

NEWSLETTER #11

August 1976

- (1) The BRS will have a session when the psychologists meet (2). BRS Science Committee Chairperson, Joe Neillands, will chair the American Chemical Society's symposium on chemical weapons (10). The BRS will define its goals (19). Harry Ruja reviews McMaster's Russell Centenary volume (37). The BRS Library has 14 items (39). We vote for Directors (42,47). BR had strong views on the movies (13). Bob Davis writes Solzhenitsyn (17). Red Hackle for Ontarians (29). The index is at the end (46). An asterisk in the left column indicates a request or an offer to lend. Some may call this the Sutcliffe Issue; his name appears in 5 items and on a 5-page supplement.
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COMING EVENTS

- (2) BRS Psychology Symposium, September 5th. In a previous Newsletter, we reported that the BRS was going to have a session at the September 1976 meeting of the American Psychological Association, in Washington, D.C. (NL9-2) At that time, the APA seemed to have accepted the BRS proposal for a session. That is no longer so; the APA does not want the BRS session, because -- we suspect -- of hostility, somewhere within the APA, to some of ER's views.
- We've decided to have our symposium in Washington anyway, without the APA's blessing. We have reserved the Chinese Room in the Mayflower Hotel from 8:30 to 10:30 P.M., on September 5th.
- This is the program:
- PETER G. CRANFORD, Chairperson: "ER and his relevance to psychology."
 KATHARINE RUSSELL TAIT: "My father's psychology of educating children -- did it work?"
 JACK PITT: "ER and the logic of the double-bind."
 THOMAS W. SIMON: "Psychological influences on BR's theory of mind."
 ALBERT ELLIS: (title not known)
- We will not be listed in the official APA program, but we will have announced the BRS Symposium in the APA MONITOR and in BEHAVIOR TODAY, and on posters in hotels in Washington where APA members are staying.
- We invite all BRS members -- especially those living in the Washington area -- to attend.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

(3) Peter G. Cranford reports...

as Chairman of the Board:

"Although we have a Board of Directors, its duties are nominal at this time — restricted primarily to what the Bureau of Internal Revenue demands of us for tax-exempt purposes.

"A study of the duties of boards of directors in this country reveals a wide variance. JACK PITT is now working on what these duties should be, and will present them at our next meeting, in California. In the main, I think the Board will be setting policy, establishing guide lines, and function as a check and balance on officers, committees, and membership. I think the Board should be made up of highly motivated members, knowledgeable about BR, able to attend meetings, and dedicated to the BRS's aims.

"JOHN SUTCLIFFE has prepared a statement of his views as to what these aims should be." (See Item 19.)

as Finance Coordinator:

"Over-all, we are solvent. If we continue to operate as we have been doing — with free labor, free office space, memberships, and contributions — we can see a couple of years ahead. We have about 175 members, with an estimated 30 who can be depended on to engage heartily in the process of building the Society (based on responses to correspondence.)

"I think we are in position, both financially and in other ways, to move into Phase Two of the Society's growth. We must tap the abilities of members, to grow. To do this effectively, we must make it possible for more members to become involved. This requires more elaboration of who and what we are or ought to be. We are beginning the process of finding that out in this issue of the Newsletter. (See Item 19)

"As to finance, I propose that we learn how to make money, as is appropriate in a capitalistic society. I think this is the only way we can grow and influence others rationally. It is generally agreed by the rationalist and humanist groups that, power-wise, they have not gotten far. The Rationalist Press Association, in England, is having financial troubles. The (U.S.) Humanist publications operate with a modest number of subscribers, and (like ourselves, at present) must beg for funds. Their writings are of high calibre, but their influence seems limited. Unless the BRS can develop new methods of promotion, we too will be of slight influence. We must learn from BR himself. He was an excellent promoter. By building on his shoulders, we can go far.

"The polling of members for ideas on raising money produced a gratifying 30 responses, for which I wish to thank these members: T. ANDERSON, CAMPBELL, CRANFIEL, F. DE COLA, DONADIO, ELLIS, FRANKS, GANTT, GOMEZ, KINDELL, KWOK, LANSDELL, LAWTON, LIPIN, D. LOVE, MARAGIDES, MC DONALD, MULL, NEILANDS, PARKER, PITT, PLANT, REID, RODRIGUEZ, SILVA, SPANG, STAHL, WAITE, COURT-RIGHT-WHYTE, AND SUTCLIFFE.

"Their suggestions can be summarized as follows:

"1. Set up a system of solicitation of our own members. Specific approaches might be: (a) raise dues; (b) solicit the assignment of 15% of royalties of BRS-sponsored talks, tapes, books, articles, etc.; (c) solicit the assignment of 15% of royalties from the sale of BRS material (also, incidentally, solicit corporations, such as Simon & Schuster, IBM, etc.); (d) garage sales conducted by individual members for the BRS; (e) contribute books, etc. to the library, for use or sale; (f) annual 'free-will offering' on BR's birthday; (g) solicit the assignment of gifts in wills.

"2. Have the BRS go into business, to make money: (a) develop BR books, pamphlets, talks, workshops, tapes, films, etc., and charge for them; (b) charge fees for Russell Information Service; (c) develop a BR exhibition to spread the word, and charge admission.

"I am not recommending that we act on all these suggestions. I have reservations about some of them. Nevertheless I have reported them here because one thing often leads to another. I would welcome your reactions or comments."

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(4) President Robert K. (Bob) Davis reports:

BRS's 3rd Annual Meeting will "probably take place the first week-end in February 1977 -- February 4-5-6. This has not been confirmed but appears to be the best date."

United World Federalists of Japan to visit U.S.A. "I have received a letter from Sumi Yukawa, President of UWF-Japan. They have a large group of members arriving in Los Angeles August 15th. Then in 2 separate groups, they will visit U.S. cities on their way to the U.N. in New York. They would like to meet BRS members, and discuss world government and peace. I have written them, and intend to meet them, after details have been worked out. All Southern California members interested in meeting this group should write me for details -- 7025 W. Franklin #86, Hollywood, Ca. 90068. Or phone (213) 874-5568. I hope we can have a healthy turnout. Both world government and peace were among BR's most important concerns and we should reflect a similar set of values.

"Leaving L.A., one group will go to San Francisco, Chicago, Philadelphia and New York, the other going to Las Vegas, Salt Lake City, Cheyenne, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and New York. All members interested in meeting them in one of those cities should also write me for information."

Bob's report is brief, since he has already reported on many of his activities in his President's Letters of April 1 and June 1.

(5) Vice-President Gary Slezak reports:

"I have looked at each member's Questionnaire and drawn up a list of those interested in committee work. It breaks down this way: Universal Human Rights 13, Applied Philosophy 13, Science 11, Education 5, Information & Membership 2, Philosophers 2, Awards 1. Though that totals 47, it represents only 27 members, because some expressed interest in more than one committee. 27 is about 15% of BRS membership -- not exactly a superb showing. I am writing to each of the 27.

* "If you might want to serve on, or know more about, a committee, please write me (Apt. 206, 215 E. Chestnut St., Chicago 60611).

* "Or if you have an idea for a project related to BR, write, and I will attempt to promote it within the BRS.

"Our goal is the involvement of as many members as possible in meaningful work."

Treasurer Stephen J. Reinhardt reports...

(6) For the quarter ending 3/31/76:

Balance on hand(12/31/75).....	1173.14	
Income: 38 New Members.....	351.00	
20 Renewals.....	259.00	
Total Dues.....	610.00	
Contributions.....	534.81	<u>1144.81</u>
		2317.95
Expenditures: Information & Membership		
Committees.....	1022.11	
Bank Charge.....	6.51	<u>1028.62</u>
		1289.33
Misc. Adjustments.....		<u>14.00</u>
Balance on hand (3/31/76).....	1303.33	
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(7) For the quarter ending 6/30/76:

Balance on hand (3/31/76).....	1303.33	
Income: 11 New Members.....	135.00	
7 Renewals.....	95.00	
Total Dues.....	230.00	
Contributions.....	250.99	
Sale of Newsletters	10.00	<u>490.99</u>
		1794.32
Expenditures: Information & Membership		
Committees.....	134.78	
Subscriptions to "Russell"....	108.50	<u>243.28</u>
Balance on hand (6/30/76).....	1551.04	

Note: Expenditures of 215.86 during the first quarter of 1976 (chiefly for "Russell" subscriptions) are not yet reflected in the Treasurer's Report, and will appear in the 3rd Quarter Report. Consequently, balance on hand, at the end of the 1st and 2nd Quarters, is actually 215.86 less than appears.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (8) BRS-Britain. JOHN SUTCLIFFE is in process of setting up a BRS in Britain. (Of course there ought to be a BRS in Britain!) He has begun to advertise, with best results so far from NEW HUMANIST, published by the Rationalist Press Association. He hopes the BRS and the BR Peace Foundation can co-exist — since both apparently are here to stay — avoiding conflict "through simple tolerance and avoidance." He likes to think that things may improve between the 2 groups. He has visited Countess Russell.
- (9) Library Committee. See Item 39.
- (10) Committee on Science JOE NEILANDS, Chairperson, will chair a symposium on chemical weapons, on August 31, at the American Chemical Society meeting in San Francisco. He wanted the symposium to be co-sponsored by BRS (NL 10-24), a proposal which the ACS considered for a long time. ACS finally decided it wanted to be the sole sponsor.
- On June 5, the Northern California members — Amy Block, Howard Sherman, and Joe — met for lunch, to discuss the BRS.
- "My research has been going well and has taken me on several trips around the country."
- (We reproduce — Page 22 — the front cover of AMINCO LABORATORY NEWS, Winter 75-76. It starts a 3-page story on a discovery made by Joe and his graduate students. We will lend the issue on request.)
- * "In September I plan to go to Peru, and in December to England. Thereafter I expect we'll have our Annual Meeting."
- (11) Universal Human Rights Committee. DAN MC DONALD and BOB DAVIS are now Co-Chairpersons. No report at this time. Dan's address: 53 Washington Square South, New York, N.Y. 10012. Bob's address: 7025 W. Franklin #86, Hollywood, Ca. 90068.
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PHILOSOPHERS' CORNER

- (12) BRS at APA, December 1976. Philosophers' Committee Chairperson ED HOPKINS is in process of selecting the best papers, for presentation at the BRS session at the December 1976 meeting of the American Philosophical Ass'n (Eastern Division), in Boston — helped by JUSTIN LEIBER who will chair the BRS session.
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BY HERTRAND RUSSELL

(13)

BR on movies. DAN MC DONALD has collected a few BR quotes -- things BR had to say about the movies.

The first -- from the "Autobiography," published in 1969 -- deals with the topic that constantly preoccupied BR in his last years, the threat of nuclear war.

The next 3 were all written around 1930, when Hollywood movies were in their heyday, their worldwide influence enormous. Some of what BR says here about the movies might well be applied to today's TV -- though the worldwide impact of American TV of the 1970s is no doubt considerably less than that of Hollywood movies of the 1930s.

"The attitude of most of humanity towards its own destruction surprised me. In December 1959 I had read Nevil Shute's ON THE BEACH and I attended a private showing of its film. I was cast down by the deliberate turning away it displayed from the horrible, harsh facts entailed by nuclear war -- the disease and suffering caused by poisoned air and water and soil, the looting and murder likely among a population in anarchy with no means of communication, and all the probable evils and pain. It was like the prettified stories that were sometimes told about trench warfare during the First World War. Yet the film was put out and praised by people who meant to make the situation clear, not to belittle the horror. I was particularly distressed by the fact that I myself had praised the film directly after seeing it in what I came to think the mistaken opinion that a little was better than nothing. All that sort of thing does, I came to think, is to make familiar and rob of its true value what should carry a shock of revulsion. Irony such as that in DR. STRANGELOVE or in OH, WHAT A LOVELY WAR is a different matter. That does cause people to think, at least for a short time." The Autobiography of Bertrand Russell, 1944-1969, pp. 147-148. Simon & Schuster, 1969

"The great majority of young people in almost all civilized countries derive their ideas of love, of honor, of the way to make money, and of the importance of good clothes, in the evenings spent in seeing what Hollywood thinks is good for them. I doubt whether all the schools and churches combined have as much influence as the cinema upon the opinions of the young in regard to such intimate matters as love and marriage and money-making. The producers of Hollywood are the high priests of a new religion. Let us be thankful for the lofty purity of their sentiments. We learn from them that sin is always punished, and virtue is always rewarded. True, the reward is rather gross, and such as a more old-fashioned virtue might not wholly appreciate. But what of that? We know from the cinema that wealth comes to the virtuous, and from real life that old So-and-so has wealth. It follows that old So-and-so is virtuous, and that the people who say he exploits his employees are slanderers and trouble-makers. The cinema therefore plays a useful part in safeguarding the rich from the envy of the poor." The Scientific Outlook, pp. 194-195, W.W. Norton, 1962(1931).

"For my part, I am a person of simple tastes: I like to see a race between a motor car and an express train; I enjoy the spectacle of the villain gnashing his teeth because he has just failed to pick off the engine driver; I delight in men tumbling off skyscrapers and saving themselves by telegraph wires; I am thrilled by a sheriff's posse galloping through a sandstorm in the alkali desert. And the enjoyment of these unsophisticated

delights is enhanced by the feeling that in that matter at least one is in harmony with the great world democracy." "The Cinema as a Moral Influence" (1929), reprinted in Bertrand Russell's America, 1896-1945, B. Feinberg and R. Kasrils, eds., p. 254. Viking 1974

"Perhaps the greatest of all forces for uniformity in the modern world is the cinema, since its influence is not confined to America but penetrates to all parts of the world, except the Soviet Union, which, however, has its own different uniformity. The cinema embodies, broadly speaking, Hollywood's opinion of what it is like in the Middle-West. Our emotions in regard to love and marriage, birth and death are becoming standardized according to this recipe. To the young of all lands, Hollywood represents the last word in modernity, displaying both the pleasures of the rich and the methods to be adopted for acquiring riches. I suppose the talkies will lead before long to the adoption of a universal language, which will be that of Hollywood." "Homogeneous America" (1930), reprinted in Bertrand Russell's America, 1896-1945, pp. 258-259.

- (14) Project 1976.R.N.(MALT) MALATESHA has been working on this project (NL2-45, NL3-50, NL6-37), collecting BR quotes on America, and has

* gathered quite a few. We will lend them on request.

- (15) God Debate. BERNARD WHEELER reports that he was able to buy the English edition of "Why I Am Not A Christian" — which contains a transcript of BR's 1948 BBC debate with Father Coplestone on the existence of God — from George Allen & Unwin, Ltd., Park Lane, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP2 4TE, England, for \$2 plus postage.

ABOUT BERTRAND RUSSELL

- (16) Catalyst. DON JACKANICZ bought an LP recently of 2 choral works by Ralph Vaughan Williams, "Toward the Unknown Region" and "Dona Nobis Pacem" (Angel S-36972), which uses words of Walt Whitman. The jacket notes say that it was BR who introduced Vaughan Williams to Whitman's poetry. BR and Williams were fellow undergraduates at Cambridge.

SPREADING BR'S VIEWS

- (17) Letter to Solzhenitsyn, from BOB DAVIS:

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn
Zurich, Switzerland

Dear Mr. Solzhenitsyn:

I am writing you in regard to your BBC conversation with Mr. Charleton.

I found the interview to be a very invigorating discussion of important issues.

However, I am concerned with your comments on not understanding Bertrand Russell and his alleged position on the slogan, "Better red than dead." Knowing your opinion, I do not hope to convince you that he was right in the general matter, but I do believe that one can understand his position.

There are two separate points to consider. First, the phrase itself. The phrase was originally, "Better dead than red." This became a code phrase during the early 50s that the warrior mentality used to heighten intolerance and increase the probability of war. By tackling that phrase, and saying that if that were the only choice (which it was, and is, not), one would rather be red than dead, one combatted a whole attitude. So it must not be understood as a simple phrase.

The heart of the matter is more complex. It hinges on the nature of modern war. The plain facts of the matter are that a nuclear war between the West and the East would result in an initial slaughter of hundreds of millions and a worse death for many more afterward. Those who adopt policies or attitudes that promote the possibility of war must take responsibility for risking those casualties. The brute fact of nuclear warfare is that it would at the least end civilization and very possibly the human race. People who do not understand this are ignorant of the nature of nuclear warfare.

This being the basic fact of modern warfare, Russell adopted the position that, if matters came to that point, he would prefer tyranny to the end of mankind. He compared it to the Dark Ages, believing that no matter how horrible the conditions, it would still be superior to the extinction of man. I do not believe that such a position is either extreme or difficult to understand.

Russell's fullest expression of this may be found in a small book, Common Sense and Nuclear Warfare, and again in Volume III of his Autobiography. I believe that you would find both books stimulating reading, as they are lucid discussions of points you disagree with Russell on. I enclose a copy of Chapter X, and Appendix I, from Common Sense, and a short letter from Dear Bertrand Russell (p. 29) that elucidate the points I have made.

In this country, your interview was followed by a discussion with W. F. Buckley, Jr. and Malcolm Muggeridge on the subject matter of the talk. I am always amazed that individuals who proclaim Christian belief can then turn to advocating intolerance and policies that may very well result in mass death. Apparently they read the story of Christ differently from the way I do.

On an entirely separate note, I wish to say that as a citizen of California, I look forward to your being in residence at the Hoover Library at Stanford. I would hope that your presence will be intellectually stimulating to the entire state. As a history graduate student, I worked for a year as an archivist at the Hoover Presidential Library in our Midwest. I came to hold a deep respect for Hoover as one of the greatest men America has ever produced.

Yours,
Robert K. Davis
President/Bertrand Russell Society

(18)

Mail scheme. JOHN SUTCLIFFE has thought up an ambitious scheme for disseminating ER's views -- to BRS members and possibly to outsiders -- consisting essentially of readings of ER's books, using suggested reading

lists, followed by discussion (by mail) with members who are either professional philosophers or very competent amateurs.

ED HOPKINS says he has some reservations about it: "The idea of encouraging intellectual discussion — via the mails — between members is a good one. However I am not sure that the Teacher-Student set-up will work. I suspect that very few professional philosophers would be willing to take on the burden involved. A more workable idea might be to have a column in the Newsletter listing people and books on which they wish to correspond with someone. (Perhaps an expanded Interchange?) Speaking as a professional philosopher who might be involved in such a program, I would be unwilling to take on the work involved in preparing to teach by mail, but would not mind corresponding with someone concerning something in which I then had an interest. My reservations about the Sutcliffe plan are just that, and are not to be construed as opposition."

* We'd be pleased to hear your comments on all this.

* We will send, on request, John's 2-page memo on his scheme, one page of which is his suggested reading list.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

(19)

A VERY special request. We are going to set down on paper, in a more or less formal way, the objectives of the BRS.

We expect to provide an answer to the question: What ought the BRS try to be or do, what should be its goals?

This is a large question, and we don't expect to find an answer quickly — at any rate, one that most members can agree on.

We think we know in a general way the direction the members would like to move in. We know, for instance, that most members joined the BRS for one or more of 5 reasons: to learn more about BR; to be in touch with other BR-admirers; to discuss BR's work with others who share their interest; to further BR's purposes; and to do something useful for others via the BRS.

Now it's time to be more specific.

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This is how we plan to go about getting the answer:

(1) We invite each of you to send us your suggestions. We not only invite, we urge. What do you think the BRS's aims ought to be?

(2) We will print your suggestions and mail them to the entire membership for comments.

(3) When you receive someone else's Suggested Aims, tell us what you think of them. Do you approve or disapprove, like some parts of it but not others, etc. Please speak up.

(4) When we receive a Member's Reaction (to another Member's Suggestions), we will print it and distribute it to all members.

(5) Some members may react to another Member's Reaction. If so, we will print that too, and distribute it.

(6) And so on.

This process will take time. Mailings (of Suggested Aims, and Reactions) will probably be distributed to the members quarterly, along with a Newsletter.

We will toss things back and forth until a number of specific notions emerge. We may then submit a list of possible aims to the members for a vote. Conceivably, we might submit, say, 20 aims and ask the members to select the 3 (or 10) they favor. We're not at all sure about this part; we'll wait and see how things develop.

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We are able to start things off immediately. We enclose "Prospects for Future BRS Policy" by JOHN SUTCLIFFE. John was kind enough to provide us with the first of the members' Suggested Aims. We enclose it without comment, because we want your comments.

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Remarks:

. Ends and means. Suggested Aims can be about means as well as ends. For instance, one aim might be: to oppose the ill-treatment of human beings by governments (human rights, civil liberties); that would be an end. One means toward that end might be: to cooperate with other organizations with similar aims, such as Amnesty International or the American Civil Liberties Union.

. Length. Suggested Aims can be as short as one sentence or as long as necessary. The shorter the better, as long as it says what you want it to say. John Sutcliffe's enclosed 5-page paper — though probably longer than most we expect to receive — was originally 12 pages long; he cut it by more than half. We will lend the original 12-page version on request.

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We repeat our special requests:

- (1) Please send us your Suggested Aims.
- (2) Please send us your reactions to John Sutcliffe's Suggested Aims.

Thanks.

CURRENT EVENTS

Bookpurge. The Island Trees School Board has removed 11 books from school libraries and classrooms, according to a dispatch from Levittown (Long Island, N.Y.) in the March 19, 1976 issue of Newsday.

The School Board's President said the Board has a right to remove "any books we don't want. The taxpayers don't have to subsidize garbage."

Board members had not read any of the books. They had read excerpted passages (i.e., out of context.) The 11 purged books include BR's "Why I Am Not A Christian," Vonnegut's "Slaughterhouse Five," and an anthology edited by Langston Hughes, "The Best Short Stories by Negro Writers."

The teachers' union will file a grievance under the teachers' contract with the school district on the grounds that the action is a violation of academic freedom.

Our thanks to BRUCE THOMPSON for sending us this story.

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OPINION

- (21) Rationalism-emotionalism. The following letter by JOHN SUTCLIFFE appeared in a recent issue of NEW HUMANIST (London):

I was most impressed by J. Walsh's article, "Is rationalism out of date?" (March). Mr. Walsh seems to identify an important problem involved in the distinction he draws between rationality and emotive or prejudiced behavior in the meaning we give to the term "human". The problem is made more apparent than real by his implicit assumption that rationality is for him a moral value. Thus he bases his rationalism — unconsciously perhaps — on the irrationalism of a moral belief. This seems to me to tend to diminish the strength of his concluding arguments.

Human nature is a very complex structure of both rational and irrational elements, and as Mr. Walsh points out, we cannot from any sense of self-deception ignore either one or the other. Emotion is as much a fact of our human nature as reason. Neither the one nor the other by itself reveals any greater or dominant truth of that nature; they are the facts of what is the case. One is not "better" than another, but simply different. To understand ourselves we need to understand these facts, to come to terms with them as they occur. Irrationality is not to be blamed, it is to be understood. Rationalism of necessity involves tolerating irrationality, and not turning rationalism into a moral critique for this is to make the same mistake as the irrationalist.

Humanism seems to me in its denial of religion to assert ethics as an alternative metaphysic. Rational thought does not deny our emotional nature, but if carried to its conclusion it does deny the conceptual aberrations that emotional nature gives rise to — both religion and ethics. To know that what is hateful is destructive of human nature, or that what is a consequence of love is beneficial to it, does not oblige us to express these notions in moral terms or to assert normative value to them. To do so would be irrational, and to me, a "rational ethic" is a definite contradiction in terms.

COMMENT/REMARKS

- (22) Religion.DONG-IN BAE offers these comments: "I am inclined to agree with JOHN SUTCLIFFE's principal points, in his 'The Reconquest of Happiness' (NL9-24) — though I do not understand everything he says. JACK PITT's 'Russell on Religion' is a very fine contribution to understanding the complex and inconclusive position of BR on religion, and may offer a way to reconcile the diverging viewpoints of John and PETER CRANFORD."

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

- (23) Lester Denonn has penned a bit of verse (2 pages) titled "A History of Philosophy". Sample: "To me Dewey was phooey, Pierce was worse." We will lend it on request.
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- (24) Carol Mull is giving 6 lectures on symbolism next Spring, for Indiana University's Adult Continuing Education Program. Topics: Carl Jung and his theories; line symbolism, speech and math; ancient and religious symbolism; symbols in art; symbols in literature; Great Seal, peace symbols, national, political and commercial (trade marks) symbols.
- (25) Don Roberts, a founding member, who teaches philosophy at U. of Waterloo (Ontario), read a paper to the Peirce Society at the December 1975 meeting of the American Philosophical Association. Unfortunately he did not arrive in NYC in time to attend the BRS Annual Meeting. "I remember the founding meeting with nostalgia," he writes.
"We are quite happy, and excited still over Lori's Ph.D" — Lorraine Beattie Roberts, Don's wife. "Lori is doing some part-time liason work for U. of Waterloo, and is teaching at a local community college, Conestoga College, a course on assertiveness training for women.
"I'm busy with teaching, as usual — too much teaching each winter term. The heavy load comes with the hard winter. Near record snows and cold up here, and if it were not so peaceful and palatial at Wildwood Place" — where they live — "it would be very discouraging to have to wake up to winter in Waterloo this year
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NEW MEMBERS

- (26) We are happy to welcome these new members:

Dan Bond/1112 West Avenue/Richmond, Va. 23220
 Alan Brody/25 Lefferts Avenue/Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225
 Louis Bruner/P.O. Box 13134/Phoenix, Az. 85002
 Eric Carleen/143 N. Hancock St./Madison, Wi. 53703
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George Purdy/403 Glade Street/ College Station,Tx. 77840
George A. Ruhl,Jr./95 Hartley Avenue/Mt. Vernon, N.Y. 10550
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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Current membership total, as of 7/1/76, is 176 members.

BULLETIN BOARD

- (29) Red Hackle in Ontario. Hepburn & Ross, Ltd., of Glasgow, have advised BOB DAVIS that Red Hackle is now listed with the Liquor Control Board of Ontario. This means that BRS members (and anyone else) in Ontario can now obtain BR's favorite whiskey through local liquor stores.
- In order to stay listed with the Liquor Control Board, Red Hackle has to achieve a certain minimum sales volume, and (we are told) rather quickly. So if you're thinking of buying Red Hackle, buying it sooner rather than later may help keep it available in Ontario.
- Hepburn & Ross also have a special agent in Vancouver who can place specific orders through the Liquor Control Board in B.C. We will try to get the agent's name.
- (30) Freethought Directory. A 4-page publication, THE DIRECTORY OF U.S. FREETHOUGHT GROUPS AND PUBLICATIONS, 1975-76 is offered free by the Denver Freethinkers Society, P.O.Box 1621 Englewood, Co. 80110.
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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- (31) Augustine Age. LEE EISLER submits the following, and ends it with a question:
- BR talks — on the LP "Speaking Personally" (Riverside 7014/15, out of print) — about the way original thinkers, for the most part, have been persecuted, mentioning Buffon, Galileo, Einstein.
- "I think that liberty in many of its forms is almost bound to be less than it was in the 19th Century...You cannot do your work as an individual unless you happen to be something like a poet. It's no good being a composer, for then you'd have to get people to perform your music. A poet can be an individual still; but most people can't. I think the effect of the growth of authority will be extremely unfortunate...And I think the arts, and especially literature, will suffer very much. But there will always be some rebels, some who manage to produce immortal work before they're put to death, and that's what we've got to hope for....
- "I think of the ancient world. After Augustus, when the evils of turmoil and civil war had been put an end to, genius also was put an end too. Perhaps we shall get an Augustine, or a post-Augustine, Age, an Antonine Age; that's the best we can hope for. But I don't think that Europe, at any rate, will produce great men. I think perhaps the negroes will, because I think they'd be very recalcitrant to discipline. You might quite easily get geniuses among the negroes, but I don't think you'll get it in the white countries, because we've proved ourselves too anarchic. Our anarchism is destructive. You see, a certain amount of anarchism is necessary to genius, but not so much that the genius can't live."

The question: What did BR probably have in mind when he used the words, "Augustine Age" or "Antonine Age"?

- (32) BR's favorite detective stories. HENRY KRAUS supplies an answer to JIM WILLIAM's question (NL9-37), that he found in Ved Mehta's book, "Fly and the Fly-Bottle," (Little, Brown & Co., Boston. Undated; probably 1962):

"I have to read at least one detective book a day,' said Russell, 'to drug myself against the nuclear threat.' His favorite crime writers were Michael Innes and Agatha Christy. He preferred detective stories to novels because he found that whodunits were more real than howtodoits. The characters in detective stories just did things, but the heroes and heroines in novels thought about things...If you compared sex scenes in the two media, in his sort of pastime they got into and out of bed with alacrity, but in the higher craft the characters were circumspect; they took pages, even to sit on the bed. Detective stories were much more lifelike. The paradox was that authors of thrillers did not try to be real, and therefore they were real, while the novelists tried to be real, and therefore were unreal. The things we most believed to be unreal — nuclear war — might turn out to be real, and the things we took to be most real — philosophy — unreal." (pp.40-41)

- (33) BR-LW split. AL KRAVIG had asked what the reason was for BR's break with Wittgenstein. DONG-IN BAE suggests Chapters 10 and 18 of BR's "My Philosophical Development" as a good place to look for some answers.

CORRECTIONS

- (34) Member misquoted. In NL9-41, we (mis-)quoted DON JACKANICZ's reaction to Dora Black Russell's book "The Tamarisk Tree." We quoted him as saying, "Delightful!" What he actually said was:

"I've read Dora Russell's book, which I found a fine autobiography. Her treatment of BR, while loving and understanding, apparently held nothing back. It was difficult and somewhat disenchanting to learn the details, at least from the author's point of view, concerning the break-up of their marriage and their divorce proceedings. To be frank — but with no intention of preaching, etc. — BR's 4 marriages have continued to disturb me."

We cannot explain the misquote. Pure error. Very sorry.

SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS

- (35) Advertising by members (continued.) In NL 10-30 we told how BRS members could run the BRS ad on their own, if they wished to, "in their own campus newspapers or in other local publications."

A word of advice may be appropriate, since some ads, even free ones, may not be productive. A case history will show what we mean:

Last year HARPER'S MAGAZINE offered to provide free ads in HARPER'S WEEKLY if we took ads in HARPER'S MAGAZINE. We accepted. The free ads in HARPER'S WEEKLY proved to be expensive, because we had to answer 19 inquiries, at about \$1 each, and the 19 inquiries produced only one new member. We cannot afford \$19 for one new member. We are no longer interested in free ads in HARPER'S WEEKLY.

If you run an ad in a regular newspaper -- even THE NEW YORK TIMES -- you may get some inquiries, because some people are curious and will answer an ad. But they are not likely to join the BRS because the fact is, most people in the general population -- the ordinary run-of-the-mill readers of newspapers -- would not be interested in joining the BRS.

The publications that have been productive for us -- a list which includes ATLANTIC MONTHLY, BULLETIN OF THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS, HARPER'S MAGAZINE, THE HUMANIST, MENSA, THE NEW REPUBLIC, THE PROGRESSIVE, SATURDAY REVIEW -- are selective. They perform a screening process for us. There is a somewhat higher concentration of potential BRS members among their readers than among the general population. About 1 out of 6 inquirers produced by these publications joins the BRS, which is considerably better than HARPER'S WEEKLY's 1 out of 19.

The common denominator of the productive publications seems to be this: their readers are people who are interested in ideas, and read books. This is probably a pretty good rule of thumb for deciding whether or not to run an ad in a particular publication. Campus newspapers, for example, would clearly be OK, according to this rule. The ARMY TIMES, which has been suggested, would probably not be.

RECOMMENDED READING

(36) "Naturalistic Humanism", CORLISS LAMONT's essay, was recommended by BOB DAVIS, in his President's Letter of April 1. We will lend this essay on request.

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BOOK REVIEWS

(37) "Russell in Review" Edited by J. E. Thomas and KENNETH BLACKWELL. Toronto: Stevens & Hakkert, 1976, xx + 268p., \$18 (\$12.50 to Russell subscribers, which includes all BRS members).

Reviewed by HARRY RUJA.

Those who attended the Russell Centenary Celebration at McMaster University in Canada in October 1972 will be pleased to have this volume to remind them of the stimulation and enlightenment they received. Those who did not attend and have a serious interest in Bertrand Russell will have in this collection of papers on various aspects of Russell's life and thought

a significant source of insights into his special qualities. This collection well deserves to take its place on one's bookshelf alongside the distinguished collection edited by Schilpp and published in 1944, as well as the more recent ones edited by Pears, Schoenman, and Nakhnikian.

It is difficult for me to pick a single favorite from among these well-written and informative papers, but I can pick a favorite two: S. P. Rosenbaum's "The Logic of a Literary Symbol" and Ronald Jager's "Russell and Religion." (The Rosenbaum appears also in the University of Toronto Quarterly, summer 1973, volume 42.) In an area which I have never seen explored before, Rosenbaum identifies a number of novels and poems — generally satirical — which portray Russell, or a reasonable facsimile thereto, in an ironic role — as iconoclast, lecher, sceptic, disembodied intellect, an idea or cause personified, or propounder or butt of various jokes. T.S.Eliot, D.H. Lawrence, and Aldous Huxley are among the better known of the authors who found Russell good "copy."

In a cryptic conclusion, Rosenbaum seems to promise a sequel to his charming essay. "For the literary symbolic logician," he writes, "a history of Bertrand Russell in song and story needs to be complemented by a study of Bertrand Russell through the looking glass"(p.87). I hope that Rosenbaum follows through on this intriguing promise.

That Russell was, after his adolescent years, a life-long enemy of theological obscurantism and ecclesiastical obstructionism is so well known that it may seem to border on the ludicrous to claim, as Jager does, that there was an enduring strain of platonism, i.e., transcendent-alism, in Russell's thinking (or, perhaps better, feeling) which was largely though never completely submerged in his later years. But Jager makes a good case, or at least says enough to suggest that there is a good case, for a contrary view. He makes good use of Russell's unpublished (but it is now available in Feinberg's Collected Stories of Bertrand Russell, 1972) early short novel (or quasi-novel since I see it more as a dialogue with names of protagonists casually attached to the ideas than a confrontation between flesh-and-blood creatures), The Perplexities of John Forstice. He finds there a "mystical intuition that this familiar material order...testifies to another order; an order of eternity certainly, of perfection possibly, and of divinity surely"(p.103). If this sounds incredible to those who know the Russell of "Why I Am Not A Christian," it would be well to look again at his own account in the Autobiography, volume 1 (Allen & Unwin, 1967, p.146; Little-Brown, pp. 220-22) of the feelings and thoughts which filled him as he observed Evelyn Whitehead writhing in pain from an angina attack, or to ponder these words of his (ibid., Allen & Unwin, p.13; Little-Brown, p.3) published in 1967: "I have sought love...because in the union of love I have seen, in a mystic miniature, the prefiguring vision of the heaven that saints and poets have imagined."

Jager dealt with this issue in chapter 10 of his book, The Development of Bertrand Russell's Philosophy (Allen & Unwin, Humanities Press, 1972), and he will no doubt write more on it. We look forward to reading what further he has to say on the subject.

I characterize briefly the other papers in this collection, many of which deserve fuller comment.

J.E.Thomas describes the celebrations in their manifold manifestations.

Cyrus Eaton briefly and Christopher Farley at greater length recount reminiscences of their associations with Russell. (The two essays are also in Humanist of Canada, November 1972, number 23.)

Kenneth Blackwell describes the resources of The Bertrand Russell Archives at McMaster University and projects their future.

Jo Newberry reports some of the results of her extensive research on Russell's work with pacifists in World War I.

Robert C. Marsh seeks to assess the impact of Russell's educational views on the contemporary world and concludes with a qualified optimism: "We have grounds for hope and reasons to work" (p.133).

John G. Slater asks, "Did Russell contribute to the philosophical study of politics? and, Did he defend a particular political philosophy? He answers No to the first question and Yes to the second, and then identifies the elements of that political philosophy.

In one of the more technical papers in the volume, I. Grattan-Guinness examines the mathematical and philosophical background of The Principles of Mathematics and concludes that though its appearance was of "national significance in awakening British mathematics and philosophy from its dogmatic slumbers" and of international and enduring significance in its exposure of basic paradoxes, it suffers from certain "philosophical unclarity" and inaccuracies (p.173).

A. J. Ayer writes on Bertrand Russell as a philosopher, clearly identifying the major themes of that philosophy.

C. E. Cassin, D. F. Pears, and N. L. Wilson deal with specific elements of Russell's philosophy, the first with "meaning," the second with "desire," and the third with "logical atomism." (The Pears paper appears also in his Questions in the Philosophy of Mind, London, Duckworth, 1975.) They all deserve close study.

The volume has a biographical index and an index of names and titles, and is supplied with five full-page illustrations.

Many who attended the celebrations will, as they work through the volume, keep thinking, as I did, of a paper that was read that is not here, I. F. Stone's provocative paper on Russell's advocacy of "preventive war." The Preface informs us that Stone preferred for it not to be published. An "unauthorized" copy is in The Bertrand Russell Archives, and a brief paraphrase is in Humanist in Canada, November 1972, number 23, p. 28. (See also my critical letter in the May 1973 issue of this magazine, number 25, pp.4-5.) Ronald Clark treats the issue fully in Chapter 19 of his Life of Bertrand Russell (Jonathan Cape, Knopf, McGraw-Hill-Ryerson, 1975), though I find his treatment not as sympathetic as it might have been. Best statement of the basic issues that I know of is Russell's "The Future of Mankind" in his Unpopular Essays (1950). The problem that Russell confronted then, viz., the survival of civilization in the nuclear age, is still with us. I for one am convinced that he analyzed it correctly and identified the solution, viz., world government. Whether that solution will be implemented in time to forestall Armageddon remains to be seen.

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The Big 3 reviewed. As all BRS members no doubt know by now, there have been 3 important books on BR (for the general public), published in the past 12 months: (1) KATHARINE TAIT's My Father, Bertrand Russell (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, New York, \$8.95); (2) Dora Black Russell's The Tamarisk Tree: My Quest for Liberty and Love (Putnam's, New York, \$9.95); (3) Ronald W. Clark's The Life of Bertrand Russell (Knopf, New York, \$17.50).

We have accumulated some book reviews, which the BRS Library will lend on request. Numbers in parenthesis indicate which of the 3 books is reviewed:

INDIANAPOLIS STAR 1/4/76 (1,3). Thanks to CAROL MULL.
NATIONAL OBSERVER 1/31/76 (1,3) Thanks to HARRY CLIFFORD.
NEWSWEEK 1/19/76 (3)
NEW YORK POST 2/6/76 (3)
NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS 3/4/76 (1,2,3)

NEW YORK TIMES 1/15/76 (3)
NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW 2/15/76 (1,2,3)
NEW YORKER 2/2/76 (1)
SATURDAY REVIEW 1/10/76 (1,2,3)
TIME 1/12/76 (1,2,3) Thanks to AMY BLOCK and CAROL MULL.

WALL STREET JOURNAL 1/15/76 (1,2,3) Thanks to ALVIN HUNTER

* To borrow the reviews, write to Don Jackanicz (BRS Library), 3802 N. Kenneth Avenue, Chicago, IL 60641.

BRS LIBRARY

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The Library Committee, established at the December 1975 Annual Meeting (NL 10-10), is chaired by DON JACKANICZ. GARY SLEZAK is Co-chairperson. Here are highlights of Don's report:

. The Library plans to accumulate all kinds of items related to BR — books primarily, but also films, tapes, phonograph records, photographs, newspaper clippings, articles from periodicals — for the purpose of making them available to members and to responsible non-member organizations.

. The Library now contains 14 items, as follows:

1. Coronet Film: BERTRAND RUSSELL DISCUSSES PHILOSOPHY. 14 minutes, b&w.
2. PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL RECONSTRUCTION.
3. PROBLEMS OF KNOWLEDGE AND FREEDOM, by Noam Chomsky.
4. THE RIGHT TO BE HAPPY by Dora Black Russell.
5. THE POLITICAL AND CULTURAL INFLUENCE (of America on Europe).
6. BR's paper in LIVING PHILOSOPHIES
7. BR's Introduction to THE NEW GENERATION, Calverton & Schmalhausen, eds.
8. CATALOGUE OF THE EXHIBITION (at McMaster U. 1972).
9. ROADS TO FREEDOM: SOCIALISM, ANARCHISM AND SYNDICALISM.
10. A HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY.
11. THE CONQUEST OF HAPPINESS.
12. NEW HOPES FOR A CHANGING WORLD
13. FREEDOM VERSUS ORGANIZATION
14. DEAR BERTRAND RUSSELL

Our thanks to these members, who have made the initial contributions: Peter Cranford (1), Bob Davis (5,6,7,13), Lee Eisler (10), Don Jackanicz (2,3), Dan McDonald (4,8,9,14), Gary Slezak (11,12).

- * . Members may borrow any item by writing to: Don Jackanicz (BRS Library), 3802 N. Kenneth Avenue, Chicago, Il. 60641. There is no fee for borrowing. (Exception: a \$3 fee for the film, which goes toward the purchase of other materials.) The borrower pays postage, not in advance, but when the item is returned. Books and other printed matter may be borrowed for 3 weeks, records and tapes for 2 weeks, films for 1 week. If a longer loan period is needed, for a special reason, please discuss it in advance with Don.
- * . If you would like more information about Library items, ask Don to lend you the Item-Sheets, which give brief descriptions.
 - . Members are invited to contribute items they would like to share with other members. (Incidentally, paperbacks have the merit of costing less to mail.) Contributions will be acknowledged.
 - . Don will welcome all suggestions connected with the operation of the Library.

(40) Time-Life's BR film — 40 minutes long, black & white — is no longer available for rental or preview. It is for sale at \$275. Is there an angel out there who wants to buy it for the BRS Library? (Thanks to JIM WILLIAMS for bringing this film to our attention.)

FINANCES

(41) Contributions. We thank the following members for contributions, received since the last Newsletter: HARRY CLIFFORD, JOHN COCHRANE, PETER CRANFORD, JIM MC KEOWN, JIM MARTINSON, JOE NEILANDS, AND BRUCE THOMPSON.

BRS BUSINESS

(42) Time to vote for Directors. At the end of this Newsletter is a ballot. Please use it to vote for 5 candidates to fill the upcoming 5 vacancies on the Board of Directors.

The 5 candidates — proposed by the Elections Committee — are Directors at present. Their current term expires January 1, 1977. They are candidates for re-election, for 3-year terms starting 1/1/77.

In other words, there are 5 names on the ballot, and we ask you to vote for all 5. If that sounds something like an election, communist style — with no opposing candidates — the reason for it is that no other names were submitted by members. Any member may submit names (NL 10-7); none were submitted this year. We hope some of you will submit names next year.

Why bother to vote this year, when there are no opposing candidates? When you vote, you indicate your support of the idea that directors should be elected by the entire membership rather than only by those who attend the Annual Meetings. We ask your support for this idea.

Here are the 5 candidates:

- . KENNETH BLACKWELL. Founding member. Archivist of the Russell Archives.
- . LESTER DENONN. 1 of our 2 honorary members. Distinguished lawyer. An early Russellite, collector of BR's works, editor of The Wit and Wisdom of Bertrand Russell(1951), Bertrand Russell's Dictionary of Mind, Matter and Morals(1952), The Basic Writings of Bertrand Russell(1961, co-editor.)
- . DANIEL T. MC DONALD. Doctoral candidate (anthropology, NYU).
- . J. B. NEILANDS. Founding member. Chairperson, Committee on Science. Professor of Biochemistry, UC Berkeley.
- . STEPHEN J. REINHARDT. BRS Treasurer. DuPont executive

Please vote.

SUGGESTIONS

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Walking. "In reading Clark's Life of Bertrand Russell," writes DAN BOND, "I noticed on Page 212 the breakthrough that BR achieved with Joseph Conrad. 'Then we went for a little walk, and somehow grew very intimate.' The Peripatetics knew the value of walking for increasing the understanding, the flow of ideas, along with the flow of blood. BR was a great walker. Does BRS sponsor any walks for its members?"

LOCAL CHAPTERS

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Chicago. GARY SLEZAK reports:

The Chicago Chapter has met 5 times since the beginning of 1976. The following books have been discussed at our meetings: Freedom and Organization, An Inquiry Into Meaning and Truth, Marriage and Morals, Why I Am Not A Christian, and Unpopular Essays. We have also had lively discussions of Clark's biography and Kate's My Father, Bertrand Russell.

Our meetings are held monthly — usually on a Wednesday night — and last approximately 3 hours. We usually number about 6, though we will gain 2 or 3 new members this summer. The meetings are getting better each time. The chapter has been active for almost 2 years now, and we've gotten to know each other fairly well, which is an additional asset. Each of us has ordered a Bertrand Russell T-shirt from Warren Street Screen Press in Cambridge, Mass. It is still undecided whether they will be required dress at future meetings!

For our July meeting, we're driving up to Dr. McKeown's, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, for a Sunday afternoon discussion of Authority and the Individual. We'll hold a special meeting later in July, when Kate comes to Chicago to lecture at U of C. We hope she'll have time to spend an evening with us.



Prof. J. B. Neilands with models of ferrichrome and enterobactin.

“PARASITISM” AT THE MOLECULAR LEVEL: Phage, Colicin M, Antibiotic, and Vital Iron Transport Compound Compete For Same Receptor Site In *E. Coli*.

Professor J. B. Neilands and three of his graduate students in the Department of Biochemistry, University of California, Berkeley, have discovered an intriguing phenomenon: A bacteriophage, an antibiotic, a protein (colicin M), and a critically important transport molecule for ferric iron all compete for the latter's receptor site on the outer cell membrane of *E. coli*.

Since this receptor site was originally evolved to aid the microbes in the capture of highly insoluble ferric iron, the competition of phage for the same site may represent a remarkable case of a “parasite” (phage) exploiting some aspect of the molecular configuration of that complex, to effectively vie with the iron-bearing compound for attachment to the cell surface.

Similarly, colicin M, a protein antibiotic secreted by certain bacteria, apparently has a configuration that

fits it to the same receptor site.

As Neilands expressed it in an interview with Lab News, this apparent convergence of molecular evolution makes the iron receptor site an “Achilles' pore” for *E. coli*. Iron is absolutely essential for cell respiration and as a cofactor of ribotide reductase, an enzyme on the DNA synthesis pathway which cannot be bypassed. Thus, competition for this site by a phage and by a killer substance from other bacteria represents a kind of “chemical warfare” that exploits one of *E. coli*'s most vulnerable points.

The new discovery is an outgrowth of research Neilands began two decades ago on the isolation and characterization of “high affinity” ferric iron transport compounds, collectively called “siderophores.” These

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LAST MINUTE ITEMS

(46A)

BR-LW seminar, titled "Russell & Wittgenstein", will be offered this fall at University of Wisconsin - Parkside (Kenosha), Thursday evenings, 6:30 -9:15 P.M., starting September 9. Registration the previous week. Prerequisite: 9 credits in philosophy. We thank THOMAS CHARLES TASKONIS for this information.

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United World Federalists of Japan, continued. As a supplement to Item 4, we reproduce the (August) schedule of the UWF-J in the USA, on the next 2 pages.

(46B) SCHEDULE (A-course for middle-aged group)

Sunday, 15 August

Leaving Tokyo 18:15 by PA-008
Arriving Los Angeles 12:05
Reception and send-off party at Mankind Center;
Meeting with world federalists and other

Monday, 16 August

Leaving Los Angeles 17:00 by air
Arriving San Francisco 18:04

Tuesday, 17 August

Morning; Visiting the Mayor, Round-table talk at the Center of World
Citizens Assembly
Afternoon: Sight-seeing

Wednesday, 18 August

Leaving San Francisco 10:00 by air
Arriving Chicago 15:54

Thursday, 19 August

Morning: Meeting with world federalists at the Chicago branch of WAWF;
Visiting the Chicago University
Afternoon: Sight-seeing

Friday, 20 August

Leaving Chicago 10:30 by air
Arriving Philadelphia 13:20
Meeting with Quakers at the World Friends Center

Saturday, 21 August

Leaving Philadelphia by bus
Arriving New York

Sunday, 22 August

New York
Meeting with world federalists and world pacifists as well at the
office of NGO and others

Monday, 23 August

New York
Visiting U.N. Headquarter; Meeting with the Secretary General Kurt
Waldheim and members of 47 nations special committee

Tuesday, 24 August

New York
Visiting U.N. Headquarter and others

Wednesday, 25 August

Leaving New York 12:00 by PA-801

Thursday, 26 August

Arriving Tokyo 14:40

(46B)

SCHEDULE (B-course for youth group)

Sunday, 15 August

Leaving Tokyo 18:15
 Arriving Los Angeles 12:05
 Reception and send-off party at the Mankind Center
 Meeting with world federalists and others

Monday, 16 August

Leaving Los Angeles 17:15 by bus

Tuesday, 17 August

Arriving Las Vegas 00:35
 Leaving Las Vegas 03:20 by bus
 Arriving Salt Lake City 15:10
 Meeting with world pacifists and others

Wednesday, 18 August

Leaving Salt Lake City 09:15 by bus
 Arriving Cheyenne 19:35
 Leaving Cheyenne 20:30 by bus
 Arriving Denver 22:55

Thursday, 19 August

Morning: Meeting with world pacifists and others
 Leaving Denver 12:15 by bus

Friday, 20 August

Arriving Kansas City 05:15
 Leaving Kansas City 08:15 by bus
 Arriving St. Louis 13:15
 Leaving St. Louis 13:45 by bus
 Arriving Chicago 20:15

Saturday, 21 August

Meeting with world federalists at the Chicago branch of WAWF

Sunday, 22 August

Leaving Chicago 13:30 by bus
 Arriving Buffalo 05:15
 Leaving Buffalo 05:30 by bus
 Arriving Niagara Falls 06:35
 Leaving Niagara Falls 10:05 by bus
 Arriving Buffalo 11:10
 Leaving Buffalo 12:01 by bus
 Arriving New York 20:00

Monday, 23 August

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 Visiting U.N. Headquarter and others

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Leaving New York 12:00 by PA-801

Thursday, 26 August

Arriving Tokyo 14:40

BALLOT

5 persons are to be elected to the Board of Directors, for 3-year terms, starting January 1, 1977.

Please make a checkmark after the names of 5 candidates, below, for a total of 5 checkmarks. (Brief remarks about each candidate are given in Item 42.)

Kenneth Blackwell ()

Lester E. Denonn ()

Daniel T. McDonald ()

J. B. Neilands ()

Stephen J. Reinhardt ()

Remarks (optional) _____

Your name _____ Date _____

Your address _____

Please remove this page from the Newsletter and mail it to The Bertrand Russell Society, Inc., R. D. 1, Box 409, Coopersburg, Pa. 18036.

Note: to have your vote count, ballot must be postmarked no later than October 1, 1976.