

Although it still has far to go, the CSRC is already an institution unique in the world. Whatever I have been able to contribute to it is more than balanced by what I take away in knowledge, experience and, best of all, many wonderful friends.

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## Conference: "The Church in East Europe"

At the beginning of October, Keston College (CSRC) participated in a four-day conference entitled "The Church in East Europe", held in the small town of Driebergen near Utrecht, Holland. This conference, which followed the pattern of two previous conferences held in the summer of 1973, was jointly sponsored by Keston College, Glaube in der 2. Welt and the Inter-University Institute for Missiology and Ecumenism in Utrecht. Dr. Hans Hebly coordinated the conference.

Almost one hundred individuals representing a variety of bodies concerned with East Europe through the work of mission, research, broadcasting, publishing, came together to deepen their knowledge of the religious situation in the communist countries of East Europe by listening to, and discussing, papers on such subjects as: Church and Society in the USSR; the development of Russian theological thought in the 20th century; the mutual understanding of Church and State in Yugoslavia. Much interest was shown in the question of the ecumenical relationship between the Churches in East and West Europe - an interesting and stimulating paper was presented on that subject by Dr. A. H. van den Heuvel of the Netherlands Reformed Church.

The conference was greatly enriched by the presence of Anatoli Levitin, the well-known Russian Orthodox Church layman, who had arrived in the West less than a fortnight previously. Levitin expressed his gratitude at being invited to attend the conference, regarding such an invitation as an expression of love towards the Russian Church and all Russian people. He also discussed the subject of the ecumenical movement, emphasizing that it must have a deep and visible concern for upholding honour and truth, thereby becoming the inspiration for the struggle against all forms of religious persecution. The ecumenical movement must reach the ordinary believer, and be understood by him. Genuine ecumenism, as seen by Levitin, consists in displaying the love of Christ and sharing with those who suffer for their faith. He drew the attention of those present to the situation of the Church in Albania and China. Levitin's presence at the conference was a great joy to Keston

College. Several pieces of his work have already been published in *RCL* and a book of his writings is presently being prepared.

Part of the conference was devoted to a discussion of ways of increasing and strengthening co-operation and communication between individuals and organizations, particularly those engaged in research and those concerned with publishing material on the religious situation of East Europe. Several positive suggestions were made and steps taken to facilitate such mutual co-operation in the future.

Thirteen staff-members were represented at the conference, ten of whom spent the previous Sunday presenting the work of Keston College at the church of St. Philip and St. John in The Hague. This was of great interest to the members of the church and a successful new venture for Keston College.

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