

Editor's notes

Contributors. B.J. Lucas is a McMaster graduate in philosophy and at present teaches political science at a community college in Houston. Harry Ruja is editing Russell's Hearst articles into two volumes for publication by George Allen and Unwin. Volume I, *Mortals and Others*, has just been published. Lester Denonn is a retired lawyer living in New York City. His bibliography of Russell's writings went through four editions in Schilpp's *The Philosophy of Bertrand Russell*, and he is still adding to his very large collection of Russelliana. Associate professor of philosophy of McMaster, Michael Radner recently published an article titled "Philosophical Foundations of Russell's Logicism" in *Dialogue*.

Solzhenitsyn. The English translation of Volume II of *Gulag Archipelago*, just out, perpetuates Solzhenitsyn's slurs against Bertrand Russell's record of protest against injustices in the Soviet Union. This is despite a corrective letter to *The Times* of London from Lady Russell, Ken Coates and Chris Farley, which appeared 20 June 1974, and a letter I wrote Solzhenitsyn directly on the matter, giving instances of Russell's record of protest - particularly his preface to Gustav Herling's *A World Apart* (1951), which concerns Soviet prisons and labour camps. One wonders how garbled is Russell's image in the U.S.S.R., if this prominent ex-citizen can say such things as "Oh, Bertrand Russell! Oh, Hewlett Johnson! Where, oh where, was your flaming conscience at that time?" (Solzhenitsyn is referring here to the 1920s. Evidently he is ignorant of Russell's *The Practice and Theory of Bolshevism*, published in 1920.)

Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation. A letter from Edith Russell has recently appeared in the *Times Literary Supplement* (21.11.72) on the subject of Inland Revenue's persistent demand for corporation tax on royalties from Russell's *Autobiography* "which he donated as long ago as 1966". The amount demanded is £35,000, which, if awarded, would imperil the BRPF's future. Lady Russell ends her appeal with the surely undeniable observation that "Public work of this nature, which involves its supporters in considerable sacrifices, should not be treated as normal commercial enterprises."

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Colette. A student who got in touch with Lady Constance Malleson in her last year, Mr. David Harley, of Dundas, Ont., has kindly donated photocopies of his correspondence with her to the Russell Archives.

Russell in Review. A check with Samuel Stevens Hakkert and Co., publishers of *Russell in Review*, on November 28th showed that the proceedings of McMaster's Russell centenary celebrations were with the printers and were still due in December. Take advantage of the pre-publication price offer and order NOW.

Staffing crisis. The staff of the Russell Archives is still down by one-third.

Clark's book. The Canadian publishers, McGraw-Hill-Ryerson, have announced that after Christmas the price will rise from \$17.95 to \$24.95.

Visitors and researchers. James McConica, Richard Rempel, Carl Spadoni, Andrew Brink, Ibrahim Najjar, Charles Marriott, Raymond Plant, and John G. Slater were recently in the Russell Archives.

The Bertrand Russell Archives

Kenneth Blackwell.