This section of the journal lists (a) *samizdat* (self-published material) from or about religious groups in the USSR, and (b) significant Soviet press articles on religion and atheism.

*RCL* lists all religious *samizdat* from the beginning of 1972 as well as important documents of an earlier date which have only recently reached the West. Where no published source is given, a Russian (or other original language) text is available from CSRC unless otherwise stated. Researchers who wish to order copies of these documents are invited to do so, but are asked to observe the following conditions. Where a published source is given, texts should be ordered directly. Texts ordered from CSRC cost 7p per page; postage and 40p conversion charge on foreign cheques will be added to the bill.

*RCL* No. 1, 1973 to No. 6, 1975 have covered Soviet press articles from January 1972 to June 1975. The present issue deals with the period July 1975 to August 1975.

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### Soviet Religious Samizdat

#### RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

1. *Declaration* to His Holiness Alexi, Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia from the Orthodox Christian B. V. Talantov, Kirov. 19 March. He is the author of several letters concerning events in Kirov Diocese and gives his word as to the veracity of his statements. Metropolitan Nikodim, in an interview abroad, claimed one letter in particular to be anonymous, and denied the truth of its statements. Russian: 2 pp. Carbon copy.

2. *Plea* to Gerashchenko, Patriarch Pimen, A. N. Kosygin and N. V. Podgorny from the congregation and church council of the Bogoyavlensky Church, Zhitomir. 20 July. A detailed account of the events surrounding the closure of their church on 26 November 1973. The local authorities have violated Soviet law, and offended the believers' feelings. Russian: 5 pp. Re-typed in the West.

3. *Plea* to the participants of the Session of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, L. I. Brezhnev, N. V. Podgorny and A. N. Kosygin from the congregation of the Bogoyavlensky Church, Zhitomir. 24 July. Their church was closed by the
local authorities on 26 November 1973 and since then innumerable complaints have been sent to government departments in Kiev and Moscow, only to be returned to the local authorities, who are adamant that their decision will not be revoked. The church is their only consolation after many years of suffering and loss. Russian: 2 pp. Re-typed in the West.

80. Plea from elderly female parishioners of the Bogoyavlensky Church, Zhitomir. 24 July. By closing their church on 26 November 1973, the local authorities have displayed their heartlessness and disrespect for those who have given so much to their motherland. The church is their only consolation and joy in their old age. Russian: 2 pp. Re-typed in the West.

81. Letter to Fr. V. Shpiller from Merab Kostava. 28 August (?). Fr. Shpiller's accusations against A. I. Solzhenitsyn are unfounded and unfair. Solzhenitsyn is a "true follower" of Christ, performing a superhuman task of combating evil, and cutting through pretence and sham. Russian: 2 pp. Re-typed in the West.


10. The Ideal State by G. M. Shimanov. 29 May. Includes criticisms of autocracy, of democracy based on the rule of money, of "Democrats" and "religious liberals" who are unable to see the deep religiosity of the Bolsheviks. Russian: 8 pp. Typed.

12. Andrei Tverdokhlebov - In Defence of Human Rights. V. Sokolov. Summer. This collection of articles by A. Tverdokhlebov appeared shortly after his arrest, and it is hoped that its publication will remind honest people in the West of their moral duty to support this remarkable campaigner for human rights. Russian in Russkaya Mysl' 9 October 1975, p. 13.


14. Letter to Rev. M. Bourdeaux, Director of the Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism, Keston College from L. Borodin, N. Ivanov, V. Rodionov and Yu. Orlov. 3 October. On the case of Fr. V. Romanyuk, on hunger-strike since 1 August 1975 as a protest at the camp authorities' refusal to provide him with a Bible. Mr. Bourdeaux's activities in defence of believers in the USSR are known to them and they ask that he inform the world as quickly as possible of the condition of Fr. Romanyuk. Russian: 1 p. Signed carbon copy.

15. Appeal on behalf of A. N. Tverdokhlebov by V. Chalidze at a press-conference organized by the International League for the Rights of Man. 16 October. It is clear that A. N. Tverdokhlebov was arrested for his various activities in the field of human rights. Russian in Russkaya Mysl' 6 November 1975, p. 5.

16. Appeal to the delegates of the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches from Fr. Gleb Yakunin and Lev Regelson. 16 October. The tragic experience of the Russian Orthodox Church over the last 60 years has called forth many examples of Christian love and solidarity. Except for one or two exceptions, the WCC, however, has not raised its voice in support of those persecuted for their faith in the USSR. Many Christians in the West are deeply concerned and wish to help but do not know how, and so the writers make eight suggestions Russian in Russkaya Mysl' 25 December 1975, p. 5. French in Service Orthodoxe de Presse et d'Information January 1976, pp. 11-14 (abbreviated). Full English translation on pp. 9-14 of this issue of RCL.

17. Letter to Amnesty International, the International Committee for Human Rights and the International Commission of Jurists from T. Velikanova, A.
18. Open Letter to Amnesty International and the International Commission of Jurists from Academician and Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Andrei Sakharov. Probably 20 October. A. N. Tverdokhlebov and S. A. Kovalev were arrested for their work on behalf of Amnesty International, and possibly also because of their close friendship with Andrei Sakharov. International organizations are asked to send their own observers and independent lawyers to the trial. Russian: 2 pp. Photocopy.

19. Yevgeni Barabanov by Anatoli Levitin-Krasnov. October (?). Ye. V. Barabanov became a believer at the age of 15. At first his father demanded a psychiatric examination — now he is threatened with incarceration in a psychiatric hospital by the KGB. Russian in Russkaya Mysl' 9 October 1975, p. 13.

20. To all People of Good Will in All Countries, To Believers, To Ukrainians Living in the USSR and Abroad. Help Save The Life of Vasili Romanyuk! from L. Bogoraz, L. Alekseeva and Yu. Orlov. November. Fr. V. Romanyuk has been in camp since 1972. On 1 August 1975 he declared a hunger-strike in protest at the camp authorities' refusal to provide him with a Bible. His present state of health is unknown. Russian: 1 p. Carbon copy. English translation on p. 48 of this issue of RCL.

21. Notification to Fr. Dmitri Dudko from the Executive Committee of the Orekhovo-Zuevsky District Soviet. Before 23 December. Fr. Dudko is asked to come to the House of Soviets on 23 December 1975. Fr. Dudko's answer follows in which he informs the District Soviet that, since he was dismissed from the Church of Nikita the Martyr on 21 December 1975, there is no reason for him to be interviewed about his work. Russian: 1 p. Carbon copy. Re-typed in the Soviet Union.

22. Edict to Fr. Dmitri Sergeevich Dudko from Serafim, Metropolitan of Krutitsy and Kolomna. 23 December. Fr. Dudko is informed of his dismissal from the Church of Nikita the Martyr, Kabanovo, Moscow Region. Russian: 1 p. Typed.

23. Letter to A. A. Trushin from believers in the village of Kabanovo. 23 December. Believers were told by the Executive Committee of the District Soviet that Fr. Dudko was removed from his position because of his preaching. Fr. Dudko, however, preaches only the Gospel. He was, moreover, removed without the knowledge of the dvadtsatka. Russian: 1 p. Carbon copy.

24. One Example by I. R. Shafarevich. 25 December. Fr. Dmitri Dudko is an example of the situation in the Russian Orthodox Church, discussed recently at the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Nairobi. Two years ago Fr. Dudko was removed from his Moscow church. The same thing has happened again. Life is very difficult for him. Russian: 3 pp. Carbon copy.

25. Letter to Metropolitan Serafim from Fr. Dmitri Dudko. 25 December. On 21 December 1975 he was refused permission to enter the church and perform the service by the churchwarden, E. I. Kharitonova. The Executive Committee of the District Soviet told the believers this had been decided in “Moscow”. Russian: 1 p. Carbon copy.

26. Letter to A. A. Trushin from Fr. Dmitri Dudko. 25 December. He was removed from his church by the Executive Committee of the District Soviet. This violates the law on the separation of the Church from the State. Russian: 1 p. Carbon copy.

27. Letter to Pimen, Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia from Fr. Dmitri Dudko. 25 December. When the latter held “question and answer sessions” on religious themes in his former church in Moscow, he was sent by the former to the village of Kabanovo. No “sessions” were held there, but despite that, he has again been removed from his church. Russian: 1 p. Carbon copy.

28. Christmas message (extract) to Orthodox Action, Belgium from Orthodox be-
lievers in the Soviet Union. Christmas. They ask for prayer and support. French

29. Declaration to the Executive Committee of the Orekhovo-Zuevsky District Sov-
iet from members of the dvadtsatka of the Church of Nikita the Martyr, Kabano-
vo. December. Fr. Dmitri Dudko was dismissed without their knowledge by
the churchwarden on orders from the Executive Committee. Such an act is

30. Letter to Serafim, Metropolitan of Krutitsy and Kolomna from believers of
the Orthodox Church of Nikita the Martyr. December. They appeal on behalf
of Fr. Dmitri Dudko, asking that he be re-instated. Approx. 150 signatures.
Russian: 1 p. Carbon copy.

31. Declaration to the Executive Committee of the Orekhovo-Zuevsky District Sov-
iet from members of the dvadtsatka of the Church of Nikita the Martyr, Kabano-
vo. December. Fr. Dmitri Dudko was dismissed without the knowledge of the
dvadtsatka by the Executive Committee of the District Soviet – this violates the law. Approx. 100 signatures. Russian: 1 p. Carbon copy.

32. Declaration to V. A. Kuroedov, Chairman of the Council for Religious Affairs
from the believers of the Orthodox Church of Nikita the Martyr, Kabanonovo.
December. Their priest, Fr. Dmitri Dudko, was removed from the church with­
out the knowledge of the dvadtsatka by the Executive Committee of the Dis­
trict Soviet. This violates the law. Approx. 100 signatures. Russian: 1 p. Carbon copy.

33. Plea to Serafim, Metropolitan of Krutitsy and Kolomna from believers of
the Orthodox Church of Nikita the Martyr, Kabanonovo. December. They protest
at the removal of their priest, Fr. Dmitri Dudko, by the Executive Committee
of the District Soviet without the knowledge of the dvadtsatka. Over 100 sig­

34. Plea to Pimen, Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia from the believers of the
Orthodox Church of Nikita the Martyr, Kabanonovo. December. Their priest, Fr.
Dmitri Dudko, was removed from the church without the knowledge of the
dvadtsatka by the Executive Committee of the District Soviet. They ask for

35. Plea to Metropolitan Serafim from the parishioners of the Church of Nikita the
Martyr, Kabanonovo. December. Fr. Dmitri Dudko, dismissed on 21 December
1975, is an excellent parish priest whom they all love. They ask that he be
returned to them. 50 signatures. Russian: 2 pp. Carbon copy.

36. Letter to the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Orekhovo-Zuevsky
District Soviet from Orthodox believers in the village of Kabanovo. December.
Many abuses are taking place in the parish of the village of Kabanovo. These
are permitted by E. I. Kharitonova, the churchwarden, who has recently dis­
missed the priest, Fr. Dmitri Dudko. She should be dismissed and Fr. Dudko

DS/1976/0/

1. Certificate of Information from Alexi, Metropolitan of Tallin and Estonia in
charge of administrative matters, Moscow Patriarchate. 12 January. Following
a decision of the Holy Synod of 8 October 1966, Fr. Gleb Yakunin, together
with Fr. H. Eshliman, was forbidden to conduct services in the church. He
may, however, hold other church posts. This is still in force at the present time.

2. Declaration to the Department of Communication, the World Council of
Churches from Serafim, Metropolitan of Krutitsy and Kolomna. 13 January.
Fr. Dmitri Dudko was removed from the Church of Nikita the Martyr, Kaban­
ovo, because of his “question and answer sessions” and sermons which were of a
political nature. Fr. Dudko only informed Metropolitan Serafim of his dismissal
after a week. He is not under threat of trial, as reported in the West. No out­
side interference on his behalf will be allowed. Russian: 1 p. Photocopy.
3. Protest to V. A. Kuroedov, Chairman of the Council for Religious Affairs from Fr. Gleb Yakunin, Moscow. 14 January. Since 1970 he has held several duties in the Church of the Ineffable Joy, Moscow, latterly as a watchman. He was dismissed in June 1975, following an incident in which burglar alarms were installed in the church, all watchmen made redundant, and later reinstated, except for him. He found work as a reader in another church but was dismissed on 25 December 1975. This is a reprisal against his appeal to the Fifth Assembly of the WCC (see DS/1975/0/16). Russian: 2 pp. Carbon copy.

4. Appeal to representatives of the Christian Church from seven friends of Fr. Dmitri Dudko, including I. P. Shafarevich. 15 January. Two years ago Fr. Dudko was removed from his Moscow church and again the same thing has happened in the village of Kabanovo. Russian: 2 pp. Carbon copy.

5. Letter to the Russian Department of the BBC from Fr. Gleb Yakunin and Lev Regelson. 16 January. Those who had Fr. Dudko removed hope to stop his sermons and his religious influence, but they will fail. Neither can they stop the process of religious renaissance in Russia which has already begun. The BBC is commended for its religious broadcasts and asked to broadcast, in Russian, any further sermons of Fr. Dudko which reach the West. Russian: 3 pp. Typed.


GEORGIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

DS/1975/GO

1. Letter to the International Congress of Women from V. S. Pailodze. 27 September. She asks if she can be invited to speak to the Congress on the “horrible and unjust conditions” of present-day Georgia. She has just been released from a 1½ year sentence in Tbilisi. Russian: 1 p. Photocopy. French in Cahiers du Samizdat January 1976, p. 5. English translation available.

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS AND BAPTISTS

DS/1973/B/

67. Complaint to L. I. Brezhnev from ECB church in Perm. Undated. Three times they have appealed for permission to register, but so far have received no written reply. They have rented a house in which to worship, but the authorities continue to fine them. English in Religion in Communist Dominated Areas October-December 1974, p. 161.

68. Appeal to God’s children in Russia and the world from L. M. Vins. Undated. She asks for support for her son G. P. Vins and his family, and publicity for the situation of Christians in the USSR. French in Catacombes, September 1975, p. 6.

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146. Decision of the scientific-religious study report on material evidence in Case No. 24509 against P. V. Rumachik. July. A report on literature confiscated from P. V. Rumachik with the aim of clarifying five specific points, such as: Does this literature contain direct or indirect calls to disregard Soviet laws on religious cults? Russian: 28 pp. Photocopy. English summary available.

147. Court Appeal from G. F. Kholodenkov. 7 October. Concerns his complaint at discrimination on the basis of his religious beliefs, and a protest about his treatment and conditions at work. Russian: 4 pp. Carbon copy.

148. Appeal to Cornelia Gerstenmaier from G. G. Reger, his parents, wife and five children, st. Ivanovka, Kirgizia. 7 December. He asks for her help in emigrating
to West Germany. He has received an invitation from abroad and has handed in all necessary documents but exit visas were refused them. German in Glaube in der 2 Welt 9/75, pp. 9/27-10/28.


DS/1975/b/

38. Official Appeal to the Supreme Court of the Ukraine from G. P. Vins. 10 February. The charges brought against him of slandering the Soviet State are false. He asks that his sentence be revoked as the trial was conducted without proper interrogation, witnesses and defence. Russian: 12 pp. Carbon copy.

39. Protest to the Court of Appeal, Kiev from G. F. Kholodenkov. 29 March. He was sentenced by the People's Court on 25 March 1975 to 1½ years imprisonment for parasitism. He was, however, sentenced for his religious beliefs and because he protested at his treatment and conditions at work. Russian: 4 pp. Carbon copy.


41. Fraternal Leaflet No. 4. April-May. An answer to the question: "How to approach registration?" The Council of Churches of ECBs are prepared to be registered but only in accordance with the principles of their faith, and in observance of the law on the separation of the Church from the State. Nine statements of advice are given to individual congregations. Russian in Religia i Ateizm v SSSR January 1976, pp. 2-4.


44. Letter to A. N. Kosygin, V. V. Rudenko, the Minister for Internal Affairs, the Chief Administration for Places of Imprisonment, Corrective Labour Colonies containing ECB believers and the Human Rights Committee in the USSR from the Council of Prisoners' Relatives. 12 July. Letters to prisoners mentioning the name of God are either not delivered or delivered with lines or paragraphs crossed out. This violates article 26 of the Soviet Corrective Labour Law. Russian: 2 pp. Carbon copy. English translation available.


46. Declaration to Dr. Kurt Waldheim, the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe and L. I. Brezhnev from ECB believers in the districts of Novo-Blagoveschchenka, Kulunda, Tabuny, Slavgorod and Khabary, Altai Area. July. Details of fines for religious activity. Two believers were discharged from hospital, one because she had religious literature with her. She later died. 437 signatures. Russian: 8 pp. Typed.


49. **Letter** to the International Committee for the Defence of Human Rights from L. M. Vins and N. I. Vins. 10 September. They demand the immediate release of their son and husband G. P. Vins. His health is very poor and his papers are marked with a “red stripe” which signifies that he is considered “likely to escape”. French in *Catacombes*, November 1975, p. 6.


51. **Letter** to his family from G. P. Vins. 15 September. He thanks them for the five letters he has received from them in the last fortnight. He is continually aware of God’s presence and His peace. He sends greetings to all his friends. English in *Gateway Bulletin* No. 5, January-February 1976, pp. 67.

52. **Transcript** of taped messages from the family of G. P. Vins. October. Two letters from G. P. Vins (see DS/1975/B/50 and DS/1975/B/51); messages to Christians in England from N. G. Vins and L. M. Vins. English transcript available from *Gateway Fellowship*.

53. **Open Letter** to A. N. Kosygin, A. V. Podgorny and L. I. Brezhnev from the Council of Prisoners’ Relatives. 15 November. I. V. Biblenko of Krivoi Rog died on 24 September 1975, having set out on the evening of 13 September 1975 to a Harvest Thanksgiving in Dnepropetrovsk. He never arrived there. The circumstances surrounding his death, as far as they can be ascertained, lead to only one conclusion – a tragic and violent death. They ask for an investigation of his death. Russian: 2 pp. Photocopy.


57. **Declaration** to the General Secretary of the United Nations from Ya. F. Dirksen, I. F. Tevs, P. G. Adrian, Ya. Ya. Enns, M. M. Desyatnikov and V. A. Pikalov, prisoners at the corrective labour institution No. 8, Omsk. Undated. Following the signing of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, they wrote to the Soviet government calling for the release of their fellow believers and for the concession of their human rights and basic freedoms as laid down in the Final Act. No positive reply received and their conditions have not improved. They detail instances of infringements of their right to religious confession. Russian: 2 pp. Photocopy.


60. **Application Forms For Registration Plus Accompanying Letter** drawn up by the CCECB. Undated. Russian in *Religia i Ateizm v SSSR* January 1976, supplement. English translation available.

**MUSLIMS**

DS/1976/MUS/

1. **Letter** to President Sadat, Muftis, Mullahs and all Muslim believers from A. I. Levitin-Krasnov. 1 January. An appeal on behalf of Mustafa Dzhemilev, pres-
ently imprisoned for anti-Soviet slander. This is absurd, since he, a Crimean Tatar, only desires that his people should return to their homeland. As a protest at his sentence M. Dzhemilev declared a hunger-strike and is now seriously ill. English: 2 pp. Photocopy.

PENTECOSTALISTS

DS/1973/p/
2. Sentence by People's Court of Lisichansk in the cases of S. G. Salamakha, A. A. Zhiitsov and V. T. Pererva. 16 March. Russian: 12 pp. Carbon copy.

DS/1974/p/
26. Official Notifications (3) to I. P. Fedotov and V. B. Fedotova. June and November. One informs V. B. Fedotova that her husband I. P. Fedotov has been placed in the Serbsky Institute, Moscow for psychiatric examination as from 1 November 1974. Russian: three items.

DS/1975/p/
161. Sentence in the case of I. P. Fedotov. Between 18 April and 29 May. He was acquitted of the charge against him under article 227/1 of the RSFSR Criminal Code, but sentenced to 3 years strict camp regime under the other articles. Russian: 7 pp. Carbon copy.
166. Anonymous Communication. Undated. Ivan Kovalenko has been sentenced three times and is now serving a five-year term of exile in Kazakhstan. Russian: 1 p. Handwritten original.
167. From the Life of Brother Vsevolod Tsipenko. Undated. V. Tsipenko is a gifted preacher who has spent eight years in camp. Details are given of his wedding in August 1972 which was turned into an occasion of sorrow, not joy due to
the interference of local militia. Russian: 3 pp. Handwritten original.

168. The "Truth" of Atheism. Undated. In an article which appeared in Vinnytska Truth on 20 February 1975, E. I. Darmoros was accused of inciting a certain Yashin to kill a girl as a sacrifice to God. In this way the people are incited against believers who have no means of redress. Russian: 4 pp. Handwritten original. English translation available.

169. Letter from V. B. Fedotova. Undated. A detailed account of harassment by the authorities since her conversion in 1957. Without faith in God, one would fall into despair at the agony of events around one. Russian: 3 pp. Handwritten original.

ROMAN CATHOLIC AND EASTERN-RITE CATHOLIC

DS/1975/C/1
1. Letter to the Central Executive Committee of the CPSU from Fr. Adolf G. Filipp. 29 June. Religious believers are being sent to concentration camps, asked to do hard labour and exiled after release. There are cases of believers being arrested in groups. Russian: 2 pp. Photocopy.

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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

DS/1975/SDA/
1. Anonymous Communication to the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights, all Soviet citizens, world opinion and all people of good will from "Witnesses". 4 September. Contains a short biography of V. A. Shelkov, Chairman of the All-Union Christian Conference of Free and True Adventists (sic). He has already spent 23 years in camps for his beliefs and is now again under threat of arrest. Details of persecution, fines, confiscation of religious literature and searches in Tashkent and Samarkand. They cannot remain silent in the face of continuing illegality and coercion and ask that all voices be raised against religious discrimination in the Soviet Union in all its various forms. Russian in Russkaya Mysl' 11 December 1975, p. 5. French in Cahiers du Samizdat January 1976, pp. 17-18 (abbreviated).

MISCELLANEOUS

DS/1975/M/

4. Letter to President Giscard d’Estaing from Andrei Sakharov. Undated. He asks the former to raise the question of an amnesty for political and religious prisoners of conscience during his visit to L. I. Brezhnev. Russian in *Russkaya Mysl’* 20 November 1975, p. 3.

5. Letter from Sergei Soldatov. Undated. He was declared unfit to plead following his arrest in December 1974, and subsequently incarcerated in a psychiatric hospital. He places his whole trust in God. Russian in *Possev* September 1975, p. 6 (extract).

**Soviet Press Articles**

**Date**  
*July 1975*

12 *Pravda vostoka.* "Effectiveness in atheist propaganda." Leader, in which the problems and aims of atheist propaganda are expounded, together with successes and failures in Tashkent and other towns and villages in Uzbekistan.

15 *Sovetskaya Belorossiya.* "Old myths in a new wrapping." A sharp criticism of those Soviet authors who display similar tendencies to those seen in the West, by asserting the myth that religion, and even man himself, owe their origins to the appearance on earth of astronauts from outer space. Such "theories" are completely devoid of atheist content.

17 *Komsomolskaya pravda.* "On the condition of individual work in the Georgian Komsomol Organization with Komsomol members and young people." Dissatisfaction is expressed with the work in Georgia where there exist serious shortcomings in the political, labour and moral education of youth. The number of young people falling under the influence of religion is not decreasing.

19 *Molodezh Moldavii.* "Set music." Ancient church buildings used to irritate the author until he visited Suzdal’ and was amazed at the beauty of the old churches and monasteries. Now he visits other ancient shrines following detailed study.

— *Pravda Ukrainy.* "Libraries and atheist propaganda." The role of libraries in atheist propaganda. Some Baptists have broken with religion on attending atheist discussion groups at libraries.

25 Ditto "Village museum." Exhibits in a museum housed in a former church reveal the anti-national essence of bourgeois nationalism and Uniate clergies.

— *Izvestia.* "Patriarch Pimen’s declaration." Patriarch Pimen congratulates the Soviet and American astronauts and hopes their joint venture will lead to further co-operation between their two countries.

26 *Komsomolskaya pravda.* "In an old mosque." A new exhibition hall has opened in a former, recently restored, mosque in the town of Semipalatinsk.

29 *Pravda vostoka.* "The unity of atheistic and internationalist education." The connection between religion and nationality is rejected – all the great religions spread without reference to ethnic or social and national barriers.

30 *Selskaya Zhizn.* "The chief value." On the attitude of religion to work. (Summary in *Referativny Byulleten’* 1 September 1975.)

— *Agitator* 13/75 p. 47. "Atheists are advised." During an atheist conference in Krasnovodsk region it was reported that pilgrimages to "holy places" in the Kyzyl-Arvat region have substantially decreased.


— Ditto 14/75 p. 50. "Is the religious education of children forbidden in our country?" In response to readers’ queries, the author outlines the Soviet legislation on religious education of children. Such legislation is especially con-
cerned with preventing young people from being exposed to religious teaching in any form.

- Nauka i religia 7/75 pp. 56-59. "A town raised from ruins." On the restoration of churches in Novgorod since 1944. Six-hundred-year-old wall-paintings are now prized for their aesthetic appeal and portrayal of the human soul through the features of the suffering saints.

- Ditto 7/75 pp. 82-85. "In search of ecumenical alternatives." On the work of the WCC and its proposals to achieve reconciliation between rich and poor by means of a "theological revolution". The Russian Orthodox Church along with other churches from socialist countries opposes this programme, considering a Marxist revolution a better solution for an already collapsing capitalist world (sic).

Date August 1975

1 Sovetskaya Latvia. "God and fashion." An Italian magazine has been strongly reprimanded by the Vatican for displaying a picture of Christ dressed in white, but in the latest fashion.

5 Sovetskaya kultura. An examination of scientific-atheist education in Karaganda with reference to the results of a questionnaire circulated among Seventh-Day Adventists. (Summary in Referativny Byulleten' 1 September 1975, p. 10.)


14 Pravda vostoka. "Recovery of sight." Young Dzhuma Yangibaev used to be a mullah's assistant until a physics teacher told him of the harm of religion. Now he drives a tractor and is far from religion.

16 Ditto. "Science, religion and custom." Young Uzbeks confuse Muslim customs with truly national ones.

19 Kazakhstanskaya pravda. "With a Bible and a fist." The author, a Communist, has been sent a Bible by the "Raduga" Society—clearly an anti-communist group.


30 Cina. "March of the military clergy." An attack on West German military chaplains, who provide anti-communist motivation for the forces.

- Molodoi Kommunist 8/75 pp. 76-80. "The tradition of non-compromise in ideals." A study of numbers and social status of young believers in the USSR.

- Ditto 8/75 pp. 81-85. "The harm religion does today." Religion must be opposed, though with tact and care. Beware of churchmen's attempts to reconcile Marxism and religion. (Summary in Referativny Byulleten' 1 December 1975, p. 15.)

- Nachalnaya Shkola 8/75 pp. 17-20. "Some questions of atheist education." Problems of communicating atheist education and ideas to first-year schoolchildren. (Summary in Referativny Byulleten' 1 December 1975, p. 15.)

- Nauka i religia 8/75 pp. 18-19. "They have not learnt from criticism." Attack on atheists in a Belorussian village who are not doing enough to combat a growing Baptist group.

- Ditto 8/75 pp. 56-57. "Who are the pokutniki?" The remnants of the Uniate church, dissolved in 1946, formed a new sect in the 1950s. They still exist in spite of propaganda directed at them.