Bibliography

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

Documents and press articles in this issue carry dates from January-April 1973, although newly-available documents for 1972 have been added at the beginning of each section. As from this issue, we include a selection of articles from the *Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate* (monthly), the Baptist journal *Bratsky vestnik* (“Fraternal Herald” – bi-monthly) and the atheist monthly *Nauka i religia* (“Science and Religion”). However, these publications reach the CSRC with varying degrees of delay, so that they cannot always be covered at the right time.

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

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**DS/1972/0**


19. *Conversation of the Editor of “Veche”, V. N. Osipov, with A.P. Correspondent Stephens Broening* (and *Baltimore Sun* correspondent Dean Mills), 25 April. Osipov gave this interview to Stephens Broening on the understanding that he would publish it in full in the American press, but only a summary appeared in the *Baltimore Sun*. He therefore sent the full text to the West (see item 23) himself. In it he describes and justifies *Veche* – “the first” Russian patriotic journal to appear in the USSR. Russian in *Vestnik RSKhD* No. 106, pp. 296-303.

20. *Letters from the camp*, 16 February-12 September. Correspondence between A. E. Levitin-Krasnov and “M.” Levitin speaks of the history of the Russian Orthodox Church and assesses its present prospects of renewal. M. speaks of the positive contribution of Protestantism to Russia. Russian in *Vestnik RSKhD* No. 106, pp. 73-91.


23. *Letter to the Editor of “Vestnik” from Vladimir Osipov, Alexandrov, Vladimir Region, 26 November*. Osipov refers back to his interview with American correspondents (see DS/72/0/19) and appeals to the editor to print this text in full in order to clarify the standpoint of *Veche*. Russian in *Vestnik RSKhD* No. 106, pp. 294-6.

25. Condition of Dialogue by Alexei Rudnev, Moscow, undated. A commentary on the above volume; Rudnev suggests that Christians appropriated God's prerogative of judgment on the Jews and need to repent of this. But now that atheists have taken over persecution of the Jews, a Jewish-Christian dialogue may start, in which Christians can reaffirm their own faith. Russian in Vestnik RSKhD No. 106, pp. 46-56.


27. Open Letter to the Editor of "Vestnik" from V. Prokhorov, undated. A critique of the article "Word of the Neophytes" in No. 100 (Dobrokhotov). Russian in Vestnik RSKhD No. 106, pp. 304-8.

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS AND BAPTISTS

DS/1972/B/  


73. Appeal to all Soviet Baptist churches from the church at Omsk, November. 4 pp. Photocopy; printed on clandestine press. Intense persecutions against this church – Sigarev has been arrested again, not long after his release in February.

74. Appeal to all Soviet Baptists from the churches at Moscow and Dedovsk, 10 December. 2 pp. Photocopy of printed text (but first page transcribed in the West). Request for prayer in their persecutions.

DS/1973/B/  
1. Letter to the Council of Prisoners’ Relatives from V. G. Khoreva, Kishinyov, 31 January. 3 pp. Photocopy of printed. After her husband Mikhail’s return from imprisonment in December, their home was searched for 13 hours on 24 January.

2. Declaration to Mr. Podgorny from 70 Baptists in Moscow and Dedovsk, 20 February. 3 pp. Photocopy. The reform Baptist groups in Moscow and region are threatened with destruction.

3. Declaration to Mr. Brezhnev et al. from two Baptist families of Rostov-on-Don, 25 February. 2 pp. Photocopy of printed. Their homes were searched and large sums in savings certificates confiscated.

4. Complaint to the President of the Latvian Supreme Council from Baptists of Riga and environs, February. 3 pp. Photocopy of printed. They have been subject to various repressions – a wedding was interrupted. Three have been arrested.
5. *Bulletin* of the Council of Prisoners’ Relatives No. 11, March. 59 pp. Photocopy of printed. Contains further material on the case of Ivan Moiseyev (and on other Baptist soldiers). There is also information on Baptist children and a new, supplementary prisoner list with 32 names.

**Jews**

*DS/1973/1/ (see also DS/1972/0/24, 25)*

1. **Letter** to Kurt Waldheim from Bentzion Vaksman, undated. A retired pharmacist of 65, he appeals to Mr. Waldheim to help him emigrate to Israel; he is a “convinced believer in the Jewish religion”. Russian text not yet available. English in *Jews in the USSR*, 9 February 1973, pp. 6-7.


**Buddhists**

*DS/1973/Bu/

1. **Letter** to the editor of *Buryaad unen* from 12 members of the so-called “Dandaron group”, 4 pp. Undated. Re-typed in the West. This is written in reply to an article dated 18 January and corrects a number of distortions and lies concerning this Buddhist affair.

2. **Letter** to the editor of *Pravda Buryatii* from 12 members of the “Dandaron group”, 4 pp. Undated. Re-typed in the West. Replying to an article dated 21 January, the writers refute slander against Buddhists and call for an end to the illegal repressions. Dandaron’s sentence is to be reviewed on 30 January.

3. **Dear Friends!** from 12 members of the “Dandaron group”, not later than 15 February. 2 pp. Re-typed in the West. The writers appeal to Soviet citizens to help them establish justice in this case.

4. **Letter** to Mr. Kuroyedov, president of the Council for Religious Affairs, unsigned, Ulan-Ude, 15 February. 8 pp. Re-typed in the West. Probably by the same authors as *DS/73/Bu/1-3*, this is an appeal to stop the illegal persecution of Buddhism in Buryatia. English in this issue of *RCL*, pp. 43-47.

**Soviet Press Articles**

*Date* January 1973

4 *Trud*. “Unprofitable actions”. On religious broadcasting to the USSR.

5 *Sovetskaya Kirgizia*. “Provocateurs and their helpers”. Western organizations exploit the death of the Baptist soldier Moiseyev.

5 *Sovetskaya Estonia*. “Jesus Christ – six-pointed superstar”. Exploitation of religion on Broadway and in Israel. (This article was reprinted in a number of republican newspapers).

12 *Turkmenskaya iskra*. “Saint Joseph and his sisters”. Pentecostal leader Fastovets sentenced to five years in Ashkhabad.


16 *Molodyozh Moldavii*. “Yesterday”. On various sects, chiefly the Baptists.
17 Sovetskaya Moldavia. “Religion in the contemporary ideological struggle”. Some Westerners actually see spiritual salvation coming from the socialist East.

*17 Gudok. “A citizen begins at home”. On the need for atheist propaganda in the family.


—Zhurnal Moskovskoi Patriarkhii 1/73, pp. 1-3. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the USSR, Patriarch Pimen exhorts believers to play their part in society.

—Nauka i religia 1/73, pp. 72-4. “Polish Catholicism is changing its tactics”. A Polish atheist expert on religion describes how the Polish Church is modernising itself. German translation available.

—Ditto, pp. 75-8. “Musical monuments of the Russian past”. The rich treasury of church music must be integrated into the Soviet repertoire.

Date February 1973

7 Znamya yunosti. “Reason is stronger than church bells”. A whole page devoted to religion and atheism in Belorussia.

9 Kommunist Tadzhikistana. “More finds”. Subterranean vaults are discovered dating back to the Zoroastrian/Moslem period.

13 Znamya yunosti. “Lost sheep”. Reform Baptists Sotnichenko and Dernovich are sentenced to five and two years respectively.

25 Sovetskaya Moldavia. “What is love?” A young girl is removed from her parents – apparently Pentecostals.

27, 28 Sovetskaya Litva. “Who are the servants of Jehovah?” On the Jehovah’s Witnesses, nine of whom have been arrested in Lithuania.

—Sovety deputatov trudyashchikhsya 2/73, pp. 98-102. “Methods of struggle against parasitism”. Those living as parasites include “the leaders of various religious sects”.

—Bratsky vestnik 1/73, p. 6. “Half-century jubilee”. The 50th anniversary of the USSR is an event from which believers cannot “stand aside”.

—Ditto, p. 77. The section “News from local churches” mentions that the congregation in Narva, Estonia, used to meet in a private home, but was given a building by the local ispolkom.


—Ditto, pp. 46-8. “Not simple arithmetic”. A young Orthodox cantor is wrongly penalised – the court should have corrected its decision.

Date March 1973

1 Sovetskaya Litva. “Who are the servants of Jehovah?” Conclusion of article begun on 27-8 February.

2 Turkmenskaya iskra. “Their holy goodness”. A young Baptist is accused of beating his wife.

3 Uchitelskaya gazeta. “Teach them how to resist”. Teachers must carry out atheist work especially against reform Baptist influence.


14 Kazakhstanskaya pravda. “To man’s mind and heart”. Atheist work has been stimulated by Baptist influence on children.

21 Kommunist Tadzhikistana. “On law and religion”. A booklet published by the Tadzhik branch of Znanie describes law as a tool against religion.


29 Molodyozh Estonii. “Emissaries of Christ”. Two reform Baptist leaders are tried in Sverdlovsk for spreading information about Moiseyev.

—Nauka i religia 3/73, pp. 29-35. “Conscience”. A reader was impressed by a sermon on conscience in the Novodevichi cathedral – the journal attempts a scientific explanation.


—Ditto, pp. 68-71. “The gold fever around Christ”. The Jesus Movement is being exploited by businessmen and reactionary forces.

—Ditto, pp. 78-84. “Religion, theatre, Dostoyevsky”. Mentions the new production of “Crime and Punishment” which closes with a huge crucifix.

Date April 1973

1 Sovetskaya Litva. “Sectarians unmasked”. Nine Jehovah’s Witnesses are sentenced in Klaipeda.

3 Znamya yunosti. “Under cover of religion”. On foreign provocations and internal troublemakers – Felix Karelin (Russian Orthodox writer) is stated to have been previously sentenced for murder.

18 Znamya yunosti. “Reason is stronger than church bells”. Another full-page of articles includes a letter from Latyshevich (see Nauka i religia 2/73 pp. 28-33) who now describes himself as a former Baptist.

20 Bakinsky rabochi. “Work of the republican Party organization on ideological and internationalist education . . .” Some communists are guilty of observing religious rituals.

26, 28 Molodyozh Moldavii. “Suffer the little children to come unto me”. A series of four articles (concluded on 5, 9 May) attacks mainly the reform Baptists.

27 Sovetskaya Belorusia. “Unfrocked martyrs”. Four reform Baptists are sentenced in Soligorsk.

—Agitator 7/73, pp. 61-2. “Who are the Pentecostals?” Accusations of various crimes, including human sacrifice.

—Bratsky vestnik 2/73, p. 76. The section “News from local churches” mentions the opening in November of a new prayer house in Voronezh (with photo).

—Ditto, pp. 77-8. “In memoriam P. S. Sokolovsky”. This obituary of an Orthodox priest (with photo) is rather unusual in the Baptist magazine (see RCL 3, p. 38).


**Recommended Reading**

As from this issue, RCL responds to readers' requests to open a new section indicating important Western books and articles on religion in communist countries. We invite readers to inform the CSRC of publications that may escape our notice.

**Books**


*Kristen bak Jernveppet* by Nil Jacob Tonnessen, Lutherviisner (Norway), 1971. Religious protest in the Soviet Union and other countries.

*URSS: Undici Documenti del Samizdat Religioso*, published by the Centro Studi Russia Cristiana in their series "Archivi per la Russia e per l'Europa Orientale", No. 3, 1971. Jaca Book, Milan. Sections on the Russian Orthodox Church (mentioning Archbishop Yermogen, Levitin and Shimanov), the Baptists and the Roman Catholics.


*Christen unter Hammer und Sichel* by Winrich Scheffbuch, Brockhaus Verlag, Wuppertal, 1972. With an introduction on the history of the evangelical movement in Russia, this is a series of documents from the Soviet Baptists with extended and sensitive linking commentary.


**Articles**
