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The Bertrand Russell Society was founded in 1974 to foster a better understanding of Russell's work and to further his aims by promoting ideas and causes he thought important. The Society's motto is Russell's statement, "The good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge."

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PRINCIPIA MATHEMATICA BY COMPUTER

Thanks to BRS Vice President/Information Lee Eisler for the following article.

Models of My Life by Herbert A. Simon (Basic Books, 1991) is described on its cover as "The Remarkable Autobiography of the Nobel Prize-Winning Social Scientist and Father of Artificial Intelligence."

Back in the early days of computers, Simon thought that computers could become more than number-crunchers. He thought that they could be made to manipulate symbols as well as numbers, and he and his colleagues found ways to do this. Then he wanted to apply this new technique to human thinking. That is, he wanted the computer to imitate human thinking processes. He wanted the computer, without human intervention, to achieve the same innovative and creative results that human had achieved.

Did he succeed? The following two letters (from pp. 207-208) tell the story:

October 2, 1956

Dear Earl Russell:

Mr. Newell and I thought you might like to see the enclosed report of our work in simulating certain human problem-solving processes with the aid of an electronic computer. We took as our subject-matter Chapter 2 of Principia, and sought to specify a program that would discover proofs for the theorems, similar to proofs given there. We denied ourselves devices like the deduction theorem and systematic decision procedures of an algorithmic sort; for our aim was to simulate as closely as possible the processes employed by humans when systematic procedures are unavailable and the solution to the problem involves genuine "discovery".

The program described in the paper has now been translated into computer language...and produced its first proof about two months ago. We have also simulated the program extensively by hand, and find that the proofs it produces resemble closely those in Principia...

Very truly yours,  
Herbert A. Simon, Head  
Industrial Management Department

2 November 1956

Dear Mr. Simon:

Thank you for your letter of October 2 and the very interesting enclosure. I am delighted to know that Principia Mathematica can now be done by machinery. I wish Whitehead and I had known of this possibility before we both wasted ten years doing it by hand. I am quite willing to believe that everything in deductive logic can be done by machine.

Yours very truly,  
Bertrand Russell

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## 1992 ANNUAL MEETING

Vice President/Information Lee Eisler prepared the following reports on this year's Society and Board of Directors meetings. Further details appear in the official minutes in Section 11, page 12. Now would be a good time to begin your preliminary planning to attend next year's meeting in San Diego!

Annual Meeting (1992)

American University in Washington, D.C. was the site of the 1992 Annual Meeting of The Bertrand Russell Society, Inc., the weekend of June 12-14.

A fine group of members and guests attended.

The following talks were given:

- . Congressman Neil Abercrombie on "Russell's Values and the 1992 Presidential Election."
- . Joe Barnhart on "Psychotherapy and the Epistemology of Bertrand Russell and Karl Popper."
- . Treasurer Dennis Darland on the current Treasury balance of \$6649.67.
- . Louis Greenspan on the successes and problems of the Bertrand Russell Editorial Project, which publishes BR's non-book writings.
- . Nick Griffin's draft version of his paper on BR's relationship with his first wife, Alys Pearsall Smith.
- . Don Jackanicz's workshop on BR's Sonning Prize address, "Old and Young Cultures."
- . Marvin Kohl on "Russell and the Good Life."
- . Tim Madigan on "Russell's Values and Contemporary Secular Humanism."
- . Michael Rockler on "Popper's Fallibilism and Russell's Skepticism as Educational Perspectives."
- . Steve Shafer on "'Witty, Pungent, Philosophical, Whimsical and Bitter': Politicians' Perceptions of Bertrand Russell in Britain."
- . John Shosky on "An Intellectual Bias? Russell and Modal Logic."
- . Sheila Turcon on recent developments at the Russell Archives (at McMaster University) and forthcoming Russell-related publications.

Ken Blackwell's letter to the Board, thanking the Society for its "moral support and financial willingness" to help with the funding of The Second Archives of Bertrand Russell, was read by President Rockler.

Tim Madigan told about the 1994 World Humanist Conference in Hyderabad, India, and the possibility of a BRS session there.

Chandrakala Padia reported, by letter, on the May 1992 Annual Conference of the BRS Benares Chapter.

These Awards were made:

- . A Bertrand Russell Society Service Award to Gladys Leithauser, who the BRS Book Award Committee some years ago, and has been chairing it with distinction ever since. Gladys may appoint two new Committee members qualified to assist in evaluating foreign language or technical books.
- . The 1992 Bertrand Russell Society Award to Sir Karl Popper. It was accepted on his behalf by Joe Barnhart. Sir Karl, who is 90, had intended to attend this BRS meeting in Washington, if his schedule permitted him to make the long journey from Britain, but, alas, it did not.
- . The 1992 Bertrand Russell Society Book Award to Nicholas Griffin for his Russell's Idealist Apprenticeship.

The following interesting proposals were made, and discussed, but no action was taken:

- . To distribute BR's Why I Am Not a Christian to philosophy students.
- . To request New York City to rename LaGuardia Airport the Bertrand Russell Airport, to make amends for the city's part in the outrageous decision in the 1940 CCNY Bertrand Russell case.
- . To hold future Board of Directors' meetings on the Thursday before the Society's annual weekend meeting in June.

On Friday, there was a Red Hackle Hour at Quigleys, a nearby oasis (the campus is dry), followed by the Saturday Evening Banquet at the University Club.

In sum, the 1992 Annual Meeting was good one!

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#### Directors' Annual Meeting (1992)

The BRS Directors met on Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13.

The meeting was open to all members, as it always is.

Directors present were JACK COWLES, DENNIS DARLAND, LEE EISLER, DON JACKANICZ, JOHN JACKANICZ, BOB JAMES, DAVE JOHNSON, MARVIN KOHL, GLADYS LEITHAUSER, JOHN LENZ, HUGH MOORHEAD, STEVE REINHARDT, MICHAEL ROCKLER, and WARREN SMITH.

The following decisions were made:

- . The present slate of officers was appointed for another year: Chairman, Marvin Kohl; President, Michael Rockler; Vice President, John Lenz; Vice President/Information, Lee Eisler; Secretary of the

- Board and of the Society, Don Jackanicz; Treasurer, Dennis Darland.
- . The 1993 Bertrand Russell Society Award will go to Harry Ruja.
  - . The 1993 Annual Meeting will be held in San Diego, because that's where Harry lives. The date is June 18-20.
  - . The BRS Grant Program will be replaced by a "Prize for a Paper" program. Its chief features are: a prize (or two) for the best paper(s) written by a regularly enrolled graduate student or undergraduate, who will present his or her paper at the next BRS Annual Meeting, and receive a first year membership in the BRS. All of the winner's expenses will be paid; a stipend will also be paid. John Lenz, whose idea this was, will chair a committee to administer the program.
  - . The BRS will increase the amount it pays to the Russell Archives for members' subscriptions to Russell. \$1 increase in 1993, \$2.50 increase in 1994. In U.S. currency.

There was considerable discussion of proposals made by Christos Tzanetakos (1) to attempt to overturn legally the outrageous decision in the 1940 CCNY Bertrand Russell Case, and (2) to give BR's Why I Am Not a Christian to philosophy students. A proposal by Lee Eisler to publicize the 1940 CCNY case--as a means of getting publicity for the BRS, regardless of whether the decision is (or could be) legally overturned--was also discussed. Chairman Marvin Kohl will appoint a committee to explore the publicity possibilities of the 1940 case.

Thus endeth the Directors' meeting.

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#### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The full BRS Board of Directors consists of 24 Directors elected by the BRS membership and the five ex officio BRS officers (President, Vice President, Vice President/Information, Secretary, and Treasurer). Eight of the 24 are elected each year. Terms are for three years. Eight of the following ten fine candidates will be elected for 1993 through 1995. Members are asked to use the ballot at the end of this newsletter and to vote today.

JACK COWLES. Student of BR at UCLA. Frequently attends annual meetings.  
 WILLIAM FIELDING. Very active Co-Chairman of Information Committee.  
 DAVID GOLDMAN. Psychiatrist. Frequently attends annual meetings.  
 TIM MADIGAN. Free Inquiry Executive Editor. Has given annual meeting talks.  
 STEVE MARAGIDES. Lawyer. Provided legal services for BRS incorporation.  
 PAUL SCHILPP. Retired philosopher. Editor, Library of Living Philosophers.  
 WARREN SMITH. Active NYC humanist. Frequently attends annual meetings.  
 RAMON SUZARA. Founder and Intl. Representative of BRS Philippine Chapter.  
 THOM WEIDLICH. Researched BR/CCNY incident. Frequently attends annual mtgs.  
 LINDA EGENDORF. Frequently attends annual meetings.

Please help the BRS choose its future leadership. Your vote does count!

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Michael J. Rockler, President, Bertrand Russell Society

As I write this, the Democratic Party convention is about to begin in New York City--part of a procedure that leads to the selection of the President. With 5,000 delegates (including BRS member Congressman Neil Abercrombie of Hawaii) representing persons from all over the nation, this national meeting reflects democratic processes in action.

In this context I have been thinking about Russell's views on democracy. While clearly committed to democratic institutions, Russell voiced some interesting qualifications about the process that are worth noting during this political summer and fall.

In writing about education in Education and the Good Life, Russell argued that an ideal system of schooling should be democratic. However, the existence of democratic procedures in teaching and learning should not lead to a "dead level of uniformity." This is because, Russell maintained, "some boys and girls are cleverer than others." Russell felt that it was necessary to recognize and work with children of exceptional ability while at the same time providing opportunity for all students to achieve their potential. He would have shared, I believe, President Johnson's belief that opportunity for all should exist to help create a level playing field.

In Education and the Social Order Russell made the following criticism of democracy:

The error of aristocracy lay, not in thinking that some men are superior to others, but in supposing superiority to be hereditary. The error of democracy lies in regarding all claims to superiority as just grounds for the resentment of the herd. In the modern world, much work which is necessary to the community requires more ability than most men possess, and there must be ways of selecting exceptional men to do this work. (p. 55)

In Education and the Good Life Russell cautioned against the "herd instinct" which he felt could lead to disastrous consequences if left unchecked in a democratic society. Russell's grandmother introduced him to the biblical passage which reads, "Thou shall not follow a multitude to do evil." This perspective became a central focus for Russell. Among other consequences it resulted in his being imprisoned more than once.

Russell's view that democratic institutions must avoid a dead level of uniformity, his recognition that not all persons in a society are of equal ability, and his fear of unchecked democracy that could result in the misdirection of the herd instinct are all important ideas worth thinking about in this political season.

No one can deny that Russell's basic instincts were democratic. This commitment can be seen in all of his social writings and in the way in which

he lived his life. Because of this deep commitment, his views on the limits of democracy are highly significant. Russell's views seem better balanced than those of other theorists (for example, John Dewey) who were uncritical of democratic procedures. It is further evidence of the way in which Russell's ideas continue to be valuable for a world which is about to enter a new century.

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## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

John Lenz, Vice President, Bertrand Russell Society

BRS Paper Prize: The Directors voted after some discussion to institute a prize, beginning in 1993, for the best one or two papers submitted for the Annual Meeting. It is meant for new members or new participants in the program. During the debate, there was much regret over the loss of the Grant Award, which the Paper Award replaces, but we felt we weren't receiving enough entries for the Grant Award, and we also wish to attract new members and to keep the annual program vital. We decided that with the money currently allocated, we could allocate one or two paper awards each year.

The award will consist of a paid trip to the Annual Meeting--this time in San Diego--plus a stipend. The stipend amount hasn't been fixed but will be about \$100. A prerequisite for receiving the award will be that the winners attend the meeting and present their papers. We will solicit papers on all aspects of Russell's work, suitable for presentation to a general audience. There will be two categories: (1) undergraduate; (2) "young professionals" (graduate students, junior professors, non-academics). The deadline (late Winter/early Spring) and other details should be announced in the next RSN. We will be accepting full papers (not abstracts) with texts about 20 pages long.

As organizer of the paper prize committee, which isn't formed yet, I would like to ask members who haven't yet participated in an annual meeting program to keep this prize award in mind. Remember the saying that everyone has one book in them? Russell is an endless source of topics. Particularly for the undergraduate category, can those who are teachers encourage their students to submit something?

I would like to make a list of courses on Russell being taught in colleges and universities. This would be an interesting survey for its own sake, and we could then direct mailings to those departments. Can anyone send me information about this? (Address: John Lenz, Dept. of Modern and Classical Languages, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77840.)

The last RSN contained an interesting testimonial from Jacques Cousteau, who said Russell was his idol (RSN No. 74, section 15). Coincidentally, soon after reading this, I was logged on to the "Usenet" newsgroup, which is a

large electronic bulletin board for UNIX users (e.g. many universities and computer companies) (the one that selections appear from in the same newsletter, section 11). In their atheism newsgroup, someone asked about a rumor that Cousteau had converted to Islam. I jumped in and sent a message that this was unlikely due to his praise of Russell. However, I wasn't sure since the same quotation goes on to praise poetry in a mildly mystical way; what exactly did this have to do with Russell, how did Cousteau see him? Then (this is how academics spend time) someone posted a message attacking me because the quoted interview was in 1985. But I can happily report that the rumor turned out to be just that; someone else explained Cousteau didn't convert but that this was one of a few such rumors emanating from Iran or somewhere like that (I don't recall). And I did get to announce the BRS over these lines, which led to one inquiry!

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Dennis Darland submitted this report for the quarter ending June 30, 1992.

Bank Balance on Hand, March 31, 1992	\$6,545.85
Income: Contributions	\$ 153.50
Interest	13.84
Library	151.60
Meeting Fees	341.45
New Members	595.00
Renewals	<u>1,364.00</u>
Total Income	+2,619.39
Expenses:	
Library	\$ 77.43
Membership/Information	618.68
Miscellaneous	1.67
<u>Russell Subscriptions</u>	<u>2,520.00</u>
Total Expenses	-3,217.78
Bank Balance, June 30, 1992	\$5,947.46

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## FOR SALE

These items are for sale from the BRS Information Committee, 1664 Pleasant View Rd., Coopersburg, PA 18036, U.S.A.: (1) BR Postcard--1959 photo by Philippe Halsman, \$1 for the first one, 75¢ for more ordered at the same time; (2) Members' Stationery--8 1/2 x 11, white, across the top: "The good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge, Bertrand Russell," USA price, \$6 for 80 sheets, other countries \$8 for 80 sheets.



## (8) 1992 ANNUAL MEETING PAPER/TALK ABSTRACTS

Four of the presenters of papers or talks at the 1992 BRS Annual Meeting provided these abstracts of their presentations:

Joe Barnhart, Department of Philosophy, University of North Texas, "Psychotherapy and the Epistemology of Bertrand Russell and Karl Popper."

Albert Ellis drew from Russell an important aspect of rational-emotive therapy that anticipates much of cognitive therapy and the current cognitive treatment of depression. Karl Popper's scheme of "three worlds" and his analysis of "the sources of truth and error" provide a fruitful framework for understanding and improving psychotherapy techniques. His critical realism provides also a unique way of framing voices, visions, and powerful impulses.

Marvin Kohl, Department of Philosophy, State University of New York at Fredonia, "Russell and the Good Life."

The talk "Russell and the Good Life" was essentially Part V of my paper on "Bertrand Russell's Characterization of Benevolent Love." This paper focuses on the characterization of benevolent love found in What I Believe in the chapter on "The Good Life." It explains why this characterization has been relatively neglected, why it appears problematic, and why--despite its apparent limitations--Russell was convinced that the cultivation of benevolent love would add an excellence society would not otherwise have.

Timothy J. Madigan, Council for Democratic and Secular Humanism, "Russell and the Values of Secular Humanism."

In this talk, I looked at two questions: 1. In what ways could Russell be considered to hold the values of secular humanism? 2. Why are there no modern-day public intellectuals of Russell's stature? While Russell did not like to refer to himself as a "humanist," considering this term to be vague, he did hold two views common to all secular humanists: a desire for the good life in the here-and-now and a critical outlook towards supernatural beliefs. One can only wonder what his reaction would be towards the virulent forms of religious fundamentalism that have arisen during the latter half of the 20th Century. Russell Jacoby has argued, in his book The Last Intellectuals, that the main reason that there are no public social critics of Russell's stature today is because an entire generation of intellectuals were swallowed up by academia, and in adapting to their environments lost the broad vision which free-lance intellectuals such as Russell never lost. Even if Jacoby is right, there are public intellectuals today--namely, pundits such as George Will, Irving Kristol, Richard John Neuhaus and Paul Johnson. The aforementioned, who write influential newspaper and journal articles, are strong critics of the values of secular humanism. Therefore, it is particularly important to answer their criticisms and defend the ideals of secular humanism. One way to do so is by keeping alive the memory of Russell, one of the 20th Century's most prominent public intellectuals.

Michael J. Rockler, National-Louis University, "Popper's Fallibilism and Russell's Skepticism as Educational Perspectives."

Karl Popper and Bertrand Russell--two of the twentieth century's most significant philosophers--both created important conceptions which can be applied to education. Popper's philosophy of science has resulted in the development of "educational fallibilism." Russell, who directly affected education both in his writings and in the co-founding of Beacon Hill School, influenced schooling profoundly through his views on skepticism. This paper examines both these views, describing ways in which these important thinkers influenced teaching and learning.

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AN OPEN LETTER: RUJA TO ROCKLER

This letter, composed in mid-July 1992, is reproduced as the writer's request. We salute Harry Ruja, who will be the 1993 BRS Award recipient, and look forward to being with him in San Diego next June.

OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT MICHAEL ROCKLER

Dear Michael: As you can well imagine, it was a great thrill to hear from Marvin Kohl soon after the June BRS meeting that I was to receive the BRS Award at next year's meeting.

Moreover, as a most thoughtful gesture, the meeting will be held in San Diego, so distance will be no barrier to my attending.

In an advance copy of the Minutes of the 1992 Board meeting, I learned further that you took the initiative in submitting my name, and then, to add to my extreme pleasure, the rest of the Board unanimously approved your proposal.

There is more. Ken Blackwell tells me that there is a good chance that the two volumes of our massive Russell bibliography on which, between us, we have worked a total of sixty years, will be published by next June!

If I were superstitious, I would think that there must be a hex associated with so much good fortune, but as a good Russellian, I shall banish that thought from my mind.

Though Marvin has assured me that others will make all the arrangements, I shall be glad to help in any way I can, when called upon.

Thank you, and all the Board members, once more.

*Harry Ruja*

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## A LETTER FROM SIR KARL POPPER

On June 13 at the Annual Meeting in Washington, the BRS presented the 1992 Bertrand Russell Society Award to Sir Karl Popper "for his many contributions to philosophy in the Russellian spirit of critical thought." We had hoped that Sir Karl would be able to join us that day, but his schedule and events connected to the celebration of his 90th birthday on July 28, 1992, we regret, kept him on the eastern side of the Atlantic Ocean. In Sir Karl's absence, Prof. Joe Barnhart of the University of North Texas accepted the award and spoke most interestingly on having met Sir Karl and the wide-ranging significance of his philosophical studies. The award plaque was shipped to Sir Karl in late June, and we received this letter shortly thereafter.

*Sir Karl Popper, CH, FRS*

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Dear Mr. Jackanicz,

The most unexpected arrival of the Bertrand Russell Society Award for 1992 has given me enormous pleasure, and I thank you and the membership of the Society with all my heart for honouring me with this award.

I naturally wish to thank Professor Barnhart for standing in for me, and I would be grateful if you could let me have his address. If possible, I would like to have a copy of his paper given on June 12, and of his acceptance speech if available.

I very much regret that I was unable to come to Washington for this year's meeting, but it was really quite impossible. The pressure of work this year has been heavier than I can ever remember.

With my best wishes for you and the Bertrand Russell Society,

*Yours sincerely  
Karl Popper*

Karl Popper

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## MINUTES OF THE 1992 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BERTRAND RUSSELL SOCIETY, INC.

The 1992 Annual Meeting of The Bertrand Russell Society, Inc. was held from June 12 to June 14 at The American University, Washington, DC.

Friday, June 12, 1992

The meeting was called to order by President Michael J. Rockler at 7:30 p.m. in Room 220 of the Ward Circle Building. Following his welcoming remarks, President Rockler presented a Bertrand Russell Society Service Award to Gladys Leithauser. Joe Barnhart then presented his paper, "Psychotherapy and the Epistemology of Bertrand Russell and Karl Popper," after which U.S. Congressman Neil Abercrombie spoke on "Russell's Values and the 1992 Presidential Election." The meeting was recessed at 10:05 p.m. The first session of the 1992 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was then held.

Saturday, June 13, 1992

President Rockler reconvened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Room 220 of the Ward Circle Building. Marvin Kohl presented a talk on "Russell and the Good Life."

With President Rockler in the chair, the Society Business Meeting began at 10:40 a.m. as Secretary Donald W. Jackanicz read the Minutes of the June 12, 1992 Board of Directors Annual Meeting session. The membership agreed to dispense with the reading of the 1991 Annual Meeting Minutes. Treasurer Dennis J. Darland then reported that the current Treasury balance is \$6,649.67. Next, Sheila Turcon of the Bertrand Russell Archives spoke on recent developments at the Russell Archives and forthcoming Russell-related publications. Louis Greenspan of the Bertrand Russell Editorial Project then reported on the Project's successes and problems. President Rockler read a June 10, 1992 letter to the Board of Directors from Kenneth Blackwell of the Bertrand Russell Archives, which thanked the Society for its "moral support and financial willingness" in connection with the publication of The Second Archives of Bertrand Russell. Also read by President Rockler was a May 27, 1992 report from Chandrakala Padia concerning the May 10-11, 1992 Annual Conference of the Benares Chapter of The Bertrand Russell Society. It was moved by Marvin Kohl and unanimously accepted that McMaster University be given permission to use The Bertrand Russell Society's membership list for fundraising purposes. Donald W. Jackanicz then reported on his recent work as Editor of Russell Society News. President Rockler reminded all members that any interested person may request to be on future annual meeting programs or suggest annual meeting program items. Christos Tzanetakos then proposed that (1) the Society purchase copies of Russell's Why I Am Not a Christian for distribution to philosophy students and (2) the Society send a letter to the government of New York City requesting the renaming of LaGuardia Airport to Bertrand Russell Airport as a way of making amends for the City's actions relating to Russell's City College of New York appointment. However,

## MINUTES OF THE 1992 ANNUAL MEETING (CONTINUED)

President Rockler ruled that this would have to be a matter to be considered by the Board of Directors. In response to Book Award Committee Chairman Gladys Leithauser's questions about how to consider non-English language books or books too technical for general readership, President Rockler stated that she has permission to appoint two new Committee members capable of assisting in the consideration of such books. Tim Madigan then provided information about the 1994 World Humanist Conference to be held in Hyderabad, India and the possibility of a Bertrand Russell Society session there. Following further discussion of Christos Tzanetakos's proposals, Lee Eisler moved that the Board of Directors hold a second session that night; the Board members present voted as follows on this motion: Yes--7, No--1, Abstain--3. Jan Eisler suggested that for future annual meetings a pre-meeting day be scheduled for the Board of Directors meeting, but no formal motion was made on this matter. Following Lee Eisler's unanimously accepted motion to adjourn the meeting, President Rockler declared the Society Business Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Tim Madigan then spoke on "Russell's Values and Contemporary Secular Humanism," after which the meeting was recessed at 12:43 p.m. Following lunch, President Rockler reconvened the meeting in Room 220 of the Ward Circle Building at 2:18 p.m. and presented his paper, "Popper's Fallibilism and Russell's Skepticism as Educational Perspectives." Donald W. Jackanicz next offered a workshop on Russell's 1960 Sonning Prize Address, "Old and Young Cultures." The meeting was recessed at 4:30 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m. the Red Hackle Hour began at Quigleys, a restaurant located near The American University at 3201 New Mexico Avenue NW. At 7:15 p.m. the Banquet was held in the University Club of The American University's Mary Graden Center. Following the Banquet, Joe Barnhart presented the 1992 Bertrand Russell Society Award to Sir Karl Popper and accepted it on his behalf. Gladys Leithauser then presented the 1992 Bertrand Russell Society Book Award to Nicholas Griffin for Russell's Idealist Apprenticeship. After his remarks of acceptance, Mr. Griffin read a draft version of his paper concerning Russell's relationship with his first wife, Alys Pearsall Smith. The evening program concluded at 9:30 p.m. The second session of the 1992 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was then held.

Sunday, June 14, 1992

The meeting was reconvened by President Rockler at 9:00 a.m. in Room 220 of the Ward Circle Building. Marvin Kohl provided information about The Association for the Study and Advancement of Supportive Values of which he is a founder. John Shosky next spoke on "An Intellectual Bias?: Russell and Modal Logic." Steven C. Shafer then presented his paper, "'Witty, Pungent, Philosophical, Whimsical and Bitter': Politicians' Perceptions of Bertrand Russell in Britain." Following closing remarks by President Rockler, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

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MINUTES OF THE 1992 BERTRAND RUSSELL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of The Bertrand Russell Society, Inc. met in two sessions on June 12 and June 13, 1992 in the Third Floor Lounge of Centennial Hall on the campus of The American University in Washington, DC.

Friday, June 12, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 p.m. by Chairman Marvin Kohl. In addition to Chairman Kohl, the Directors in attendance were Jack Cowles, Dennis J. Darland, Lee Eisler, Donald W. Jackanicz, John A. Jackanicz, Robert James, David Johnson, Gladys Leithauser, John Lenz, Hugh Moorhead, Stephen J. Reinhardt, Michael J. Rockler, and Warren Allen Smith.

Mr. Moorhead moved and it was unanimously accepted that all incumbent officers be reelected for service during the forthcoming year. The reelected officers are as follows: Chairman of the Board of Directors--Marvin Kohl; President--Michael J. Rockler; Vice President--John Lenz; Vice President/Information--Lee Eisler; Secretary of the Board of Directors and the Society--Donald W. Jackanicz; Treasurer--Dennis J. Darland.

Mr. Rockler moved and it was unanimously accepted that the 1993 Society Annual Meeting be held in San Diego from June 18 to June 20. Mr. Rockler moved and it was unanimously accepted that the 1993 Bertrand Russell Society Award be presented to Harry Ruja. Although no formal motion was made, Mr. Rockler expressed his view that there should be a two year lead time for planning annual meetings.

Mr. Lenz moved that (1) the doctoral and masters grant program be abolished and (2) a competition be established for one or two annual prizes for the best paper(s) on a Russell-related subject, provided the awardee(s) presents the paper(s) at the annual meeting, with there being an undergraduate category and a young professionals category, and with the prize to consist of a stipend, travel expenses to the annual meeting, annual meeting registration, and a one year Society membership. This motion was accepted with the following vote: Yes--8, No--0, Abstain--5, Not Present--1. Chairman Kohl appointed John Lenz to chair a committee responsible for administering the competition.

Mr. Rockler moved and it was unanimously accepted that the Society pay to the Russell Archives for members' Russell journal subscriptions an additional (U.S.)\$1.50 for 1993 and an additional (U.S.)\$1.50 + \$1.00 for 1994 in relation to the present 1992 price.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

## MINUTES OF THE 1992 BOARD MEETING (CONTINUED)

Saturday, June 13, 1992

Because of a Board of Directors vote taken at the Society Business Meeting on June 13, 1992, the Board of Directors reconvened in a second, previously unplanned session at 9:54 p.m. with Chairman Marvin Kohl presiding. In addition to Chairman Kohl, the Directors in attendance were Jack Cowles, Dennis J. Darland, Lee Eisler, Donald W. Jackanicz, John A. Jackanicz, Robert James, Gladys Leithauser, Hugh Moorhead, Stephen J. Reinhardt, Michael J. Rockler, and Warren Allen Smith.

Discussion exclusively dealt with the proposals made earlier that day at the Society Annual Business Meeting by Christos Tzanetakos, who was present and further outlined his thoughts. To enable Mr. Tzanetakos's proposals to be brought before the Board, Mr. Moorhead moved that the Society seek legally to reverse the New York City government court decision relating to Russell and the City College of New York and that the Society allocate money for the purchase and distribution of Russell books to students. Following discussion, Mr. Moorhead withdrew this motion. There ensued a general discussion of methods of publicizing the Society. Mr. Eisler then moved that the Society make an effort to publicize the City College of New York events and the court decision. Following discussion, Mr. Eisler withdrew this motion. Ultimately Chairman Kohl stated that he will appoint a committee responsible for publicity relating to the City College of New York episode. The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

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VOLUNTEER (STILL) WANTED

In RSN, No. 74, May 1992 we ran a section, "Volunteer Wanted." We regret that that article did not produce the needed volunteer. So we are repeating our request: Can you volunteer to be the new Co-Chairman of the BRS Membership Committee?

We need someone who can spare several hours a week to handle inquiries and enrollments. The present Co-Chairman, William K. Fielding, does a superb job. But he has decided to give up the post as soon as we find a successor.

The record-keeping routines have been worked out and seem satisfactory (but if you find a way to improve them -- fine!). The work is not difficult but it does take time. It is essential work without which the BRS could not thrive. Even though it has become routine, it has always been found interesting. Inquiries come in from around the world, often with comments or anecdotes. This is a job for someone who has worked in an office and has enjoyed doing paper-work. You would need some space for storing the printed material that you would send to inquirers and to new members.

Does it appeal it to you? Volunteer! Write: Volunteer, 1664 Pleasant View Road, Coopersburg, PA 18036, U.S.A.





(15) THANKS FROM THE BERTRAND RUSSELL EDITORIAL PROJECT

The recent publication of A Detailed Catalogue of the Second Archives of Bertrand Russell was a major bibliographical event in Russell research. See Section 14, Page 16 for a description of this book. We are grateful to Russell Archivist Kenneth Blackwell for this letter of thanks and for his gift to the BRS Library of a copy of this fine work.



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The Bertrand Russell Archives  
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June 10, 1992

The Board of Directors  
The Bertrand Russell Society, Inc.

Dear Friends and Supporters of Russell Studies,

I have asked Dr. Louis Greenspan, Managing Editor of the Bertrand Russell Editorial Project at McMaster University, to present to the Society's library on my behalf the first copy I received of The Second Archives of Bertrand Russell, just published by Thoemmes Press of Bristol, England.

I am giving this copy to the Society's library in gratitude for the Society's moral support and financial willingness when it was sorely needed to make publication of this catalogue possible before a publisher could be found. In addition to the Society's offer of a substantial loan, a number of individual members contributed to the Catalogue Fund, further enhancing and broadening the Society's support.

Doing the catalogue with Dr. Carl Spadoni was a large effort, with the major aim of making the research possibilities in Russell's later papers known throughout the world, and during the years in which the catalogue languished unpublished on my desk in its sole photocopy I felt great frustration. The Society, I knew, when two years ago it agreed to make publication possible, shared my mission in making Russell's papers and thereby his efforts in his last decade better known.

Thank you again for your support of Russell Studies.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Blackwell".

Kenneth Blackwell  
Russell Archivist

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## THE SELECTED LETTERS OF BERTRAND RUSSELL

Following last year's publication of Nicholas Griffin's Russell's Idealist Apprenticeship, The Selected Letters of Bertrand Russell, Volume 1: The Private Years (1884-1914), edited by Prof. Griffin, appeared in Britain this spring (Allen Lane) and in the U.S. in July (Houghton Mifflin Company). The Selected Letters is receiving considerable press coverage. In addition to the three comparatively short reviews shown below, you may wish to examine Stuart Hampshire's longer review article, "Russell's Paradox," in The New York Review of Books, vol. 39, no. 14, August 13, 1992, pp. 7-8, 10. Our thanks to Bob James, Warren Allen Smith, John Jackanicz, and Houghton Mifflin for providing these reviews. And congratulations to Nicholas Griffin on another fine work of scholarship!

FINANCIAL TIMES WEEKEND MARCH 14/MARCH 15 1992

## BOOKS

## A great philosopher bares his soul

*A.C. Grayling admires the intelligence, generosity and wit of Bertrand Russell*

**I**T IS characteristic of Bertrand Russell that when in 1885 he won his Prize Fellowship at Trinity College, Cambridge, he donated his stipend to the newly-founded London School of Economics. His instinctive generosity did not only express itself in financial terms; to almost everyone he knew he was generous in many intellectual and emotional ways. His letters testify luminously to this trait, as they testify also to his scintillating intelligence and delightful wit. All these facets of Russell are present to us in these letters, each of them serving as a record, preserved in typically sharp, lucid prose, of the freshly-minted responses of a brilliant yet extraordinarily humane mind.

Nicholas Griffin tells us that there

THE SELECTED LETTERS OF  
BERTRAND RUSSELL: VOL. 1,  
1884-1914

edited by Nicholas Griffin

Allen Lane The Penguin Press £23, £40 paper

are nearly 50,000 letters in the Russell archive. For this volume, the first of two, he has chosen 340, all but one previously unpublished. They cover Russell's first four decades, taking us to the event which impelled him into his controversial public career: the outbreak of the First World War. The projected second volume, still in preparation, covers the remaining six decades of Russell's life, throughout which he was prominent on the international stage as social reformer, peace campaigner and philosophical gadfly stinging the body politic.

Griffin's achievement in this first volume is a splendid augury for its successor. He has in effect given us a new biography of Russell, skilfully weaving the letters into an explanatory narrative of notes and commentary. It is notable that most of Russell's letters are to women, indeed to the small group of women who were most important to him in this period: his grandmother, who brought him up; Alys Pearsall Smith, his first wife; and Lady Ottoline Morrell, with whom Russell had a love-affair which liberated him from the sexual and social poverities of

his earlier life.

To these women Russell wrote intimately of his feelings, hopes, work, friends and conversations. He wrote almost daily, and at length, in characteristically fluent style, so that the letters constitute a remarkable diary comparable in its autobiographical and literary value to Pepys or to Rousseau's memoirs, and even more gripping than the epistolary fictions of Richardson because they convey the genuine personal testimony of a great and passionate mind. Only to these women did Russell write so fully; to male friends his letters give less of his inward mind and therefore more that is inessential.

The volume begins with Russell's boyhood letters to his grandmother, widow of the reforming Prime Minister Lord John Russell. She brought up the orphaned Russell at Pembroke Lodge in Richmond Park in an atmosphere of priggish austerity. Hunger for affection remained, Russell later said, one of the permanent compulsions of his life. Tutors and nannies fostered his precocious talents, and at 19 he went up at Cambridge to read mathematics and then philosophy, becoming a Prize Fellow of Trinity at the age of 23.

While still an undergraduate Russell fell in love with a Quaker five years his senior, Alys Pearsall Smith. Soon after graduating, and against his family's determined opposition, they married, so beginning a period of happiness in which Russell produced his greatest work in logic and philosophy. This was not at Alys's expense; the letters show that Russell was a "new man" a century before the expression was invented, for he and Alys devised a "complicated mutual-adjustment system" of marriage which reflected their opposition to traditional views about women's roles. Both were ardent feminists, and even as Russell was writing (with A.N. Whitehead) his great three-volume treatise on the logical foundations of mathematics, the *Principia Mathematica*, he stood several times for Parliament as a woman's suffrage candidate. Later, with Ottoline Morrell, he experienced again the fruitful ecstasy of love which, paradoxical as it seems, inspired some of his best technical work.

Russell never held in academic exclusiveness, and to any interested



correspondent he enjoyed giving lucidly pithy accounts of his work. As a result the volume describes Russell's philosophical progress from student to internationally famous savant in a series of brilliant vignettes drawn by Russell himself. But even in these letters the discussion ranges widely, touching with equal ease on history or politics, music or personal matters. Concerning these last, Russell was an indefatigable correspondent, entirely unpretentious and full of affection.

The Russell one meets in these pages is enormously likeable and admirable.

Griffin's choice of letters portrays something very different from a Mr Apollinax ravishing maidens. It has become fashionable, even among philosophers, to undervalue Russell's contributions; but both in technical philosophy, where his influence so pervades that citation of his works is no longer necessary, and in the social revolution which freed 20th-century minds from Victorian fetters, Russell is a central figure. He merits celebration, and this volume marvellously demonstrates why.

**The Selected Letters of Bertrand Russell. Volume 1: The Private Years, 1884-1914, edited by Nicholas Griffin. Houghton Mifflin; 553 pages; \$35.**

IN THESE PREVIOUSLY UNPUBLISHED LETTERS, we see Bertrand Russell learning the painful and elementary facts of life that are much more easily imbibed by most men who do not grow up to be earls or professional philosophers. Orphaned at two, Russell was brought up by his prudish, morbid, and terrifying grandmother, who became a fury in earnest when, at 21, he decided to marry Alys Pearsall Smith.

Russell's grandmother vilified Alys, demanded separations so he could reconsider, and finally told the couple they could not marry because insanity on both sides made it unsafe for them to have children; she was placated only when Russell, in desperation, promised they would have a white marriage. In fact, as his letters make plain, he was desperate to begin his sexual experience, as shown by his regret over his ignorance and confusion ("I was left to learn what I could from the smutty talk of immoral companions—oh it is scandal-

ous, what suffering and wrong-doing I might have been spared by ten minutes candid instruction") and his hesitant assurances to his equally nervous fiancée ("I don't believe we shall find coition such an absolutely different thing from previous physical things, and I believe experience in the one can more or less be extended to the other—but I dare say not").

Russell and Alys were happy for several years, during which he did a great deal of productive work, but the increasing confidence he gained from that work and the marriage, together with Alys's frequent depressions and rest cures, gradually pulled them apart. Russell has been much criticized for cruelty and indifference to Alys, but the letters amply testify to his concern for her, as well as to his own suffering. "Some sorrows can only be met by patience, and the reflection that life is both short and unimportant. This is a consolation not open to the Christians, and it is one which gives us a real advantage over them."

Russell's patience gave out, though, when, in 1911, he fell in love with Ottoline Morrell, who gave him the passionate intimacy his wife could not. "O Dearest,"

he wrote to her at the beginning of their affair, "your love is absolute happiness to me, but it is more than happiness—it purifies all my thoughts, it stills the intolerable home-sickness of the exile, it revives the worship of beauty that I set out to kill in order to endure my life."

Their relationship endured until he wrote that, on a lecture tour of the U.S., he had met a woman of greater sexual appetite than hers who would be following him to England. "I do not want you to think that this will make the very *smallest* difference in my feeling towards you, beyond removing the irritation of unsatisfied instinct. I suppose it must give you some pain, but I hope not very much if I can make you believe it is all right, and that she is not the usual type of American." By then, however, it is August 1914, and, as political events overtake the personal, Russell makes a comment that could apply to both: "Perhaps we shall emerge into a saner world. Anyhow everything has to be begun afresh—old fixed points are gone."

Rhoda Koenig. *New York, July 27, 1992, pp. 49-50.*

## BOOKS

Saturday, March 14, 1992

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WEEKEND TELEGRAPH

# A cantankerous judge

BY THE AGE of 42, at which point this first volume of his letters ends, Bertrand Russell was the most eminent philosopher in the British Isles and among the greatest in the world. He had won a starred first at Cambridge, pioneered the study of the philosophy of mathematics, served as President of the Aristotelian Society, published three volumes of the monumental *Principia Mathematica* and embarked and almost capsized on the *Theory of Knowledge*. A volume of his letters might reasonably seem daunting fodder for an innumerate reviewer who is tone deaf to metaphysics.

He need have no fear. Nicholas Griffin includes just enough of what he calls the "less technical" letters to Louis Couturat, Moore, Whitehead, to make one realize how incomprehensible Russell's work was to the non-professional (and, indeed, to the great majority of professionals as well).

"I began with 22 Pp of general logic (such as the syllogism) and I deduced from them all of pure mathematics, including Cantor and geometry, without any new Pp or primitive concept... Naturally, the axioms are replaced by definitions; this process is the only one that would be valid for non-Euclidean geometry."

Naturally, but there is not much of this. The book constitutes, in the editor's phrase, an "epistolary biography." It is admirably equipped with linking passages setting the letters in context and adorned with footnotes that exhibit both Professor Griffin's omniscience and his pleasantly sardonic wit. When Russell first kissed Alys Pearsall Smith's breasts:

To their mutual relief, they found that this physical expression of their love did not compromise its purity. The inci-

dent helped allay fears that they would drift into mere sensuality, a remote danger, one would have thought, for such a very prun young couple.

The combination of Russell's letters and Griffin's editing provides an enthralling introduction to one of the most remarkable and bizarre figures of the 20th century.

Most of the letters are to the two great loves of this part of his life: his first wife, Alys Pearsall Smith, and Lady Ottoline Morrell. His wish to marry Alys involved him in a fierce struggle with his formidable grandmother, the widow of Lord John Russell, who had brought him up. Lady Russell had the highest possible standards—"I have no intelligent grandchildren," she once moaned. She considered Alys unfit to marry Bertie, both socially and intellectually, finally invoking arguments of eugenics on the ground that there was madness on both sides of the putative family. Russell retorted that, in that case, he would have no children. His grandmother's intolerance accounted at least in part for his revulsion against his class. "Damned aristocrats," he described them. And when it was suggested that he should work for a few months in the Embassy in Paris, he was "blindly averse" to the idea because it was "aristocratic and from my people."

The marriage was a disaster. Russell patronised Alys ruthlessly. She would, of course, never be capable of any "brilliant original thinking" but, if only she would work hard, she would be able at least to "criticize

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my thoughts, instead of laughing at the good ones and admiring those that are really commonplace". He later apologised for hurting her but did it again within a few weeks. Finally, he undermined her confidence and ended by falling out of love with her. "I have made a mess of my private life," he wailed.

"I have not lived up to my ideals and I have failed to get or give happiness. And as a natural result I have tended to grow cynical about private relations and personal happiness—whether my own or other people's. So all my idealism has become concentrated on my work, which is the one thing in which I have not disappointed myself, and in which I have made none of the compromises that destroy faith."

Ottoline Morrell was altogether more able to hold her own and made Russell quite as unhappy as he made her. She contrived to remain—more or less—happily married to her husband Philip, while conducting affairs with Henry Lamb, Russell and, in a somewhat etiolated way, Lytton Strachey. "It is altogether extraordinary to me that you should love me," Russell told her. "I feel myself so rugged and ruthless, and so removed from the whole aesthetic side of life—a sort of logic machine warranted to destroy any ideal that is not very robust." The

explanation was that she didn't love him—it is doubtful if she ever loved anyone except herself—but she hated to let him go. He would have destroyed him if the ruggedness and ruthlessness to which he had admitted had not pulled him back to the work which he knew to be the most important part of his life.

Russell never really liked anyone, or not so seriously to disturb the tenor of his existence. He loved a few. He vastly admired Wittgenstein, whose devastating critique of his work he accepted with a readiness, even a gratitude, which speaks eloquently for his intellectual integrity. He revered Conrad:

"I plucked up courage to tell him what I find in his work—the boring down into things to get to the very bottom below the apparent facts. He seemed to feel I had understood him; then he stopped and we just looked into each other's eyes for some time, and then he said he had grown to wish he could live on the surface and write differently, that he had grown frightened."

But he had few friends.

Most of his judgments of human beings were harsh, some were cantankerous. The Americans in particular inspired his displeasure. American bores were "more virulent, I think, than the bore of any other country—they all give one exactly the same information, slowly, inexorably, undeterred by all one's efforts to stop them." A "regular American place" was described as being such because it was "very dirty, disgusting food, windows never opened, spittoons distributed

tastefully about the floor, hard, efficient, un-meditative men coming and going, talking in horrible American voices". Their appearance was calamitous. "The ugliness of the faces along the table made me almost unable to eat—fat, stupid, complacent, without any redeeming trait of any sort or kind."

Even at their best they were deficient. The most intelligent of his pupils, he wrote, was "proficient in Plato, intimate with French literature from Villon to Valdrach, very capable of a certain exquisiteness of appreciation, but lacking in the crude insistent passion that one must have in order to achieve anything". In spite of his lack of passion, Professor Griffin notes dryly, the pupil "didn't do too badly". He was T. S. Eliot.

But what is most memorable about these letters is not the peevishness, the intolerance, the arrogance; not the fierce self-criticism or the sudden flights of almost schoolboy lyricism; but the unflinching, unrelenting search for truth. For that he would have sacrificed anything; his success, the reputation of his colleagues, the happiness of those he loved.

To Ottoline Morrell he speculated about the mysteries of God and infinity, about the great things of life and the power of love: "But truth is the one I have mainly served, and truth is the only one I always feel the divinity of." Truth proved a hard master, one which gave him much distress and was the cause of his giving much distress to others. But without the fearless honesty that stamped his life he would have been perhaps more contented, certainly more comfortable, but a lesser man.

Phillip Ziegler

(17) OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS RUSSELL PUBLICATIONS

We were pleased to see this Oxford University Press announcement/order form for two of its publications which have been honored with the BRS Book Award.

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## THE BRS BENARAS CHAPTER

Here is news about a recent meeting of the BRS Benaras [India] Chapter and Chandrakala Padia's new book, Liberty and Social Transformation: A Study in Bertrand Russell's Political Thought. The BRS has been fortunate to have had Dr. Padia as a speaker at more than one of its annual meetings. We are now pleased to see her Russell research in published form. We also salute the BRS Benaras Chapter and look forward to receiving future reports.

If you have extra copies of BR-related books or can make a contribution of new books or money, the Benaras Chapter would be most grateful to receive your gift. The address is BRS Benaras Chapter; New G; 7, Hyderabad Colony BHU; Varanesi 5, India.

A report on the Annual Conference of  
the Benaras chapter of the Bertrand Russell Society

The Benaras chapter of the Bertrand Russell Society organized a two day conference on 10th and 11th of May 1992 to felicitate one year completion of Benaras chapter. The subject of discourse on 10th May was 'Disintegration of Soviet Union : Future of Socialism'. The speaker was Prof. Mohan Thampi a renowned social scientist and a professor of English literature from Benaras Hindu University. The meeting was attended by sixty persons which included eminent scholars, journalists, teachers, professionals, students and such others.

The subject of discourse on May 11 was 'Bertrand Russell and Socialism'. Prof. Nanwar Singh, renowned Hindi critic and social scientist, was invited from Delhi at this occasion to speak on this subject. The society bear the cost of his journey. He, however, threw light on many new aspect of Russell's Political thought; how people in the west and east have often misunderstood his thought; how he was the one who could think ahead of his time; and how he has added a democratic colour to the concept of socialism. He has the great virtue of being candid in all his analysis and interpretations.

Both the days, Dr. Chandrakala Padia welcomed the participants and guests and apprised them of Society's activities and contribution. She also threw light on the life and works of Bertrand Russell. She also briefed the audience about Russell's views on socialism. In the end, she thanked the speaker and to all those who made it a big success.

The meeting was attended by the President of three Universities and renowned scholars of the city. All the local papers gave it a wide coverage. The members of the Benaras chapter worked day and night to make it a success. Some new officials were appointed to facilitate the working of society with the consent of all its members.

## LIBERTY & SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

A Study in Bertrand Russell's  
Political Thought  
Chandrakala

The book is both critical and constructive. By appealing to the text of Russell's own works, it essays to provide reasoned answers to the following criticisms against the greatest philosopher of this century: (a) that Russell is not a political philosopher at all (Stuart Hampshire, Antony Flew, John G. Slater, D.H. Munro); (b) that his thought is disfigured by a dichotomy between his logico-mathematical metaphysics and the categorical imperative of his moral convictions (E.C. Lindeman, John Lewis); (c) and that his concept of liberty is singularly negative (Christopher Caudwell, John Lewis, V.J. McGill).

Positively, the book projects the following: Russell's psychological theory of impulse emphasizing the unity of instinct, mind and spirit; his unique doctrine of socialism visualized as a way of balancing anarchy with dominion, initiative with social cooperation, and freedom with authority; his distinct conception of man as a semi-gregarious animal with natural impulses towards both solitariness and sociability; and his commendable endeavour to evolve a politics of love, community and justice which may be impervious to both anarchy and authoritarianism, a politics that will permit neither power to overwhelm liberty, nor liberty to undermine mutual concern.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr. Chandrakala is a Reader in the Dept. of Political Science, Benares Hindu University. She is a recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Award of USA and the UGC Career Award. She has published quite a few papers in the reputed national & international journals.

### SOME OPINIONS

*'Dr. Chandrakala has sought out the most direct and explicit rejections of her thesis and responds to them without equivocation or evasion. . . . She reads Russell closely and carefully, something which his critics do not always do.'* - Harry Ruja, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, San Diego State University, California, U.S.A.

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*'Dr. Chandrakala's work . . . is a thorough study of Russell's socialism . . . She successfully applies Russell's principles to an analysis of the profound social, political, and industrial problems . . .'* - Kenneth Blackwell, Russell Archivist, The Bertrand Russell Archives, Hamilton, Canada.

*'Dr. Chandrakala's work shows qualities of clarity and insight which I have rarely encountered in reading about Russell, a lucid, carefully crafted interpretation . . . of Russell's most important works.'* - K.E. Garey, Department of History, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada.

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(19) THE BRS PHILIPPINE CHAPTER

Congratulations to the BRS Philippine Chapter on the issuance of its first newsletter! Reproduced below in reduced size is the complete first page. We thank Ramon Suzara for providing us with this newsletter issue. And we salute him and his colleagues for their fine work in creating another strong BRS organization in Asia.

## BERTRAND RUSSELL SOCIETY *Philippine Chapter* QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER No. 1 June 1992

### NEWS!!!!

#### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

5 p.m., June 06, 1992 held at the BRS Headquarters at SLU, Makati

##### Summary:

1) The following were elected officers for the period June 1992 to June 1993:

President	Gras Reyes
Secretary/Treasurer	Jojie Cruz
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International Representative	Poch Suzara

2) We will soon have the maiden issue of the BRS Journal, thanks to the untiring efforts of Gras Reyes and other BRS Members.

We wish to encourage all members to join in this endeavor.

3) A membership fee of P100.00 a year will be collected from all members. Please be ready with your payments next scheduled monthly regular meeting (June 20, 1992). Likewise, a minimal contribution of P20 to P30 will be collected to cover for refreshments and other incidental costs for the meeting.

We also accepted the application of membership to the BRS Philippine Chapter of three (3) friends. They are Joey Reyes of Maryland St., Cubao and a professor at the International School, Apple Peralta of Tandang Sora, Quezon City who is a Computer Engineer and last but not the least, Howie Borja of Project 2, Quezon City who works with the PHRDC at the University of Life.

#### BRS JOURNAL

We wish to invite all BRS members to send in articles, essays on important issues, book reviews and all other forms of literature for publication. We will give priority to articles on Russell and reviews on his works. However, rest assured all contributions will be accorded its proper exposure. Send your contributions to Jojie Cruz, 97 Matimban St., Sikatuna Village, Quezon City. She will take care of collation and submission to Mr. Gras Reyes for selection and editing.

#### START CRACKING YOUR HEADS!!!

#### BRS PHIL. CHAPTER LETTERHEAD

A lot of thanks to Ms. Wild Teng Santaromana for a "very handsome letterhead" acknowledged by the BRS U.S.A. in its newsletter of the 1st quarter 1992.

#### MEMBERSHIP

We welcome these new BRS Philippine Chapter members:

Mr. Joey Reyes, Ms. Apple Peralta and Mr. Howie Borja

#### BRS FACT SHEETS

We have reprinted copies of above and available for all BRS members. Call Poch Suzara at Tel. No. 810-7592.

*Poch Suzara wrote a very good article entitled "TRUE VALUES" which saw print in the December 02, 1990 issue of Manila Standard Daily Newspaper.*

*For the benefit of those who missed this issue, here it is.*

#### TRUE VALUES

"We believe in the miracles of the past. They were a divine intervention over human affairs. But we have yet to believe in the greatest of miracles that has yet to take place before it is too late: the miracle from God that will convert Filipino hearts and minds no longer to hate, but only to love one another. Indeed, we Filipinos love God up in heaven; but at the same time, we hate one another down here on earth. We have faith in God; but we have no faith in ourselves to create a better nation for ourselves with courage, knowledge and kindness.

We believe in prayer. We believe that time spent in prayer is not time ill-spent because God always favors us with the things we pray for. Indeed, we always pray for peace; unfortunately, we never also pray for social sanity. After all, as insanity prevails in our society, how can there be peace?

We are more proud of our religious values than we are proud of our intelligence. Whenever we are faced with troubles and conflicts we use our knees; we seldom use our heads. We pass on our troubles and conflicts to God for his consideration. We leave everything to God. We believe that God will provide. But as our troubles and conflicts are getting more and more complex each day, we just continue to pray more and more and beg for God's forgiveness. We all pray harmoniously with our hands and hearts and minds together.

Because of our religious values, we believe that sacred truths should never be questioned; that sacred mysteries should never be investigated; that sacred books should always be taken for granted. In the meantime, we have yet to discover the greatest discovery of all time anywhere in the world -- the unfathomable depths of our own ignorance.

Why was it that only the few Bible writers were inspired, but the millions upon millions of Bible readers have not been equally inspired by God?

We are the only Christian nation in Asia. The Holy Bible has been guiding our way of life during these past four centuries. Unfortunately, the Bible does not have all the answers to life's problems. Surely, if the Bible has been the most excellent guide for human behavior, if the Bible encourages human intelligence, if the Bible insures the good life inspired by love and guided by knowledge -- then by this time we should already be the most advanced people under the most developed nation enjoying not only freedom and democracy, but also social order, economic equality, and political sagacity.

Surely, as the only Christian nation in Asia under the power of God through Biblical teachings we should also be teaching by now other nations how to cure leprosy; how to make the lame walk; the blind see; the dumb speak; how to raise the dead. Perhaps those medical miracles were only valid during biblical days. But we cannot even raise our dead, but just the living among fellow Christians in the streets of Metro Manila.

How does it profit Filipino Christians who will gain eternal happiness in the next life by leaving this life in the Philippines a much worst place than how they found it? The most harmful of beliefs is

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## PHILOSOPHER'S CORNER

Dennis Darland has proposed that "Philosopher's Corner" become a regular RSN feature for which all are invited to submit short philosophical articles. We are grateful to Dennis for preparing this first article. May we also hear from you?

Russell desired to apply the apparatus of Principia Mathematica to the problems of philosophy. He sought a logically perfect language which would allow the resolution of the puzzles of philosophy. Wittgenstein was originally seen as working on this task as well. His Tractatus was seen as a work of genius on this task. However, Wittgenstein radically altered his position, attacking his earlier (and Russell's) position as the result of illusions about language. Are Wittgenstein's criticisms of Logical Atomism valid? What is the fate of Principia Mathematica? What is the fate of Philosophy?--Is it reduced to linguistic therapy? What can be said about the philosophy of science and philosophy of mathematics? Are these also to become, perhaps merely more specialized, therapies? These issues and more will be tackled in this and future Philosopher's Corners.

The method used here will rely upon the results of science and everyday knowledge as a starting point. No attempt to deduce this sort of knowledge from logic and immediate experience, as Russell at least at times desired, will be attempted. This author spent years agonizingly attempting to think through such a task--with no result. Although the task can readily be seen as impossible, there are also natural compulsions to return to the task. Both of these aspects of epistemology will be examined in the future, and this method of proceeding will be defended. The reasoning here will not withstand Cartesian Doubt.

Next I will examine Wittgenstein's initial criticism of Logical Atomism. Wittgenstein starts by quoting Augustine and saying he gives us "a particular picture of the essence of human language. It is this: the individual words in language name objects--sentences are combinations of such names....In this picture of language we find the roots of the following idea: Every word has a meaning. This meaning is correlated with the word. It is the object for which the word stands." Wittgenstein criticizes this view of language by saying it is a picture of a language simpler than ours. He gives examples of such simpler languages. He also gives numerous examples of uses of language which do not fit this simple picture.

Is this the demise of Logical Atomism? Well, in any case Logical Atomism cannot be used to give an adequate analysis of the many examples Wittgenstein gives. But cannot one of the many uses of language be to describe the world in terms of "atomic" entities? Isn't physics trying to do this? (I will use physics as my primary example, but it need not be assumed here that physics would be ontologically primary.) Wouldn't a completed physics (or whatever) provide a logically atomic language to describe the world? This isn't to say that the physicist could use this special language independently of ordinary language. Ordinary language,



mathematics, logic, and the special languages of the sciences would provide a background in which this special language would have meaning. But does the fact that the usability of this language of physics depends upon ordinary language along with mathematics and the special practices of the physicists indicate that the meaning of the language is derived from these? The meaningfulness of the language may depend on these, but their combination gives the physicist the ability to describe "atomic" features of the world. These "atomic" features of the world can be maintained to have ontological primacy, without having primacy of meaning or primacy in knowledge.

Ordinary language sentences will not necessarily be analyzable into statements of the ontologically primary language. It would theoretically be possible to describe the uses of ordinary language in terms of the ontologically primary language, but in practice this would be far too complex. Some difficulties of this view will be examined latter. Thus we can concede to Wittgenstein that ordinary language is not "analyzable" into an atomic language, and that we are not acquainted with logically atomic entities, while maintaining that science will lead us to ontologically atomic entities, whose properties and relationships compose the world.

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"SEVEN DAYS FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE"

This political cartoon appeared in the Toronto Daily Star, September 14, 1961. Thanks to Harry Ruja who located it.



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3. Book news:

The library has received review copies of these new volumes:

Word and Object in Husserl, Frege, and Russell: The Roots of Twentieth Century Philosophy by Claire Hill. Ohio University Press, 1992. \$34.95

The Mathematical Philosophy of Bertrand Russell: Origins and Development by Francisco Rodriguez-Consuegra. Birkhauser Boston, 1992. \$68.50.

The Private Years, 1884-1914, Volume I of "The Selected Letters of Bertrand Russell", edited by Nicholas Griffin. Houghton Mifflin, August 15, 1992. \$35.

Any member who would like to volunteer to review a book should write to me soon. Review copies remain the property of the Society library, and are available for loan after a review has been published in the News.

D.D. Bandiste's A Study of the Ethics of Bertrand Russell is being distributed by Wiley Exports, 4835/24, Ansari Road, Daryganj, New Delhi-110 002, INDIA. The price of \$20 includes Airmail postage.

Chandrakala Padia's Liberty and Social Transformation: A Study in Bertrand Russell's Political Thought will added to the Society's book sale list. Since the publisher has allowed us a substantial discount, the price will be very reasonable. Details in the November issue of the News.

Routledge published seven paperback re-issues of Russell titles in May: The Analysis of Matter, The Basic Writings of Bertrand Russell, Human Knowledge: Its Scope and Limits, Human Society in Ethics and Politics, The Philosophy of Leibniz, Principles of Mathematics, and Theory of Knowledge; The 1913 Manuscript. The first seven have new introductions by John Slater.

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# RUN HIM OUT OF TOWN, SAY U.S. MOTHERS

From JOHN WALTERS  
**D. MIRROR** New York, Wednesday.  
THREATS to run him out of town were made today by New York mothers against Bertrand Russell (Lord Russell), British philosopher and author, who is well-known for his advanced views on sex.

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The threat is a protest against his appointment as Professor of Mathematics at the City of New York College. Police say that if Professor Russell takes up the appointment he will have to be regarded day and night from angry women.

One mother, Mrs. Jess Kay, brought a suit before the Supreme Court yesterday asking the Court to review the appointment and by admitting that Professor Russell's advocacy of free love might induce New York schoolchildren to put it into practice. Mrs. Kay described his teaching as "repugnant to the accepted standard of good conduct and a danger to the health, morals and welfare of the college students."

## Signed by 40,000

Forty thousand members of the American Legion also issued a statement condemning Professor Russell.

At his home in Los Angeles, Professor Russell was unperturbed.

"It was distressing to meet in the metropolis of the world's greatest democracy an attempt to establish an inquisition over teachers and a rigorous censorship of students," he said.

"As for free love, I am far from advocating promiscuity, either among students or elsewhere, but I do think that young people should be allowed to live together in unions which may develop into permanent marriage. It would diminish promiscuity."

# A mother wins — and Bertrand Russell goes

SUN, EXP.  
Sunday Express New York Correspondent

A DENTIST'S wife has stopped the appointment of Earl Russell (who prefers to be known as Bertrand Russell) as professor of mathematics at New York City College.

The reason: That his teachings would tend to corrupt the morals of the students.

New York Supreme Court Judge John McGeehan granted an order forbidding his employment at the college, on the application of Mrs. Jean Kay, a Brooklyn housewife.

Mrs. Kay, mother of two children at the college, described Bertrand Russell's teachings on sex as "repugnant to the accepted



Bertrand Russell, thrice-married English philosopher, whose moral ideas shocked a New York mother, is professor of philosophy at the University of California. He is sixty-seven, and married his secretary, Miss Helen Patricia Spence, in 1936. Two previous marriages were dissolved.

standards of good conduct, and a danger to the health, morals and welfare of the college students."

Judge McGeehan said the appointment was an attempt to "establish a chair of indecency."

He quoted extensively from Bertrand Russell's works and said: "This is an insult to the people of New York."

When he had read a lengthy judgment he added: "I have nothing further to say about it. I have been up all night with this thing and now I am going out for a shave."

Defending Bertrand Russell's appointment Dr. Nelson Mead, acting president of the college, said: "He has been invited to teach mathematics, not to discourse on his moral views."

# Russell Spells S-E-X to Wary Customs Man

By BENNETT SCHIFF  
Sex, which just can't seem to be left out of things, got into the picture again today in a little imbroglio involving philosopher Bertrand Russell, who wasn't even there, and one Thomas Sullivan, a customs inspector at Idlewild Airport.  
It seems that Sullivan was on duty last night when a tape-recorded interview with Russell ar-

rive by plane, consigned to the National Broadcasting Co.  
Russell? Russell? Sullivan pondered as the flicker of memory roared into flame and exploded.  
"He's the fellow who wrote about sex, isn't he?"  
The NBC men conceded that Lord Russell had upon occasion touched on that delicate subject.  
"Then I'm afraid," Sullivan said, "that it'll have to be cen-

It was carefully explained to Sullivan that Russell, who will be 80 Sunday, was also a Nobel Prize winner, one of the world's most distinguished mathematicians, philosophers and writers and that the recording was part of a birthday program to be broadcast at 7:30 tonight.  
Sullivan, unimpressed, finally released the tape to the NBC man—but only after he put a government seal on it which will

have to be broken in the presence of a Customs censor.  
The book Sullivan referred to—it is not known whether he had read it—is "Marriage and Morals," published in 1929. Sullivan did not exhibit any curiosity about another of Russell's books called "Principia Mathematica," one of the cornerstones of modern mathematics.  
Nor is it known if he is familiar with a recent book of Rus-

sell's called "New Hope for a Changing World" which contains a passage reading:  
"Consider MacArthur and his Republican supporters. So limited in his intelligence and his imagination that he is never puzzled for a moment. . . . Stalin, I should say, is equally simple-minded and equally out of-date. . . . One of the painful things about our times is that those who feel certainly are stupid."

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