

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

GDR SEMINAR AT SOCLA

"Literature of the GDR" will be the topic of the German section of the forthcoming South Central Modern Language Association conference Dec. 11-13, 1975, in New Orleans. Further information is available from the chairperson Professor Margareta Deschner, Department of Foreign Languages, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas 75222.

A Seminar on the Current Literature of the German Democratic Republic will be held at the World Fellowship Dialogue Center in the White Mountains of New Hampshire (Conway, N.H.), June 20 to June 27, 1975. Sponsored by World Fellowship in cooperation with the GDR Society, the topic will be: "Das Menschenbild in der Modernen Literatur der D.D.R." The Novels of Stefan Heym, Christa Wolf, Herman Kant, and Ulrich Plenzdorf will be discussed. Combining socio-political and theological insights for the understanding of human development in a socialist society, the seminar will be conducted by Rev. W. Christoph Schmauch, President of the GDR Society and Executive Director of World Fellowship. The all-inclusive rate for the week-long seminar is \$85.00 (tuition, room and board). For information and reservations write to: GDR Literature Seminar, Box 156, Kerhonkson, New York 12446 or telephone (914) 626-7974.

HEINER MÜLLER SEMINAR

The GDR Seminar which had its first meeting at the 1974 MLA convention in New York (and which originated the idea for this newsletter!) will meet again at the 1975 convention in San Francisco. The 1975 topic will be "Drama in the GDR: The Production Plays of Heiner Müller". Again there will be no formal reading of papers but rather guided discussion, for which participants are urged to prepare themselves by reading Müllers plays, readily available in paperback form as Geschichten aus der Produktion 1 und 2 (Berlin West, Rotbuch Verlag, 1974). Depending on the success of our current efforts to involve a GDR writer on the panel there may be room on the panel for one more discussant; qualified persons should address themselves to the discussion leader, Patricia Herminghouse, Department of Germanic Languages, Box 1104, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. 63130.

SEMINAR ON THE GDR NOVEL

A Seminar on "The Conflicts and Choice of Heroes in the GDR Novel" is being planned for the MLA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The program is to consist of papers and subsequent discussion. The following four papers will be given: Robert W. Acker (U. of Missouri/Columbia); The concept of the artist in Kunert's Gast aus England; Margret Eifler (Rice U./Houston): Conflict patterns in recent GDR novels (Neutsch, de Bruyn, Reimann);

Frank D. Hirschbach (U. of Minnesota/ Minneapolis): Scherz, Satire, Ideologie und tiefere Bedeutung in Karl-Heinz Jakobs Roman Die Interviewer; and Theodor Langenbruch (Georgia Institute of Technology/Atlanta): Lebensläufe in aufsteigender Linie. Zur Heldenwahl und Konfliktgestaltung in Kants Imprimis.

Attendance is to be limited to 30 persons; copies of papers will be available to participants in advance. Those interested in attending should write to:

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GDR WEEKEND SEMINAR

"A new Germany -- Thirty Years after the Defeat of Fascism" is the theme of a weekend seminar, August 29-30, 1975, at the World Fellowship Seminar, Conway, New Hampshire. Co-sponsored by the GDR Society, the program will feature Dr. Annette Rubinstein, guest lecturer 1974-75 at Leipzig University; Dr. Philip Oke, Professor of Economics at Columbia University; and Rev. W. Christoph Schmauch, Executive Director of World Fellowship. All three are officers of the American Society for the Study of the GDR and have visited there in 1975.

DDR - FORSCHUNGSTAGUNG

An der Akademie für Politische Bildung in Tutzingen findet vom 20.- 23. Mai die VIII. DDR-Forschungstagung zum Generalthema "Sozialstruktur und Sozialplanung

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Referate müssen bis spätestens 10. April 1975 bei der Politischen Akademie in Tutzingen vorliegen. Sie werden vervielfältigt und an die Tagungsteilnehmer verschickt. Auf der Tagung selbst werden nur Kurzreferate von maximal 15 Minuten gehalten, um möglichst viel Zeit für die Diskussion zu gewinnen. Die Vorsitzende der Vorbereitungskommission ist Ilse Spittmann, Deutschland-Archiv, 5 Köln 51, Goltsteinstr. 185. (F.H.)

INFORMATIONSABEND DER DDR

Die Evangelische Akademie Berlin (West) veranstaltet am ersten Mittwoch jedes Monats einen Informationsabend DDR in ihrem Tagungsraum im Stadtzentrum Berlin 12, Hardenbergstr. 10 IV. Im Februar sprachen zwei westdeutsche in der DDR akkreditierte Journalisten über ihre Arbeit; im März referierte Erik Nohara über Wandlungen in der Kulturpolitik der DDR. Bei Tagungen der Akademie werden auch andere Themen, wie z.B. "Polytechnischer Unterricht in der DDR", "Kirche und Gesellschaft in der DDR", "Arbeitnehmerprobleme in den beiden deutschen Staaten" oder "Witbestimmung in der DDR und BRD" erörtert. Interessenten sollten an die Evangelische Akademie, 1 Berlin 39, Königsstr. 64 b, schreiben. (F.E.)

SEMINARE FÜR GRUPPEN

Das Gesamteuropäische Studienwerk e. in Vlotho an der Weser veranstaltet Wochenendseminare sowie mehrtägige Veranstaltungen, deren Themen sich oft mit der Lage in der DDR befassen. Obgleich diese Veranstaltungen gewöhnlich für Schüler, Lehrer und andere geschlossene Gruppen gedacht sind, besteht für einzelne Interessenten doch manchmal eine Gelegenheit, diesen Tagungen beizuwohnen. Themenkreise, die z.B. im Jahre 1975

system in BRD und DDR", "Demokratieverständnis in BRD und DDR", "Wachstumspolitik in BRD und DDR", "Analyse von Kinder- und Jugendbücher sowie Schulbüchern der DDR", "Berufsausbildung und Chancengleichheit in BRD und DDR" u.a.m. Das GESW verfügt über eine ausgezeichnete Bibliothek, die etwa 40 000 Titel enthält und 250 Periodika bezieht. Ein Gästehaus bietet Gelegenheit zum Übernachten, soweit die Zimmer nicht durch Lehrgangsteilnehmer besetzt sind. Das GESW gibt die Zeitschrift Aktuelle Ostinformation heraus, die etwa sechsmal im Jahr erscheint. Weitere Informationen sind erhältlich durch Dr. Armin Th. Dross, Vorsitzender des Fachbereichsrates, Gesamteuropäisches Studienwerk e.V., 4973 Vlotho/Weser, Südfeldstr. 2-4 (F.H.)

LECTURE: INDIVIDUALITY AND SOCIALISM

Individuality and Socialism will be the subject of a talk by Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein on Friday, May 9 at 8:30 pm at the Church Center for the United Nations, New York, 777 United Nations Plaza at First Avenue and 44th Street. Dr. Rubinstein recently returned from a six month visiting professorship at Karl Marx University in Leipzig and lecture tours of Hungary and Bulgaria. Over the past decades she has held two visiting professorships in the German Democratic Republic with lectureships in the Soviet Union and many Eastern European countries. She is the Executive Vice President of the GDR Society. Dr. Rubinstein's talk will be followed by discussion with the audience. (Contribution \$1.)

TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE

STUDY TOUR FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Northfield Mount Hermon Summer School sponsors a program for students entering grades 10-13 who want an intense exposure to the language, cul-

ture and history of the German people through living with two German families and travelling in both the Federal Republic and the GDR. The program begins with a five-day orientation at Northfield Mount Hermon School which attempts to help students focus their goals and objectives and prepare them for living with another family. In Europe, the group will travel to Bonn, Mainz, Augsburg, Munich, Garmisch and Nuremberg in the Federal Republic and Erfurt and Dresden in the GDR, including visits to Weimar, Buchenwald, and Eisenach. The program concludes with a visit to West Berlin, a family stay on a farm and a second family stay in Osnabrück, including attending school for two days with German hosts. This year's program runs from June 29 - August 14 with an all-inclusive fee of \$ 1450. For further information and application materials contact Harrison F. McCann, Director, Northfield Mount Hermon Summer School, Box 88, Mount Hermon, Mass. 01354.

IT'S IN THE AIR . . .

Talk about setting up some sort of official exchange program and/or travel seminar in the GDR for teachers and scholars of GDR topics. At this point, conversations are in the exploratory stage and no plans are concrete. If persons would make their interests and needs in this respect known to the Bulletin, we will try to draw up some sort of picture of what is most wanted. It does not seem likely that this informal Bulletin or even the GDR seminar is the most appropriate agent for such negotiations, so we are seeking a more official sort of representation perhaps one of the professional organizations, to ultimately represent our interest. (p.b.h.)
