For detailed notes on this section we ask readers to refer to Issue No. 1 (p. 34) — especially on photocopying rates.

Documents and press articles in this issue are for the period September-December 1972, although new documents for the period already covered (January-August) have been added at the beginning of each section.

The CSRC urgently requires full texts of all documents in readers' possession not yet received at its office. Please check on the relevant period as it is covered in the Bibliography.

**Russian Orthodox Church**

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12. *Veche* No. 4, 31 January 1972. Now in its second year of publication, this journal includes assorted material on literary, ecological and other themes. It prints two appeals from the congregation in Korsun-Shevchenkovsky on obstructions to their obtaining necessary repairs to their prayer house, dated August and December 1971. 178 pages, as re-typed in the West.

13. *Chronicle of Current Events* No. 27, 15 October 1972, cites the newspaper “Vechernyi Tbilisi” of 26 July as referring to teacher Megi Kezheradze, dismissed after being seen in church on Easter eve. It also states that Fr. V. Shpiller and Fr. Dudko, both of Moscow, have been dismissed from their churches (more recent information states that they are still in office). Russian in *Volnoye Slovo* No. 6, 1972, pp. 50, 58-9, English in the edition of *Amnesty International* (53, Theobald's Rd., London W.C.1), pp. 327, 335-6.


15. *Prerequisites of Ecumenism* by F. S., undated. The writer speaks of the harmfulness of prejudice between denominations; the need for sectarians to recognise one Church, but also the need for a common unity on the basis of revealed truth. Russian in *Vestnik RSKhD* Nos. 104/5, pp. 83-5.

16. *The People of God and the Pastorate* by M. Meerson-Aksyonov, Moscow. Undated. Ostensibly written in connection with the Solzhenitsyn controversy, this extended essay deals with the role of the clergy and laity in the early Church and today. There is a need for the Church to be more alive and dynamic. Russian in *Vestnik RSKhD* Nos. 104/5, pp. 101-126. Italian in *Russia Cristiana*, Jan.-Feb. 1973, pp. 38-44.

17. *Second Open Letter* to N. A. Struve, editor of *Vestnik RSKhD*, from G. Shimanov, Moscow, undated. This is a reply to a note from Struve commenting on Shimanov's first open letter (received in Paris spring 1972), which remained unpublished. Shimanov re-states his objections to certain articles on Chaadaev in the *Vestnik* No. 97, and points to the danger of heresy. Russian in *Vestnik RSKhD* Nos. 104/5, pp. 319-322.
Evangelical Christians and Baptists

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51. Report by officials of the metallurgical combine in Stupino, Moscow Region, 6 February 1972. 2 pp. duplicated in English - Russian text not available. It tells of an unregistered meeting in the home of G. S. Mashkovsky. 23 names and addresses are listed (none correspond to CSRC index on Baptists: it is not clear what group these people belonged to).

52. Letter to the United Nations, anonymous, possibly from the Ukraine. 28 May 1972. 2 pp. Photocopy, handwritten; English translation available. Various names of persecuted Christians are given, but no details of signatories or place of origin, thus again it is uncertain what group this letter originated from.


55. Open Letter to Mr. Brezhnev from 89 Baptists of Rostov-on-Don, 15 October 1972. 9 pp. Photocopy, handwritten. Harvest festival at home of V. P. Ruchko was interrupted. 11 were arrested; three sentenced to 15 days and two fined. English translation available. French in Catacombes, March 1973, p. 10.


59. Declaration to Mr. Podgorny et. al. from Lyudmila V. Vins, Omsk, 25 October 1972. 2 pp. Original handwritten. She tells of interruption of
church services; the police treated her roughly despite her pregnancy.

60. *Declaration* to Mr. Kuroyedov from N. I. Vladykin, Tula, 30 October 1972. 1 p. Photocopy. On the confiscation of his house, which had been used as a prayer house.

61. *Declaration* to Mr. Kuroyedov from seven Baptists of Tula, October 1972. 1 p. Photocopy. On the confiscation of Vladykin’s house; they request its return, and registration of the congregation.


63. *Declaration* to United Nations from 66 Baptists of Barnaul, 20 December 1972. 3 pp. Carbon copy. They gave up their passports last November, and the authorities have tried various methods to return them. The children are still out of school; threats to remove them from parents. Appended: 7 pp. relevant documents.


66. *Letter* to his wife and children from D. D. Klassen in prison. Undated. 6 pp. Photocopy, handwritten. Meditation on martyrdom through history. Since Feb. 1972 he has been in an “experimental zone”. Krushchev and his threats have gone, the church remains.

67. *Appeal* to Mr. Kosygin from 30 believers of Kemerovo, undated. 5 pp. Photocopy, handwritten. Complaint that “scientific-atheist” propaganda is being waged in an un-Leninist and unconstitutional manner.

68. *Appeal* to all ECB’s from Mrs. Klassen, Karaganda, undated. 1 p. Photocopy, handwritten. Her husband, David D. Klassen, is seriously ill in camp – there is a campaign to liquidate him. Her letters, in German, are stopped. German in *Stimme der Märtyrer* No. 1, 1973, p. 3.


70. *Declaration* to Mr. Kosygin and Mr. Podgorny from the church at Bryansk, 1972. 2 pp. Photocopy, handwritten. They have tried to register but have been refused on grounds that they will not observe legislation on cults – unproven. Fines for non-registration.

*Roman Catholic and Eastern-Rite Catholic*

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12. *Report* to the President of the Lithuanian Supreme Court from Father Viktoras Sauklys of Girdziai, 30 May. Complaint at fine imposed by court


Buddhists

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Soviet Press Articles

Date September 1972

3 Pravda Vostoka. “Third Century Tombs”. Tombs in Buddhist style have been found near Fergana, Uzbekistan. The same newspaper also contains a reference in its TV programme indicator to a half-hour programme in Uzbek entitled “Militant atheism”.

10 Kommunist Tadzhikistana. “Spider’s Web”. A Moslem family abandons religion, which never helped them in life.

10 Altaiskaya Pravda. “Attention to Man”. On atheist work among school-
children in Kulunda. This article was sent to the West by the reform Baptists of Barnaul.


15 Komsomolskaya Pravda. “Smuggling Lie”. On ‘ideological smuggling’, including bottles containing religious literature floated from Finland.


17 Kommunist Tadzhikistana. “From a Common Root”. On the relationship between religion and alcohol. This article was reprinted in Sovietskaya Kirgizia on 24 November 1972.

*27 Trud. A. Shelepin, a former KGB chief but now head of the Trade Unions, replies to a reader’s question about the harmfulness of religion.

—Agitator 18/72. “Novgorod Thoughts”. There is only one working church in Novgorod; atheist work here is unsatisfactory.

Date October 1972


*4 and 11 Literaturnaya Gazeta. The craze for icons affects even respectable people; it can lead to crime.


*18 Freundschaft. “Stop this illegal handiwork”. On the unregistered Baptists in Dzhambul.


Date November 1972


15 Pravda Vostoka. “Worthy of eternity”. An interview with the chief architect of the Kremlin museums; cathedral restoration.

—Agitator 21/72. “Religion and work”. Mainly on the Orthodox Church – the doctrine has been modernised but is still reactionary.

*22 Turkmenkaya Pravda. “We must educate active fighters”. Atheist work in a school in Ashkhabad; reform Baptist children here.
Date December 1972

(Compiler's note: The central and republican Soviet press published almost no anti-religious articles in this month, possibly in deference to the preparations for the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the USSR).

9 Molodyozh Moldavii. “In days of triumph and national distress”. On the church bells of Rostov Veliki.

* 12 Uchitelskaya Gazeta. “Around the temple”. An attack on Buddhism, which is still strong in Buryatia. Perhaps prompted by the “Buddhist case” around B. D. Danderon (see Samizdat section above).

—Vestnik MGU (Fil.) 6/72. “The first all-Union seminar of atheists”. This took place in March in Moscow.

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* This indicates that the document is not available at the Centre.