

NOTES IN BRIEF

World Forum for Peace in Berlin

In June of 1988 an International Meeting for Nuclear-Weapon Free Zones took place in East Berlin. On request the Peace Council of the GDR will send all the foreign-language materials published on the International Meeting for Nuclear-Weapon Free Zones. Requests can be sent to:

Information
GDR Peace Council
Clara-Zetkin-Straße 103
Berlin 1086
PSF 1364

Heiner Müller

Am 7.12.1987 las Heiner Müller, anlässlich einer Ausstellung des Malers Reinhard Stangl im Berliner Café Mora, seine Texte "Bildbeschreibung" und "Wolokolamsker Chaussee IV". Eine Videokassette (System VHS, PAL, 50 Hz; Laufzeit: 50 Min.), auf der Lesung und Diskussion aufgezeichnet sind, kann für 150,-DM bestellt werden bei:

Galerie Manfred Giesler
Großbeerenstraße 56 f
D-1000 Berlin 61

GDR Periodicals, Magazines and Newspapers: Holdings in Libraries in the UK and the Republic of Ireland

The School of Humanities and Cultural Studies in West Midlands, England published "A Union List of GDR Periodical, Magazine and Newspaper Holdings in Libraries in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. Part 1: Humanities and Social Sciences." The list enables researchers to locate holdings of GDR materials by year and by issue in 100 libraries in the UK and the Republic of Ireland. 132 titles are covered by the list, including Deutsche Literaturzeitung, Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie, Einheit, Infor-

mationen zur soziologischen Forschung in der DDR, Neue Deutsche Literatur, Neuer Weg, Neues Deutschland, Pädagogik, Sinn und Form, Staat und Recht, Weimarer Beiträge, Wirtschaftswissenschaft and Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaft. Copies of the list are available from:

Dr. M. Dennis
The School of Humanities and Cultural Studies
The Polytechnic Wolverhampton
Castle View, Dudley
West Midlands, England

Dissertation on Christa Wolf

Kathie von Ankum, at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, is currently working on a dissertation about Christa Wolf.

TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE

US Committee for Friendship with the German Democratic Republic

The US Committee for Friendship with the German Democratic Republic is preparing for the 1989 "Academic Year in the GDR," "Summer Courses in the GDR," and the "Summer Work Camp for US Students."

The "Academic Year" is a 10-month scholarship program at both graduate and undergraduate levels of study offered by the GDR-USA Friendship Society. A good knowledge of German is required for the graduate level; two years of previous study of German are required for the undergraduate level. While the graduate level focuses on studies in the liberal arts, the undergraduate level concentrates on the study of German.

To cover the student's cost of living, all academic year scholarships include double room housing in a dormitory at 10 Marks per month and a monthly stipend of 330-350 Marks per month. All travel expenses are to be paid by the student.

Applicants for the "Academic Year" are required to submit a preliminary application consisting of a short résumé which includes information on previous stays in Europe or in German-speaking countries, the applicant's academic career, and the goals and objectives of scholarly work in the GDR. The applicant must also provide at least two character references from professors.

The number of scholars is limited, and the volume of requests and processing time needed require that all preliminary applications for the "Academic Year" be submitted no later than November 15, 1988. Preliminary applications received after this date will not be considered.

"Academic Year" applicants will receive official application forms by January 31, 1989. These forms must be submitted no later than March 15, 1989. Notification of admission by university or college will be sent to the applicant by the end of June, 1989.

The "Summer Courses" focus on the following areas:

- + Kurse für Hochschulgermanisten, Deutschlehrer, Methodiker und Übersetzer
- + Kurse für Studenten der Germanistik
- + Kurse für Deutschlehrer an allgemeinbildenden Schulen und für Lehrerstudenten
- + Sprachintensivkurse Deutsch für Studenten, Wissenschaftler und Spezialisten.

The specific dates and places of these courses can be obtained through the USCFGDR national office.

A limited number of scholarships are also offered for the summer course program by the GDR-USA Friendship Society. Applications for a scholarship to a summer course program must include a short résumé, an explanation of the applicant's reason for wanting to participate in the summer course program and a letter of recommendation.

Summer course program scholarship applications must be received by the USCFGDR national office no later than November 30, 1988. Applicants will be notified of their status and receive further information by January 31, 1989.

Please note that those not awarded scholarships to the summer course program are eligible to attend courses and pay tuition to the university of choice. Students will find that tuition to a GDR summer course

program is but a fraction of the cost usually encountered in study abroad programs in other countries.

The GDR-USA Friendship Society will host its 5th annual summer work camps for US students between July 15 and August 21, 1988. During these weeks the society offer 3 different programs lasting 3 weeks each--one in Berlin, the second in Leipzig, and the third in a city in the north of the GDR. For the first 2 weeks the US students will live with GDR students in a summer work camp arranged by the GDR youth organization and work on a construction site. They will work with GDR students. This will provide the opportunity to get to know one another and see a bit of the country. During the stay there will be meetings and talks with GDR officials as well as guided tours and events to learn about life in the GDR. After the stay in the camp the group will travel for a week to different parts of the GDR.

Participants in the Summer Work Camp program must be US citizens and enrolled at a US university or college. The camp is open to both women and men. Knowledge of German and construction experience is not required. During the stay in the GDR medical treatment will be provided free of charge. The participants need health and accident insurance to cover possible further expenses in the US. Participants must pay for travel to and from the GDR. The fee for the stay is US\$150. This includes board and lodging, program, and 100 marks pocket money.

Questions about all programs as well as applications should be directed to the USCFGDR national office:

Freundschaftsgesellschaft DDR-USA
Otto-Grotewohl-Straße 19 D
Berlin, 1086, DDR

U.S. Committee for Friendship with
the GDR
130 East 16th Street
New York, NY 10003
(212) 473-1441.

Internationale Hochschulferienkurse für Germanistik (IHFK) an Universitäten und Hochschulen in der DDR 1989

I. IHFK für Germanisten, Deutschlektoren, Deutschlehrer und Übersetzer. Kursorte und -termine:

Berlin: 6.-26.7.
Weimar I: 7.-27.7.
Weimar II: 29.7.-18.8
Dresden: 2.-22.7.
Halle: 9.-29.7.
Leipzig I & II: 5.-25. 7.
Karl-Marx-Stadt: 9.-29.7.

Kurspreis: 750,-M in einer frei konvertierbaren Währung

II. IHFK für Studenten der Germanistik. Kursorte und -termine:

Berlin: 6.-26.7.
Weimar III: 10.-30.8.
Leipzig III: 31.7.-20.8.
Ilmenau: 9.-29.7.
Rostock: 8.-28.7.
Magdeburg: 10.-30.7.
Greifswald: 10.-30.7.

Kurspreis: 680,-M für Ilmenau, Rostock, Greifswald, Magdeburg; 750,-M für Berlin, Weimar, Leipzig, jeweils in einer frei konvertierbaren Währung

III. IHFK für Deutschlehrer an allgemeinbildenden Schulen und für Lehrerstuden. Kursorte und -termine:

Erfurt Juli: 4.7.-25.7.
Erfurt August: 1.8.-22.8.
Zwickau: 5.7.-25.7.

Kurspreis: 580,-M für Erfurt; 700,-M für Zwickau, jeweils in einer frei konvertierbaren Währung

IV. IHFK (Sprachintensivkurse) für Wissenschaftler, Spezialisten und Studenten. Kursorte und -termine:

Berlin: 29.6.-28.7
Dresden: 1.7.-30.7.
Dresden-Radebeul: 25.7.-23.8.
Freiberg: 24.7.-22.8.
Leipzig: 4.7.-2.8.
Weimar: 31.7.-29.8.
Karl-Marx-Stadt: 20.9.-19.10
Rostock: 4.7.-2.8.
Zittau: 5.7.-3.8.

Kurspreise: zwischen 1400,-M und 1750,-M in einer frei konvertierbaren Währung.

Interessenten werden gebeten, Wünsche nach Prospekten, näheren Auskünften usw. an folgende Anschrift zu richten:

Liga für Völkerfreundschaft der DDR
Otto-Grotewohl-Straße 19 D
Berlin, 1086, DDR

Views of Germany

From July 16 to August 4, 1988, the Council on International Educational Exchange sponsored "Views of East/West Germany." The program provided an opportunity for educators and other interested individuals to update their knowledge of contemporary issues in these two countries. Following a one-week seminar at Bonn University encompassing morning lectures and afternoon study visits/field trips, participants had three-day homestays with German families. The group then travelled to East Germany, where they were able to visit sites of socio-cultural and historical interest in Weimar, Jena, Dresden, Wittenberg, and East and West Berlin. While in these cities, they had the opportunity to meet and talk with teachers and other professionals.

This program is designed for individuals who are interested in an immersion experience in the cultures of these two countries. The number of participants is limited and every effort is made to enable each of

them to have the richest possible combination of individual and group experiences.

The Council on International Educational Exchange is a private, not-for-profit membership organization with headquarters in New York and six overseas offices, including a 5-member staff in Bonn. In cooperation with its domestic and international membership, the council develops, facilitates and administers a wide variety of study, work and travel programs for American and international students at the secondary, undergraduate, graduate and professional levels.

For further information on VIEWS OF GERMANY, please contact the Council on International Educational Exchange by phone at (212) 661-1414 or by mail at the following address:

CIEE
205 East 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017.

CONFERENCES

GDR: Individual and Society

The seventeen papers that were presented at the fourth International Conference on the GDR, entitled "The Individual and Society" on September 11-13 1987 at Ealing College of Higher Education, have now been published together in the volume:

GDR: Individual and Society
edited by Ingrid K.J. Williams
Conference Proceedings, 1987

One can order this volume from:

Ingrid K.J. Williams
Ealing College of Higher Education
Division of German Studies
St. Marys Rd., London W5 5RF

Scholarship and Recreation Mix Well Amid the Mountains of New Hampshire

On June 22, 1988, the World Fellowship Center in Conway, N.H., opened its annual season for the fourteenth year hosting the NEW HAMPSHIRE SYMPOSIUM ON THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. The interdisciplinary event attracted some sixty-six economists, German scholars, journalists, political scientists, and sociologists from Austria, Canada, the two Germanies, Great Britain and the United States. Newcomers and oldtimers, they all had one thing in common: their manifest interest in the German Democratic Republic, described by one participating scholar as the "most closely watched and analysed country in the world." The vastness of the beautiful and unspoiled scenery, the purity of the air and lakes of New Hampshire prompted many a participant to combine the useful with the enjoyable by planning this year's vacation around this event.

The focus of this year's symposium was on technological change and the economic and social implications. Like in most industrialized countries, technological progress has not only raised the living standard for every citizen in the GDR, but it challenges the leadership forever anew to deal with newly arising issues and problems ranging from demographics to environmental pollution, from high tech transfer to international competitiveness, from the concept of a life-long learning process to the creation of more interesting working places. The opening presentations and subsequent discussions provided both an overview and analysis of the country's present economic condition within the framework of socialist policies.

Under "Social Theory and Changing Social Values," the general topic for day two, the results of several research projects dealing with the stereotyping of sex roles were presented. The scholars' aim was to determine to what degree socialist theory and educational efforts had been successful in eliminating the traditional bourgeois notion of gender-specific societal functions. All participants came to the conclusion that while considerable progress had been made in legislating equality for the sexes, forty years of educational efforts had not sufficed to uproot millenia-old thought