

The second conference also discussed various aspects of the present situation of religion in Eastern Europe, and underlined the need for greater communication and cooperation between groups working in this field. Some concrete proposals were made to further such cooperation. The conference included a public meeting in Chur, which was well attended. It is hoped that a single conference next year—possibly in Holland—will draw together all the groups represented here, and others not present on these occasions.

## Abolition of Torture

Amnesty International, a non-aligned organization working for the release of prisoners of conscience all over the world, has launched a campaign for the abolition of torture. Signatures are being collected for a petition to be presented to the United Nations. The climax of the present stage of the campaign will be an international congress in Paris on 10 December. One of the photographs featured on the cover of the campaign brochure "Epidemic: Torture" is that of Ivan Moiseyev, the young Baptist who was tortured and killed while serving in the Soviet Army in the Crimea last summer. One of the signatures already received for the petition is that of Anatoli Levitin, Russian Orthodox publicist and defender of human rights.



## Letters to the Editor

**L. La Dany from Hong Kong writes:**

I have just received No. 3 of *Religion in Communist Lands*, containing a very good article on China by Victor Hayward. I would like, however, to add one point.

One has to distinguish between what visitors to China see and what they are told by church dignitaries whom they are allowed to meet. In the article Bishop Ting is quoted as having said that "he knew of churches where religious services were well attended". Also, words of Dr. John Fleming are quoted: "The Catholics still had a seminary with about twenty students and six full-time teachers".