

EDITOR'S NOTES

Centenary Celebrations. May 18th, 1972, is the 100th anniversary of Bertrand Russell's birth. Several centenary celebrations are planned. Most of those we have heard of are to take place at universities. Indiana University is holding a philosophical symposium on March 9-11. The main speakers are Gustav Bergmann, Richard Wollheim and David Horowitz. The organizer is Prof. M. Fisk, American College in Madurai, India, under the direction of Prof. J.C. Abraham, will hold celebrations sometime in 1972. Prof. B. Bhattacharyya of the Department of Political Science, Calcutta University, is arranging a symposium on Russell's socio-political ideas. The Bertrand Russell Society of Japan will hold symposia in Tokyo, Osaka and Kyoto on May 18 and 19. Nobel Prize-winner Hideki Yagawa, who also signed the Russell-Einstein declaration of 1955, will be one of the speakers.

McMaster's plans are coming along well. The Russell Studies Conference will be held October 12-14. It is hoped Lady Russell will attend. A.J. Ayer, I.F. Stone and Christopher Farley will give major addresses open to the public. There will be several specialist sessions, on philosophy and logic, Russell and literature, and his political theory and practice (both in the past and in the present). Full use will be made of material in the Archives, and films of Russell will be shown. An illustrated exhibition catalogue will be on sale. The contact and chief organizer is Professor J.E. Thomas of the McMaster Philosophy Department. D.F. Pears, of Christ Church, Oxford, also on the programme, will be a visiting lecturer here during the fall term, and will offer a graduate course in Russell's philosophy. Russell: Critical Essays, which he edited, has just been published by Doubleday, Anchor in New York and Toronto.

A "Russell Memorial Symposium on Imperialism" has been announced by Noam Chomsky, Vladimir Dedijer and Jean-Paul Sartre. In their letter to the newspapers, they wrote:

The scourge of spheres of influence has been haunting the world ever since the onslaught of modern imperialism, 100 years ago. Throughout this period, punctuated by waves of mass violent death, accompanied by pauperisation on a global scale, the imperialist powers have periodically concluded through secret diplomacy, conducted behind closed doors, agreements for the division of spheres of influence....

In the last years of his life Bertrand Russell, disgusted with the hypocrisy of the institutionalised organs of world public opinion and cognisant of the requests of concerned people all around the globe that something must be done, gave the initiative for the formation of the War Crimes Tribunal for the Investigation of the War Crimes in Vietnam. And in the last months of his life, he sensed that a new balance of power was being built in the world, and that the negotiations for a new division of the world into spheres of influence had begun. He was fully aware of the need of negotiations among great powers to solve the major issues separating them, particularly in the age of nuclear weapons. But he opposed the old practices of disposing of the vital interests of other parties and of violating the principle of the right to equality among the states, big and small, and of the rights of peoples' movements.

... In collaboration with the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation we are inviting all concerned persons who have an interest in the ethical, historical and legal aspects of the problem of spheres of influence to attend the Russell Memor-

ial 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, SR 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 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, dozens of clippings from German newspapers, and letters from German 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 Paul 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. Drawbridge (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 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 Denonn and Robert Egner 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.