

# News from Keston College

## *Travel*

The autumn has been another period of varied activity at Keston College. Among major visits abroad by staff, Alan Scarfe spent a month lecturing for us in the USA in September and October. During three of the same weeks, I was paying my first visit in many years to Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary. As in the USSR earlier in the year, I met Christians of many denominations and the most varied status, from patriarchs to the persecuted.

As I write, I am preparing to lecture at the Venice *Biennale* at the end of November, where two days are being devoted to religion in Eastern Europe. This is one of the most important opportunities to come our way for some years.

## *Television*

The growing interest in our subject was tangibly reflected in the fact that three television programmes were transmitted during October which gave major space to it: Bamber Gascoigne's *The Christians* on the USSR and Poland, Ronald Eyre's *The Long Search* on Romania and *Everyman* on the Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to the USSR. We advised on the second of these and the work of Keston was extensively featured in the third.

## *Staff*

The administrative staff have coped wonderfully well with the extra work thrown on them during my wife's extended absence through illness. I have for the first time ever acquired a full-time secretary of my own, Gill Clarke, who joins us after doing international student work in Salzburg. Jacqueline Endres, from Long Island, New York, has joined the research staff, after acquiring considerable experience working with the American Travelling Exhibition in the USSR. Ian Foss has been seconded to us for several months by the Slavic Gospel Association.

Our editor, Xenia Howard-Johnston, married the Rev. Lyle Dennen in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on 5 November. Xenia has worked for me since before the founding of the organization. All our readers will be delighted at her happiness and will also be pleased to know that she will continue to edit this journal.

### *Student Courses*

Following the success of our inaugural residential course this summer – for students from South West Texas State University who gained credits for their work with us – we plan to increase this activity next year and wish to hear from students who would like to join us for periods of four weeks.

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## Forthcoming Engagements 1977

- Nov. 15 Victoria Watts. National Housewives Register, central London at 8.00 p.m.
- Nov. 19 Alan Scarfe. Kingswood School, Bath at 9.00 p.m.
- Nov. 20 Alan Scarfe. Family Service, St. Andrew's, Bath at 10.00 a.m.  
Chapel Service, Monkton Combe School at 7.00 p.m.
- Nov. 21 Alan Scarfe. Sixth Form, Monkton Combe School at 9.00 a.m.
- Nov. 27 Archdeacon Youens. Parish Church, Bognor Regis at 10.30 a.m.
- Nov. 27 Michael Bourdeax. All Souls, Langham Place at 8.00 p.m.
- Nov. 29 Alan Scarfe. Joint Christian Council, King's College, London at 12 noon.
- Dec. 3 Michael Bourdeaux. Meeting with Church leaders, Plymouth, followed by a working lunch.  
"Teach-In", St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Dec. 4 Michael Bourdeaux. Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth at 9.30 a.m.  
Eucharist at Plymstock Parish Church at 10.30 a.m.  
Meeting with Persecuted Christian Support Group, Plymstock at 2.30 p.m.  
Plymouth Methodist Central Hall at 6.30 p.m.
- Dec. 6 Michael Bourdeaux. Public Meeting, Wesley Hall, Truro at 7.30 p.m.
- Dec. 9 Victoria Watts. Ladies' Luncheon Club, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne at 10.30 a.m.
- Dec. 11 Michael Rowe. Evening Prayer, St. James's, Romford at 6.30 p.m.