EDITOR’S NOTES

The Symposium on Spheres of Influence in the Age of Imperialism. The Symposium will take place in September 1972. The place will be announced later. All those who wish to participate should contact Professor V. Dedijer at Stara Fuzina, Bohinj, Slovenia, Yugoslavia. We believe that this Symposium will help focus world public opinion on the struggle against imperialism on all continents.

The British Post Office has declined to issue a Russell Centenary stamp.

Second Anniversary of Russell’s Death. Russell died on February 2nd, 1970. To mark this event, we have printed (on p. 7) the memorial inscription put up by Trinity College, Cambridge. It was copied and sent to the Archives by Peter Weinrich of Blue Heron Books, Codrington, Ont. The translation is by Prof. T.M. Robinson of the Departments of Philosophy and Classics, University of Toronto. The author is unknown.

Special Acquisitions. Prof. Ronald Jager of Yale has deposited here a copy of his 600-page Ms. on “The History and Development of Bertrand Russell’s Philosophy”. It is to be published by Allen & Unwin in March-May.

The Library of the London School of Economics has allowed us a xerox copy of a large scrapbook kept by Alys Russell in 1895, when she and Russell were making a study of German Social Democracy. The scrapbook includes a journal kept by Alys during their time in Germany, socialists. Russell’s participation in the scrapbook seems to have been limited to copying out a couple of poems by Heine. It is currently on display in the Archives with other materials relating to the writing of German Social Democracy, Russell’s first published book (1896). Still lacking from any collection of Russelliana, however, is the printed syllabus for the lectures of which the book is composed and which were delivered during the same year at LSE.

Out-of-Print Books. In addition to original material, the Archives try to provide all printed material on Russell. Two books that have hitherto proved impossible to obtain are The Philosophy of George Santayana, edited by N.A. Schilpp (1940) and The Healthy-Minded Child, edited by N.A. Crawford and Karl Menninger (1930). Both books contain excellent articles by Russell. Also on our want list is The Religion of Scientists, edited by C.L. Darrow (1932), in which Russell answers a questionnaire. Do readers know of copies which could be acquired by the Archives?

Subscriptions. With this, the fourth issue of Russell, subscriptions for the first year have expired. Present subscribers are asked to renew their subscriptions as soon as possible by sending us a cheque or money order for $2 or £1, made out to the McMaster University Library Press. As a further reminder (and in the firm belief that no one could possibly wish to discontinue subscribing to Russell!), an invoice is enclosed with copies of this issue going to readers whose subscriptions are expiring herewith. There are at present 154 subscribers.

The Library has published, as its Library Research News 6, a tabloid guide to all its archival holdings. Subscribers to Russell may have one for the asking.

Publication Projects. Barry Feinberg of Continuum I Ltd., the literary agents of the Russell Estate, tells me that a two-volume work on Russell’s relationship with America is nearing completion. However, he wishes to learn more about Russell’s 9 or 10 lecture tours there.

Lester Denom and Robert Egger are bringing out a revised and expanded edition of The Basic Writings of Bertrand Russell. They plan to include in it some previously unpublished essays.

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