library to make its film collection complete. Send any amount — large or small — to Dan Jackanicz, 3802 N. Kenneth Avenue, Chicago, IL 60641.

- (44) If you are leaving money to the BRS in your will, by means of a codicil (NL15-38) or otherwise, please write a letter to the BRS Secretary saying you have done so. (Dr. Jack Pitt, BRS Secretary, Dept. of Philosophy, California State University, Fresno, CA 93740.) This does not commit you and leaves you free to eliminate the BRS from your will, should you wish to at some future time. It merely informs the BRS, and may encourage other members to do the same thing. Your name will be kept confidential; we will merely put the following kind of item in the Newsletter:

To date, 3 BRS members have included the BRS in their wills.

That statement is not hypothetical; it states a fact.

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#### INVITATIONS TO CORRESPOND

- (45) Alex Dely invites letters from BRS members, on any of the topics mentioned in "Alex Dely reports", the 3-page supplement that was distributed with NL15.
- (46) James Kuzmak has an ambitious project in work, in which he would like to interest BRS members. Here are excerpts from his prospectus:

...the systems and habits that have served man up to this point are now obsolete and drastically out of phase with the current world situation brought about by Western science and technology.

Worldwide authoritarianism would be an unthinkable step backward; however that seems to be the current trend.

...the production of arms brings about conditions for their use, via economic and political instability. Bertrand Russell seems to have intuited the connection when he wrote...(A quote follows from "Common Sense and Nuclear Warfare.")

Our political and social problems are very complex, but the lack of thoughtful communication and the ignorance of its importance is our problem in its most basic and unadulterated form.

CORTEX is the acronym for Common Organ for Rational Thought Export, a global project.

CORTEX has been founded on 6 premises, 2 of which are:

Never in the history of the world have there been so many intelligent human beings capable of rational thought and aware of the planet as a whole — problem-solvers on a large scale.

There is little outlet for this problem-solving capacity.

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By mid 1980 CORTEX will publish a report resulting from a dialog between editors and participants from around the world.

We believe that the most accurate information and successful ideas concerning social progress must come not from governments and "expert" consultants but from people, wherever they are, whatever their occupations (our underlining).

The final report will grow out of a series of questionnaires... the long-range methodology of the project being based on the Delphi Technique, a method developed by the Rand Corporation as a forecasting technique.

CORTEX requests a \$25 contribution to cover the costs of the 2-year participation.

He would like suggestions for the questionnaire. What questions should be asked?

We suggest you write for the 7-page prospectus (with diagrams), to get a more complete picture of the project. Write James Kuzmak, 24 Collingswood Road, New City 10956.

#### NEWSLETTER MATTERS

(47)

New name wanted for the Newsletter. Most newsletters consist of just a few pages. The ERS Newsletter is heftier than most, and a name other than "Newsletter" might be preferable. Here are 2 possible new names:

THE RUSSELL SOCIETY QUARTERLY

RUSSELL SOCIETY NEWS

Do you like either of them?

Can you suggest any others? Avoid using the word, "journal", which is used by "Russell: the Journal of The Bertrand Russell Archives."

\* We'd appreciate your comments and suggestions.

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Dates of Newsletters during the past 4 years. During 1974, the schedule was random. Starting in 1975 (NL5), and ever since, the Newsletter has been issued at 3-month intervals. Starting in mid-1976 (NL11), the issue dates were moved back one month (the July issue was moved to August), in order to include the Treasurer's Report for the latest quarter with a minimum of delay. Here are the dates of all Newsletters up to now:

| <u>1974</u> | <u>1975</u> | <u>1976</u> | <u>1977</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| NL1 Mar     | NL5 Jan     | NL9 Jan     | NL13 Feb    |
| NL2 May     | NL6 Apr     | NL10 Apr    | NL14 May    |
| NL3 Sep     | NL7 Jul     | NL11 Aug    | NL15 Aug    |
| NL4 Nov     | NL8 Oct     | NL12 Nov    | NL16 Nov    |

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Trivia. We believe the Newsletter provides a fair amount of worthwhile material. Occasionally it also contains trivia — something not (or barely) relevant to the ERS or its aims; but possibly amusing. We like to think our members can tolerate bits of trivia from time to time. We're sure they spotted the two bits in the last issue.

## MISC.

(50) Oops! One of those things that publishers hope will never happen happened. In some copies of the first edition of "The Life of Bertrand Russell" by Ronald W. Clark, Page 107 is all wrong; it duplicates the text of Page 166; the text intended for Page 107 is missing. When we wrote Knopf, the publisher, about this, they replied: "The error was discovered when the first printing was released, and was corrected at that time (the right page was tipped into the book). Unfortunately there were books that had already left the warehouse..."

At our request, Knopf has supplied copies of Page 107 (the right one), which are distributed with this Newsletter, in case you need it for your copy of Clark.

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## ABOUT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

(51) La Biennale di Venezia. President Bob Davis has sent this letter to their President, Dot. Carlo Ripa di Meana:

Dear Sir:

I have read your article in The New York Review of Books for September 15th and wish to commend you and your compatriots for the upcoming Venice Biennale. The plan to explore both the positive aspects of Eastern European culture and the political control and suppression of that same culture promises to be of great value to all. The Bertrand Russell Society applauds all such efforts at increasing human understanding and battling bureaucratic oppression.

I look forward to seeing reports on the Biennale in the Review and other periodicals.

Yours,

Robert K. Davis  
President/BRS

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## Bertrand Russell and God: A Memoir

Confronted with the Almighty, he would ask,  
"Sir, why did you not give me better evidence?"

by Leo Rosten

Whenever I run across Bertrand Russell's name, I remember several afternoons I spent with him in London, many years ago, in his home on Queen's Road.

He was very thin, frail, and skin-creased, shorter than I had assumed, with a head much too large for his body, a bright-eyed elf with an aureole of white hair and a thread of a mouth that twisted—sardonic or amused, petulant or defiant—with every turn of his mood.

A pipe was never out of his hands. Whenever I asked him a question, he would fuss and fiddle with that pipe, tamping it down or reaming it, blowing into its stem to clean the passage, filling it, lighting it slowly, tapping it out, or refilling it—and then his answer would emerge, pellucid in phrasing and breathtaking in precision. Never before had I heard such a flow of epigrams or such tantalizing fugues of intelligence and irony. He used his pipe as a prop—to give him time to think, formulating his response, editing it, polishing it, rehearsing it, I suspect, before he presented it to me. The result was intoxicating.

He was rather cool in manner, I should say—perhaps because he was suspicious of my purpose: I had written to say I hoped to persuade him to write an article on agnosticism (for *Look* magazine). Almost his first words were: "I doubt that your editor will publish—in America—what I should want to say."

(One must remember how shabbily Russell had been treated by the city of New York, judged "unfit" to teach at City College and fired, despite his contract, because of his "lecherous, lustful, erotomaniac, aphrodisiac . . . writings," the complaint read.)

He asked, "What sort of article have you in mind?"

"A question-answer format. . . ."

"And who," he murmured, "will put the questions?"

"I."

Pause. Puff. Smoke. "Do give me some examples."

"Are you an agnostic or an atheist?" I began.

"Agnostic, of course. . . . Atheists are like Christians: That is, both dogmatically maintain that we can know whether or not there is a God. The Christian holds that God does exist; the atheist holds that God does not. But the agnostic knows that we simply do not possess sufficient grounds either to affirm or deny the existence of a supreme being. . . . So I believe that although the existence of God is not impossible, it is improbable. Quite improbable."

"Then how do you explain the beauty and harmony of nature?" I ventured.

He cocked his head to one side like a mischievous sparrow: "I fail to see much beauty or harmony in a tapeworm. . . . Animals throughout the kingdom of 'beautiful' nature kill and prey upon each other quite without mercy. The stars in the 'harmonious' heavens explode from time to time and destroy everything in their vicinity. Beauty is entirely subjective. It can exist only in the eye—and the mind—of an observer. . . . Try another question."

"Well, do you ever—however vaguely or infrequently—fear God or God's judgment?"

Russell shrugged. "If there is, in fact, a Supreme Deity, which I doubt, I think it most unlikely that he—" a pause, an ironic grimace—"would possess so uneasy a vanity as to be offended by my views about his existence." He fixed me with a skeptical stare. "Now then, will your magazine print such scandalous comments for the God-fearing American public?" His lips corkscrewed both dubiety and disdain.

"I can assure you that we will."

"Perhaps you had better ask more questions."

"Do you deny that man has a soul?"

A moue traversed his lips. "What do you mean by 'soul'? One can't give a precise answer to an imprecise question."

"I suspect, sir, that you know what men mean when they talk about the soul."

"Mmh." He shrugged. "I suppose that 'soul' is meant to designate some non-material essence, temporarily associated with man's corporeal existence—an es-

sence, in the case of those who believe in immortality, that presumably leaves man's body to continue its existence, in one form or another, throughout all of the future. . . . I do not believe any of this, of course." He blinked. "But that should in no way lead you to think I am a materialist. I am just as doubtful about the reality of the body. . . ."

"Then do you in any way distinguish between mind and matter?"

"That," he sighed, "takes us into rather difficult problems in metaphysics. For my part, 'mind' and 'matter' are merely symbols, conveniences used in philosophical discourse."

"Don't you think that matter exists?"

"There are powerful reasons for holding that neither mind nor matter 'exist.'"

"That, I suppose, would lead you to deny that there is a hereafter."

A cloud of smoke appeared from his pipe. "I have failed to find any persuasive evidence, even—[dryly]—in the most earnest allegations of spiritualists, transmigrationists, or psychical researchers, that would lead me to take seriously the assumption that we, or vaporous parts of us, survive death. But I remain open to conviction; if respectable data ever come along, I should examine them with great care." The tone suggested that Russell was confident such data were not likely to consume much of his time in the years ahead. "You know, agnosticism totally baffles many people. . . . When I was sent to prison as a pacifist, during the First World War, the warden, after asking the conventional questions—name, birthdate, place of residence—asked what was my religion. 'I am an agnostic,' I said. The poor man—a very decent sort—looked bewildered. 'A what?' he asked. 'Agnostic,' I repeated. He said, 'Would you be so good as to spell that out, sir?' So I spelled out 'a-g-n,' and so on. When the warden read the strange word he had written, he looked up cheerfully and said, 'Well, there certainly are a great many religious sects—but I am sure they all worship the same God!'" Russell smiled; he would not elevate his amusement with a laugh.

"What about so-called miracles?" I asked. "Miraculous cures, for example?"

Russell waved a hand in benign dismissal of divine therapy. "My dear boy, faith certainly does heal—some people. But that scarcely proves anything 'miraculous.' Even at Lourdes, some diseases and afflictions and physical disabilities have never been cured. . . . Those pious people who do experience a mystifying cure at Lourdes would probably have been cured in another place, or by some physician, if they retained the same confidence in the powers of medicine."

"What about the miracles in the Bible?"

An expression of pain (or dismay) preceded the answer: "Even learned churchmen, if enlightened, think of the Bible as do I: not as holy revelation, but as a compilation of early history, folktales, myths—not much different from, say, the *Iliad* or the *Odyssey*. . . I dare say that Homer makes as strong a case for the gods of Greece as Moses made for the God of Israel."

After his young wife brought us tea, I asked, "What is the meaning of life to an agnostic?"

"What is the meaning of 'the meaning of life'?" he retorted. "I do not believe that life has meaning; it just happens. Individual men and women have their own goals and purposes; and nothing in agnosticism need cause them to surrender those goals or alter those purposes."

"Are many agnostics Communists? They both oppose religion. . ."

"Not at all. Communism simply opposes religions other than itself. Marxism

is a set of virulent and intolerant dogmas. Agnostics must therefore oppose it with all their energy."

I asked, "Let us suppose, sir, that after you have left this sorry vale, you actually found yourself in heaven, standing before the Throne. There, in all his glory, sat the Lord—not Lord Russell, sir: God." Russell winced. "What would you think?"

"I would think I was dreaming."

"But suppose you realized you were not? Suppose that there, before your very eyes, beyond a shadow of a doubt, was God. What would you say?"

The pixie wrinkled his nose. "I probably would ask, 'Sir, why did you not give me better evidence?'"

There is a noteworthy end to my story. After *Look* printed the article, the *New York Daily News* ran a blistering editorial to the effect that Bertrand Russell's shocking ruminations proved that there must be a merciful God: How else could one explain "the continued existence"

of so unpleasant, wicked, and muddle-headed a philosopher?

I sent Russell the editorial. His reply (which I publish by permission of his estate) is vintage irony:

Dear Mr. Rosten:

Thank you for sending me the extract from the N.Y. "Daily News."

I think the evidence for the existence of God supplied by my continued existence is strengthened by the continued existence of the N.Y. "Daily News." It and I can agree in wishing that His mercy were less infinite.

Yours sincerely,  
Bertrand Russell

To my surprise, the *His* was capitalized. All else illustrates Russell's unique combination of reasoning and mockery.

I sometimes think the great agnostic could have invented the epigram whose author no one knows: "Let us thank God that there is no God." □

*Editor's Note: Leo Rosten's newest book, Dear Herm, will be published soon by McGraw-Hill.*

## PHILOSOPHERS' CORNER, CONTINUED

(53) Abstracts of 2 papers to be presented at ERS/APA, 12/28/77:

### ACQUAINTANCE AND NAMING: A RUSSELLIAN THEME IN EPISTEMOLOGY, Augustin Riska, St. John's University.

Russell's distinction between knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description has been recently re-examined in, often controversial, epistemological contributions. The present essay reflects upon the pertinent papers by D.F. Pears, J. Hintikka, R. Chisholm, W. Sellars, A.J. Ayer, P. Hayner, R.G. Meyers, etc., but it is primarily founded on Russell's significant formulations from his writings published between 1910 and 1918. By employing an auxiliary device of a late-Wittgensteinian language-game, I explore at first the situation in which a human subject is 'experiencing' and naming particular objects (Russell's sense-data and sensibilia), and later the subject's acquaintance with universals. The reconstruction of such situations shows that, contrary to Russell's assumptions, even the 'purest' acquaintance cannot function without knowledge by description, i.e., without stating propositions about the object of acquaintance (whatever its nature). Then the only 'descriptionless' alternative would be a kind of intuitive knowledge of such objects which is difficult to reconcile with the position held by Russell in the 1910's. Whatever the consequences, this topic retains its fundamental epistemological significance.

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**RUSSELL ON THE ESSENCE OF DESIRE, Raymond Frey, The University of Liverpool.**

Both Anthony Kenny and David Pears are highly critical of Russell's theory of desire, and especially of his view of the essence of desire, which he regards as something shared or in common between men and animals. Both men object to Russell's behaviorism in this regard, and they each direct the same, powerful objection against it. In this paper, I argue that a Russellian behaviorism, incorporating and exploiting a distinction between needs and desires, can meet the Kenny-Pears objection.

Non-members of the BRS may obtain a copy of these abstracts by writing to Edwin Hopkins, 2819 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21218.

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Program  
of  
**THE BERTRAND RUSSELL SOCIETY, INC.**

at the December 1977 meeting  
of the Eastern Division of  
**THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION**

**Time:** December 28, 1977 (Wednesday morning)

**Place:** The Park-Sheraton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

**I. ACQUAINTANCE AND NAMING: A RUSSELLIAN THEME IN EPISTEMOLOGY,**  
Augustin Riska, St. John's University.

**Commentator:** George Roberts, Duke University.

**II. RUSSELL ON THE ESSENCE OF DESIRE, Raymond Frey, The University of Liverpool.**

**Commentator:** Thomas Simon, University of Florida.

**Chairman:** Justin Leiber, M.I.T.

Copies of these papers may be borrowed (at no cost) or purchased (for \$2) from Dan Jackanicz, Chairperson, BRS Library Committee, 3802 N. Kenneth Avenue, Chicago, IL 60641.

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## 4-YEAR INDEX

We have tried to have the Index also serve as a review of the BRS's first 4 years, topic by topic. (There is also a Supplement to the Index, as explained below.)

Under PROJECTS, for instance, you will find the various projects that members have suggested during the 4 years.

Under COMMITTEES is a listing of all committees. Under a particular committee, the SCIENCE COMMITTEE for example, is a review of its activities during the 4 years.

Under NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS we have listed members who have contributed items to the Newsletter and have identified the items. We have probably failed to list a number of contributions, and ask that you notify us of such omissions.

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS is news that is not related to, or does not stem from, a person's membership in the BRS.

These words in parentheses, (reprinted), (reproduced), mean that an article first published elsewhere is reproduced or reprinted in the Newsletter. Under ARTICLES REPRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER is a listing of such articles.

This parenthesis (BRS Library) means that the item is available from the BRS Library.

Items are usually listed in chronological order, within a topic. Cross-references are in CAPITAL LETTERS. 8-3 refers to Newsletter #8, Item 3. 8-3++10 refers to Newsletter #8, Items 3 through 10. The pages of Newsletter #1 were not numbered; NLL-p.7 refers to the 7th page of Newsletter #1.

The same item may appear more than once, under different headings. Some items have been dropped because they have been replaced by later items, such as 14-41 (John Russell's maiden speech will be printed in the next issue), which has been replaced by 15-45 (the text of the maiden speech itself). Some items have been dropped because they do not seem worth recalling.

A SUPPLEMENT at the end of this Index lists certain items that are not in the Index because they have not appeared in the Newsletter. They have appeared in Newsletter supplements, or in other mailings, and deserve mention because they are part of the record of the BRS's first 4 years.

Please report errors and omissions.

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## ADVERTISING

First BRS ads in "Saturday Review/World" and "New York Review of Books". 2-34  
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Advertising by members suggested. 10-50

Rule of thumb for selecting a publication for advertising-by-members. 11-35

The publications that have been productive to date. 11-35

Ads will run in "Mensa", "The Progressive", "Atlantic Monthly", "Harper's", "The Humanist" in August 1975. 7-13



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1976 ads will run in "APA Monitor", "Atlantic Monthly", "Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists", "Harper's", "The Humanist", "Mensa", "The New Republic", "The Progressive". 9-8

4 of the 8 magazines on the 1976 schedule did better than the rest. 13-8  
Ads in "Atlas" and "Human Behavior" are being tried. 15-7

"Atlas" will be used in 1978, "Human Behavior" will be dropped. Test ads in "The Nation".

**AMERICAN HUMANIST ASSOCIATION** receives grant for TV series, "Ethics in American Society". 13-54

History of AHA pamphlet, "Faith of a Humanist". 15-8

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BRS members who belong to APA. 13-21

"Bertrand Russell's Relevance to Psychology" by Peter Cranford is offered to readers of "APA Monitor". 15-47

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**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL**

Davis will try to work out an arrangement with them. 6-29

Davis writes to AI prisoners. 10-23

Davis will attend AI west coast meeting. 12-4

Davis visits AI headquarters (England). 13-8

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Rotation plan (9-year cycle) suggested for locations of Annual Meetings. 7-3

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Davis responds to rotation plan, offers to do next meeting in L.A. 8-13

"1976" Meeting (held 12/75) in NYC reported. 10-2+15

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McWilliams was introduced to BR in a college freshman reader,

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Garsten's group discuss "Conquest of Happiness". 3-15

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Garstens plans to concentrate on ethics. 8-17

Garsten's group will read "Human Society in Ethics and Politics". 9-6

Garstens has been in touch with other groups interested in ethics. 9-6

Garstens continues his interest in ethics. 10-15

Garstens thinks a scientific ethic is possible. 13-11

Garstens is exploring the possibility of a scientific ethic. 14-8

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- "Ottoline at Garsington", book review by Raymond Mortimer in the "Sunday Times"(London), 9/1/74 (part). 4-17
- "Personal Record 1920-1972", Gerald Brenan's autobiography (part). 5-14
- "Are We Any Happier?", article by BR in "Ash's Pall Mall Magazine" (July 1935), a P.S. to "The Conquest of Happiness" (all). 6-31
- "The Woman Who Refused to Live in the Shadow of Bertrand Russell", "The Times"(London) story on Dora, 10/2/72 (all). 7-21
- "From Carson to Nader: The Growth of Public Interest Science," book review by the editor of "Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists" (all). 7-22
- "Impact on Intellectuals of Bertrand Russell" (in Japan), by Kazuteru Hitaka, in "The Times" (London), 5/7/75 (all). 7-50
- Presentation of the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1950 (all). 7-52
- "75 Years of Rationalism" by Hector Hawton, Managing Director of the Rationalist Press Association (England) 1953-1971 (all). 8-56
- "Science and the Biosphere: Coexistence or Catastrophe?" by J.B. Neilands in "Environment Action Bulletin", 11/29/75(all). 9-47
- "My Father, Bertrand Russell" by Katharine Russell Tait, book review by S.P. Rosenbaum in "Toronto Globe Mail", Fall 1975, exact date not known, (all). 12-46
- "My Father, Bertrand Russell", by Katharine Russell Tait, book review by Brian Glanville in "The Times" (London), 7/29/76 (all). 12-47
- "Bertrand Russell the Man" by Sidney Hook in "Commentary", 7/76 (all). 12-62
- "The Faith of a Humanist" by BR, now a pamphlet from the American Humanist Association (all). 14-14
- "Recollections of 3 Hours with Bertrand Russell" by Lester Denonn, in "Correct English", 12/43 (all). 14-16
- "The Life of Bertrand Russell" by Ronald W. Clark, book review by Dora Russell, in "Freethinker" (England), 12/75 (all). 14-33
- "How I Became a Humanist" by Corliss Lamont (Humanist Award Acceptance Speech), in "The Humanist" (July/August 1977) (all). 15-43
- "Talking to Myself" by Studs Terkel. His interview of BR (all). 15-44
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*"Silly Season Samples", James Reston's column in the NYT, 8/22/77*  
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Jackanicz visits the Archives (11/74). 5-18

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They are mounting a protest against intellectual repression in communist countries. 2-20

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They are in trouble. Text of their letter. 6-18,46

The BRS's present attitude toward them is one of coolness. 10-51

Davis meets Fleet, Farley, and clears up some misunderstandings. 13-8

"The Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, its Aims and Work", pamphlet, is distributed to BRS members with N13. 13-57

Spokesman Books offered for sale by the BRS. 15-27

**BERTRAND RUSSELL SOCIETY, JAPAN**

Makino cables congratulations on the founding of the BRS. 2-2

Makino compiles "Reader's Index to the Subjects dealt with in Bertrand Russell's Books", 37 pp., in English. (BRS Library) 5-11,7-51

"Impact of Bertrand Russell on [Japanese] Intellectuals" by Kazuteru Hitaka, in "The Times" (London), 5/7/75; full text. 7-50

10th Anniversary Issue, Bulletin 23, Bertrand Russell Society-Japan.

In Japanese (BRS Library). 7-51

**"BERTRAND RUSSELL SPEAKS HIS MIND"**

Available hardbound from Greenwood, @ \$9.75

Now available from Germany, in English. 11-22

A quote from it, re Paddy Chayevsky. 13-27

Recommended as an introduction to BR for beginners. 16-36b

**BLACKWELL, KENNETH Founding Member**

Blackwell, Archivist of The Bertrand Russell Archives, is one of the founders of the BRS. 1-p.7

Compiles 4-page Russell book-list, sorting BR's books into 17 categories. 8-29

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"My Father, Bertrand Russell" by Katharine Russell Tait:

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"The Life of Bertrand Russell" by Ronald W. Clark

Reviewed by Rosenbaum. 12-46

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"The Development of Bertrand Russell's Philosophy" by Ronald Jager,  
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"Advice and Dissent: Scientists in the Political Arena" by Joel Primack  
and Frank von Hippel, reviewed by the editor of "The Bulletin of the  
Atomic Scientists", 2/75 (reprinted). 7-22

Reviews of the recent books by Tait, Clark, and Don Russell, in various  
periodicals (BRS Library). 10-35, 11-38

"Russell in Review" (McMaster Centenary papers) edited by J. E. Thomas  
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Members should send their Suggested Aims and reactions to Sutcliffe's. 11-19

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Sutcliffe visits Edith. 11-8

Sutcliffe contacts other organizations. 12-7

This committee is discontinued. 13-8

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Costs of literature. 6-30

BR on the subjection of women, a BRS compilation. 9-48

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## BRS PSYCHOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

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Dr. A.L. Rowse, who had called BR a bloody humbug. 12-49

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Bylaws will replace Constitution, now that The Bertrand Russell Society, Inc., a corporation, has replaced The Bertrand Russell Society. 8-10

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Horne would like to get it sung and published. 12-40

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His book, "The Life of Bertrand Russell", reviewed by Rosenbaum. 12-46

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BRS Chicago-area chapter calls it simplistic, dated, elitist, sexist, and too rational. 3-16

Cranford responds to the criticism. 3-85

Hopkins calls it "the most useful book I have ever read." 4-13

Eames responds to the criticism, denies BR was sexist. 4-16

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Cranford comes upon "Conquest of Happiness" in a bookstore, which

ultimately results in the founding of the BRS. 6-6

"Are We Any Happier?", a 1935 "sequel" by BR to "Conquest of Happiness" (1930). Reprinted in full. 6-31

Used in Hopkins' course, "Self-help through Philosophy".

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Contributions during the first 3 years ('74-'76) have provided 64%  
of ERS income. 14-36

Truman Anderson, Coleman, Cranford, Dimitt, Jackanicz, T. & J. Zaccone  
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Brenan, not Brennan. 6048

American Humanists (not Canadian Humanists) make the Humanist Awards. 8-47

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A 20% response (not a 20% sample) to the ERS course survey. 8-49

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"Bertrand Russell, An Introduction" by Brian Carr is 1.95 paper,  
3.65 hardcover (English pounds). 10-36

"The Poverty of Power" by Barry Commoner is the corrected title. 13-44

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Cranford recommends these 12 Directors at Annual Meeting (12/75). 8-9

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Cranford's views on the functions and qualifications of Directors. 11-3

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**EPSTEIN HEAD**

One firm may be willing to make replicas of Jacob Epstein's head of BR,  
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A proposal: to finance future projects by vote and assessment. 7-47

Tax-deductible travel (to meetings) for 2 groups of ERS members: professional members and "essential" members. 8-8

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Tax-deduction reminder: report what you deduct to ERS Treasurer. What is deductible. 9-43

Cranford is now Chairman of the Finance Committee. 10-37

Members suggest ways to raise money. 11-3

Time-Life film on BR is priced at \$275. 11-40

Codicil to a will, for leaving money to the ERS. 15-38

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ER medallion by Warner Williams, \$20. 5-30

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**"INFORMATION PHILOSOPHIE"**

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**INTRODUCING BR TO BEGINNERS**

Cranford recommends "The Conquest of Happiness" and "Marriage and Morals". 2-7

Slezak recommends "New Hopes for a Changing World". 2-7

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Which book by BR did BRS members read first? 3-27

Cranford has given away more than 700 copies of "The Conquest of Happiness", Gary Slezak has given away 50 copies. 3-29

Tobin recommends "The Faith of a Humanist". 15-9

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Alex Dely invites members to write him, on any topic in his 3-page report of 7/1/77. 16-45

James Kuzmak invites members to write, on his Cortex project. 16-46

**JACKANICZ, DONALD W.**

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Elected a Director for 2 years starting 1/1/76

Appointed Chairperson, Library Committee. 10-10

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Visits the Archives again (6/77). 15-17

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**KOREAN BERTRAND RUSSELL SOCIETY**

KERS is formed, in West Germany. Issues "The Torch". (BRS Library).13-55

2nd issue of "The Torch" (BRS Library). 15-42

**LACKEY, DOUGLAS**

Recommends "What I Believe" as an introduction to BR for beginners. 2-7

Gives talk on BR's first meeting with Wittgenstein, at BRS/APA session(12/74).6-4

**LAMONT, CORLISS**

An early contributor. 3-55

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**LANSDELL, HERBERT C.**

Is working on future plans for the BRS at the American Psychological Association. 13-6

Can supply information about The Society for Philosophy and Psychology. 13-53

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**LENIN**

BR's assessment of Lenin. 14-15

**LIBRARIES (PUBLIC)**

Pitt suggests using public library facilities for local BRS chapter meetings. 3-13

Suggestion: post BRS fact sheet in libraries, to get inquiries from potential members. 12-19

Cranford shows "BR discusses: Happiness" (film) in Augusta Library. 16-11

**LIBRARY (BRS)**

BRS Library is established (12/75), with Don Jackanicz as Chairperson. 10-10

Gary Slezak, Co-Chairperson. 14 Library acquisitions listed (##1-14).

Borrowing rules and procedures. 11-39

Time-Life film on BR is priced at \$275. 11-40

Library's address. 12-50

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Review of 3 of the BR films in the Library. 15-32

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How to get information about the Library's holdings. 15-34

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4 Library acquisitions (##59-62). 16-40

Library now owns 5 of the 7 available BR films; 2 to go; contributions welcomed. 16-43

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**LIBRARY COMMITTEE Donald W. Jackanicz, Chairperson Gary Slezak, Co-Chairperson**

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**LOCAL BRS CHAPTERS**

Blackwell, Garstens, Pitt and Slezak are organizing local chapters. 3-5

Pitt's group's first meeting, 5/30/74 (Fresno, Cal.) Suggestions for finding meeting rooms and publicizing meetings at no cost. 3-13

Garsten's (Washington, C.D. area) group meets 6/17/74 and 7/15/74, discusses "The Conquest of Happiness". 3-15

Slezak's (Chicago area) group calls "The Conquest of Happiness" simplistic, dated, elitist, sexist, and too rational. 3-16

Pitt's (Fresno) group's 2nd meeting (Summer 1974) discusses "The Conquest of Happiness". 3rd meeting (10/6/74), in local branch library, shows 2 BR films, rented from USC Library. 4-3

Garsten's (Washington area) group has had 3 meetings so far (11/74), has discussed "The Conquest of Happiness" mostly. 4-3

A NYC chapter will start soon. 6-15

Slezak's (Chicago area) group's 2nd meeting (11/25/74) sees BR film (NBC

1951 interview). McKeown discusses BR's contributions to sociology. 6-42

Slezak's (Chicago area) group has 3 more meetings, discusses "A Free Man's Worship", "Human Society in Ethics and Politics". 7-33

**LOCAL BRS CHAPTERS (continued)**

Jackanicz and McDonald (NYC) make and distribute posters in NYU area to recruit members. 7-34

Pitt's (Fresno) group merges with the Philosophical Club at California State University. 8-39

Pitt's (Fresno) BRS-Philosophical Club needs to find ways to attract non-academic people. 9-25

Efforts to start a NYC group are abandoned. 9-26

Slezak's (Chicago area) group is meeting regularly, monthly. 10-15

Slezak's (Chicago area) group, now active for nearly 2 years, has met 5 times in the first half of 1976, discussing "Freedom and Organization", "An Inquiry into Meaning and Truth", "Marriage and Morals", "Why I Am Not a Christian", "Unpopular Essays", etc. 11-44

Slezak's (Chicago area) group discusses "The Problems of Philosophy" and Hook's article(12-62). 14-20

**MARX, MARXISM**

"The Guardian" (Mayaguez story, 7-28) says it is Marxist. 8-51

Source of BR quotation on Marx wanted. 9-19

Quotes of BR on Marx wanted. 9-19

**MC DONALD, DANIEL T. III**

Elected a Director for 1 year starting 1/1/76. 10-6

Becomes Co-Chairperson, Universal Human Rights Committee. 11-11

Re-elected a Director for 3 years starting 1/1/77

**MC KEOWN, JAMES E.**

Discusses BR's contributions to sociology at Chicago-area chapter meeting. 6-42

Elected a Director for 2 years starting 1/1/76

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**MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS AND STATISTICS**

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Members' particular interests in BR. 3-48

What kind of people join? (All kinds). 5-21

Members' age range: 14 to 80. 5-22

Number of members: 72 (12/16/74). 5-23

Member #100 joined on 3/25/75. 6-44

122 members, 18% women. 8-44

Student members 30%. 9-32

140 current members (+ 19 ex-members)(12/1/75). 9-33

145 members(12/27/75). 10-15

71% renewal rate. 11-33

176 members (7/1/76). 11-28

2 out of 3 new members return the Questionnaire. 16-27

83% of members are male; 33% are students; 14% are academic people. 16-28

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

There are 3 kinds of members, suggests Cranford. 2-5

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** Lee Eisler, Chairperson Beverly Smith, Co-Chairperson

Costs of materials sent to inquirers and new members. 6-30

Carol Mull becomes Co-Chairperson. 9-7

We no longer provide all back issues of Newsletters to new members; current year's back issues are provided. Earlier issues may be bought or borrowed. 9-9

Aims and functions of the Membership Committee are described. List of records that are kept. 10-43

Beverly C. Smith succeeds Carol Mull as Co-Chairperson. 14-10

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**MEMBERSHIP LIST**

List of members (as of 1/1/77) is distributed with NLI3. 13-15

Membership lists are for members' personal use only and are not to be sold or given to outsiders. 13-38

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Please respond promptly; you get only one renewal request. 7-49

Renewal procedure and grace period. 9-31

**MILHAM, ELIZABETH (BETTY) DE LOACH**

May be able to have Tom Horne's choral work, "Three Passions", performed by the Westminster Choir at Princeton. 14-4

Provides funds for BRS Travel Grant. 14-4

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the 1st Meeting (2/74) is included in the Information Package sent to inquirers. 2-38

Minutes of the Annual Meeting (12/75, NYC) enclosed with NLI2. 12-58

Reason why 12/75 Meeting, formerly called "2nd Annual Meeting", is now called "3rd Annual Meeting". 12-58

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**MORRELL, LADY OTTOLINE**

"Ottoline at Garsington", Gathorne-Hardy, ed., book reviewed by Raymond Mortimer. 4-17

**MULL, CAROL**

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**MYSTICISM**

Cranford refers to "Russellian mysticism". 6-26

Cranford explains his position on mysticism, and defines "Russellian mysticism". 7-9

Session likes Jager's closing chapters. "Should be required reading for Russellites who conceive of ER as the arch-atheist and supreme no-nonsense rationalist." 9-13

Sutcliffe opposes Cranford's "mystical view of ER". 9-24

Bae thinks Pitt's "Russell on Religion" (9-28) may reconcile the Cranford and Sutcliffe positions. 11-22

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**NEILANDS, J.B. (JOE)**

A brief profile. 3-77

Writes "Science and the Biosphere; Coexistence or Catastrophe?", published in "Environmental Action Bulletin" (11/29/75). 9-47

Elected a Director for 1 year starting 1/1/76. 10-6

Re-elected a Director for 3 years, starting 1/1/77. 12-12

Reviews and recommends "Facing Up to Nuclear Power". 13-46

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Newsletter schedule and closing dates. 4-11

Cost of a Newsletter. 6-30

NL10 (April 1976) mailed in February. 10-48

Newsletter date shift. New dates: Feb., May, Aug., Nov. 10-49

NL13 (Feb. 1977) mailed in April. 13-52

The use of the "editorial 'we'" does not necessarily represent the BRS position. 14-9

New name sought for Newsletter. 16-47

Dates of 4 years of Newsletters (16 issues, 1974-1977). 16-48

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NL7: Report on Courses on Bertrand Russell

NL8: A Russell Book-list, by Kenneth Blackwell

NL11: Sutcliffe's Suggested Aims (for the BRS)

NL12: 9 Suggested Aims, dated 11/1/76

Bylaws for the BRS

Bylaws for the Board of Directors

Minutes of the 3rd Annual Meeting (12/75)

NL13: Membership list as of 1/1/77

The Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, its Aims and Work (pamphlet)

NL15: "On Bertrand Russell and a Symphony" by Graham Whettam

Alex Dely reports

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**NOBEL PRIZE FOR LITERATURE 1950**

Presentation of the award (full text). 7-52

**NOTICE TO NEW MEMBERS**

Notice to new members, about agreeing to abide by the BRS Constitution. 2-49

Note: a similar notice, about agreeing to abide by the BRS Bylaws, is now part of the Letter of Welcome, sent to new members.

**NUCLEAR POWER**

Neilands' statement on dangers of nuclear power will be submitted

to BRS members for approval or disapproval, by vote. 7-15

The members approve the Neilands statement, now the official BRS position. 8-21, 27

The pro-nuclear power "Manifesto on energy signed by 32 scientists"

accompanied customers' bill sent by Public Service Gas & Electric Co (NJ). 8-24

The BRS's statement on (against) nuclear power is not exactly trail-blazing. 8-28

Neilands' Hiroshima Day address against nuclear power (full text). 8-69

"Why 138 communities are fighting nuclear power" (pamphlet). 9-20

Committee for Nuclear Responsibility, Inc. has a distinguished Board of Directors. 12-65

Union of Concerned Scientists asks US government to go slow on construction and export of nuclear power plants. 12-66

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Ashkenazy, Eleanor, quotes Cranford on fear of death. 6-38

Ashkenazy, Irvin. His story on sea urchins appears in "Westways", 7/74. 3-34

Bae, Dong-In is granted political asylum in West Germany. 8-40

Responds to Sidney Hook's article. 13-31

Forms Korean Bertrand Russell Society, in West Germany. 13-55

Beattie, Lorraine, marries BRS Member Don Roberts. 4-23

Block, Amy, graduates with honors in biochemistry. 3-35

Is a member of the Faculty Academic Senate Committee on Academic Freedom. 15-19

Butler, John. seeks book, "Roger Fry, A Biography" by Virginia Woolf. 5-16

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- Cranford, Peter. Recommends hardship discharge for Army sergeant. 4-24  
 Comments on the conflict between the military and the media. 5-17  
 His "\$64,000 Question" returns to the air.  
 Writes scripts for tapes, on discipline in the classroom. 10-29  
 Letter to Editor, "Is Billy Carter Smarter Than His Brother?" 16-21
- De Cola, Felix, is host to a visit from Davis. 10-17
- Dely, Alex, attends graduate study semester at Ghent State University (Belgium, attends seminar at CERN, forms Philosophy Club at Illinois Central College. 15-20
- Eastman, William, returns from 6 months in Japan. 12-32
- Ellis, Albert, has article on religious beliefs in "The Humanist" (3-4/77). 14-22  
 Scheduled to speak at Marion County Mental Health Association (5/77). 14-22
- Hopkins, Edwin, offers paper arguing against compulsory education. 10-30  
 Gives course, "Self-help through Philosophy", using "The Conquest of Happiness".  
 14-12  
 Summer activities (1977): takes a hike, reads and writes. 15-12
- Horne, Thomas, see CHORAL WORK BY TOM HORNE
- Houchin, Peter, locates and sells 18th Century English books of scholarly interest.  
 16-23
- Jackanicz, Donald, visits the Russell Archives (11/74) 5-18  
 Is working for his doctorate, passes orals. 13-37  
 Visits the Russell Archives again (6/77). 15-17
- Kohl, Marvin, was Special Editor of Benificent Euthanasia Issue of  
 "The Humanist" (7-8/74). 6-39
- Kravig, Arlyn, reports on higher education in Soledad Prison. 10-28
- Lamont, Corliss. His article, "How to be happy — though married", will  
 be included in an anthology, 4-27  
 His book, "Voice in the Wilderness," has led to radio and TV appearances. 4-27  
 Has an ad in "The New York Times" on the Mayaguez affair. 7-28  
 His ad for his pamphlet, "How to be happy — though married" is reproduced. 7-29  
 Sues CIA under Freedom of Information Act. 12-73  
 Runs an ad, "Vietnam, a Time for Healing and Compassion". 13-38  
 Named Humanist of the Year, by American Humanist Association  
 Writes "Adventures in Civil Liberties". 15-22  
 "How I Became a Humanist", his acceptance speech as Humanist of the Year. 15-43  
 Praises "The New York Times" for exposing the ties between the ACLU and the FBI.  
 16-24
- Lansdell, Herbert is author of 2 papers, "INS opinion about psychosurgery"  
 and "Psychosurgery: Some Ethical Considerations" (BRS Library). 7-30  
 Can supply information about The Society for Philosophy and Psychology. 13-53
- Lefkowitz, Herman, hears Joe Neilands interviewed on radio (WEAI). 6-40
- Leiber, Justin, appointed visiting scientist at MIT. Another book coming soon. 15-24
- Levine, Anita Joyce, runs for City Council of San Antonio on solar energy plank. 7-31
- Malatesha, R.N., takes position at Idaho State University. 12-34
- Milham, Betty De Loach, schedules organ concerts (7/77) and other musical activities.  
 14-25
- Mull, Carol, gives 6 lectures on symbolism. 11-24  
 Teaching business law, electronic accounting, art appreciation. 14-40
- Neilands, Joe, gives a summer course in Peru (1974). 3-37  
 Edits "Microbial Iron Metabolism". 3-37 and p. 26  
 Makes a biochemical discovery. 11-10, 45
- Pitt, Jack, attends 2-month summer session (1977), "Philosophy and the Social Sciences," at Johns Hopkins University. 14-26
- Roberts, Don, and Lorraine Beattie marry. 4-23  
 He reads paper to the Peirce Society, at APA (12/75); she gets her Ph.D.,  
 teaches assertiveness training for women. 11-25



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- Ruja, Harry. His bibliography appears in "Bertrand Russell: A Collection of Critical Essays," D.F.Pears, ed. 7-32
- Slezak, Gary, wins 1st place in Chicago Playwrights Center contest. His play is performed (1/76). 10-27
- Smith, Warren Allen, writes "Manhattan Scene" for West Indian newspapers. 14-27
- Sutcliffe, John, has a letter in "New Humanist" (England) on rationality and irrationality. 11-21
- Tait, Katharine Russell. Her book about her father is scheduled for publication in February or March 1975. 3-38
- Will give a course on ER's educational ideas. 3-38
- Speaks at McMaster University. 7-27
- Speaks at the University of Chicago. 12-35
- Tomimori, Kouji, attends Pugwash Symposium in Kyoto (8/75). 8-41
- Vogt, Herbert, attends Olympic Games in Montreal. 12-36

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- Bertrand, Frank, compiles a list of 62 dissertations on ER. (reproduced). 15-16
- Blackwell, Kenneth. Jill Turner article on Dora Russell, in "The Times" (England). 7-21
- Hitaka's article on ER's influence on Japanese intellectuals, in "The Times". 7-50
- Burn refutes Rowse claim that ER was a bloody humbug. 12-49
- Block, Amy. BR introduced peace symbol in his 1958 Alderston march. 7-20
- "On the feasibility of coal-driven power stations." 7-53
- "A gentleman may use a sword but never a typewriter." 13-28
- Bond, Dan, suggests walking. 11-43
- Corbett, Una, "Recollections of Beacon Hill" by her daughter, Joy. 13-23
- Davis, Bob. Book review of "Advice and Dissent" by Primack and von Hippel. 7-22
- Where Red Hackle whiskey is sold in the USA. 12-41
- The Durants visit BR (1948). 13-24
- Answer to question: What did ER think of Sartre? ("pure nonsense"). 13-43
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- BR quoted and rebuked on smiling Chinese coolies. 16-19
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- Denonn, Lester. French Government's medallion of ER. 6-47
- Donadio, Alberto. Studs Terkel interview of ER mentioned in "Time." 14-17
- Hoopes, Ophelia, responds to the Hook article. 15015
- Houchin, Peter. Bedford Anecdote. 14-35
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- Jackanicz, Donald, visits the Archives (11/74). 5/18
- ER's influence on Jimmy Carter and B.F. Skinner. 12-17, 18
- Kate Tait speaks at the University of Chicago. 12-35
- Bertrand Russell Memorial Logic Conference. 11-16, 13-48 (#34)
- BR introduced Vaughan Williams to Whitman's poetry. 11-16
- Survey of 7 commercially available ER films. 12-15
- Ayer's criticism of Clark's book and Dinnage's book review. 12-48
- Denonn's "Recollections of 3 hours spent with BR." 14-16
- Will Durant's assessment of BR. 14-19
- Mortimer Adler includes 3 books by BR among his 95 "of lasting significance" of this century. 15-10
- Frank Russell's view of his brother, Bertie. 15-11
- Visits the Archives a second time (6/77). 15-17
- Kraus, Henry, supplies answer, telling who BR's favorite mystery/detective story authors were: Michael Innes and Agatha Christie. 11-32

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- ER quotes on the movies. 11-13
- Corliss Lamont sues the CIA. 12-33
- Lev, Rosemarie. "Bertrand Russell and God: A Memoir" by Leo Rosten. 16-13
- McWilliams, Jim, was introduced to ER in a college freshman English course anthology, "Toward Liberal Education", Locke, Gibson & Arms, eds. 5-19
- Mull, Carol, suggests posting BRS literature in public libraries. 12-19
- Albert Ellis to speak to Mental Health Ass'n, Marion County. 14-22
- Neilands, Joe. Prof. Mukatis' Letter to Editor of "Chemical and Engineering News", mistrusting the experts on pollutant thresholds. 7-16
- Reinhardt, Stephen. ER's quip about why he ate in a certain cafeteria. 12-16
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- Slezak, Gary. ER's quip, why he took to politics. 7/17
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- 4 anthologies that include ER. 12-14
- ER quote that Americans and Russians will try to exterminate each other on the moon. 12-55
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