

Editor's Notes

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¶ Noam Chomsky's visit to McMaster reminded us of the **Peace Lecture** accounts of Russell's 1950 Matchette Lectures at Columbia with the crowds trying to witness his triumphant return to New York City with the validation of his Nobel Prize. Chomsky gave several lectures here, visited the Russell Archives at length and mentioned Russell several times with great respect. His visit to give the Russell Peace Lecture was co-sponsored by the Russell Research Centre as well as the Centre for Peace Studies.

¶ The Russell Archives have loaned Einstein's landmark last **Albert Einstein** letter to the American Museum of Natural History in New York. Its Einstein exhibition runs until 10 August 2003. I wonder if a certain popular poster is there. Imaginus held its usual poster sale on campus this fall. An attractive poster of Einstein was available, captioned "Great spirits have always found violent opposition from mediocre minds." Although the poster doesn't say so, Einstein wrote these words in commenting on Russell and the CCNY case. Because there seemed to be textual variations, I looked into the sources. There are, in fact, two translations from Einstein's non-English original, which was a letter to Morris Cohen, emeritus

professor of philosophy at CCNY in 1940. One translation is in *Einstein on Peace* (1960), the other in Thom Weidlich's *Appointment Denied* (2000), where the word "violent" is omitted. His source is a news article, "Russell Keeps Post by Vote of 11 to 7; Court Fight Begun", *New York Times*, 19 March 1940, pp. 1f. *Einstein on Peace's* version is so abbreviated that it omits this paragraph found in *Appointment Denied*: "I confidently hope that in the Bertrand Russell affair it will become manifest that at least those of us who carry the responsibility know how to appreciate fully rational service and rational strength of character." That's a good line from Einstein. Russell provided "fully rational service" to humanity. The poster has been added to the Russell Archives for possible display with the Einstein's other four pieces on Russell. They are a preface to a German translation of *Sceptical Essays*, "Remarks on Bertrand Russell's Theory of Knowledge" in the Schilpp volume, a poem on the CCNY affair, and an encomium for *A History of Western Philosophy*. The first is not available in English; the latter two are in the third volume of his *Autobiography*.

¶Dave Robinson's *Introducing Bertrand Russell*, illustrated by Judy Groves (London: Icon Books), has arrived with its depictions of well-known scenes in Russell's life. The book is actually a serious attempt to teach philosophy, but the more you know of Russell's philosophical career the more enjoyable it is. The latest book in Russell Studies is Jean-Claude Dumoncel's *La Tradition de la mathesis universalis: Platon, Leibniz, Russell* (Paris: L'Unebévue—Editeur, 2002). A list of forthcoming books in Russell Studies is maintained at www.mcmaster.ca/russdocs/forthnew.htm.

¶Interim instalments of Russell Research Centre news will be found on its website at <http://russell.mcmaster.ca>. Volume 28 of the *Collected Papers, Man's Peril, 1954–55*, edited by Andrew Bone, is complete and awaiting publication by Routledge early in 2003. The *Collected Letters* project is under way. Nicholas Griffin recently gave a paper on this online edition's plans to the Annual Conference on Editorial Problems at the University of Toronto. John Slater introduced him. Under sponsorship of the BRRC and the McMaster Library, the cataloguing of the remaining third of Russell's known correspondence has seen the creation of over 6,500 new records since last year. The total stands at 72,093.

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