

Editor's Notes

Centenary Celebrations. All major arrangements for McMaster's celebrations in honour of the 100th anniversary of Bertrand Russell's birth have been completed. The programme of events will be found on pages 7-10; reprints are available. Besides the exhibition catalogue we hope to offer another souvenir in the form of a finely printed limited edition of an unpublished essay by Russell. The current candidate is "My Own Philosophy" (written in 1946), which we consider a better account of its topic than the last chapter of *A History of Western Philosophy*. Sometime after the Conference the **Proceedings** will be published as a book.

Running concurrently with the Conference will be a play based on the witch-hunt following Russell's appointment to the City College of New York in 1940. The authors, Sidney Emberley and Manual Zack, both of McMaster, have made use of new material acquired by the Archives from the papers of Bishop Manning and Professor Horace Kallen. The part of BR will be played by Gillie Fenwick, a noted CBC actor.

If only the 17 speakers themselves turn up, we think a good conference would nevertheless result from their own interaction. Fortunately for the organizers, the results won't be so confined. Lady Russell has accepted. "with the greatest pleasure", McMaster's invitation to attend. Russell's daughter, Mrs. Katharine Tait, will probably attend. Mme. Jean Nicod and Professor Victor Lenzen, who both knew Russell in his first half-century, are coming from Switzerland and California respectively to attend. Russell's biographer Ronald Clark dare not miss this opportunity to interview persons with such memories of BR, and indeed he intends to be present.

On May 18th McMaster was to show films of Russell, and hold an exhibition of Mss. and other materials in the Mills Library. At Woburn Abbey, the home of the Duke of Bedford (the head of the Russell family), there was to be an art exhibition in aid of the Peace Foundation, followed by a dinner to which the public was invited. Copies of the just-published **Collected Stories of Bertrand Russell** were to be available.

McMaster loaned a selection of original papers from the Archives to Carleton University in Ottawa for its display commemorating the Centenary. At the University of Toronto Library, there will be a display of Russell's works - in pristine condition - from the collection of Professor Slater.

The Western Division of the American Philosophical Association devoted a session of its annual convention, held in St. Louis in early May, to the subject of Russell and Negative Facts.

The Indiana Russell Centenary Conference, held March 9th-11th, was excellent. The focus was on Russell's technical philosophy, but Richard Wollheim and Ralph Schoenman (replacing David Horowitz) gave papers of great general interest on Russell's earlier and later political theory. Logicians Frederic Fitch, Michael Dunn and John Myhill put on an awesome symbolic display. One felt Russell was alive and well and living in Bloomington, Ind.

In late February Southern Illinois University at Carbondale held a one-day symposium to mark the Centenary. The major speakers were Jules Vuillemin, Paul A. Schilpp and Elizabeth R. Eames. They spoke on Russell's logic, editing **The Philosophy of Bertrand Russell** and the resources of the Russell Archives, respectively.

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Bertrand Russell Archives

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