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NEWS SHEET FOR THREE GROUPS

This office is teeming with plans. Some of them are prompted by the dire need to raise funds, some to make ourselves more widely known, others are meetings of a more conventional nature.

MARCH 20th and 21st 1965 - SIXTH meeting of the INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE in Dublin.

MAY 5th - LONDON THREE'S MEETING (details enclosed)

MAY 6th - 'WINE TASTING' in the 'Many Members' Club' London

JUNE 12th - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the British Section to be held in Niblet Hall, Temple, London, (details later)

JUNE 18th - CELEBRATION of MAGNA CARTA - no details yet.

JUNE 21st - MIDSUMMER'S DAY DRAW (particulars enclosed)

SEPTEMBER 25th/26th - IVTH INTERNATIONAL MEETING in Holland
(Particulars enclosed)

DECEMBER 10th - Commemoration of HUMAN RIGHTS DAY in Church House, London

MARCH 1966 - ART SALE - probably in the Chenil Galleries, London.

Functions for which no dates have as yet been fixed -

A Ball in a private house by kind permission of ? this summer

A luncheon in honour of Dr. Martin Luther-King, providing he will be in this country this summer.

University Meeting - probably in late autumn.

JUSTICE IN THE AMERICAN SOUTH by Anthony Lester, published by Amnesty International at 5s.6d. for non-members and 3s.6d. for full members. This 30-page publication was written as a result of a decision made in Hamburg in summer 1964 by the International Executive of A.I. to send a delegate to the U.S.A. in order to discover who was in prison for opinion or religion, and what could be done to secure their release. We do recommend this objective survey to you.

ANATOMY REPORT (for British Section) There are situations in certain countries which would not be improved by general publication of AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL reports, and for this reason the International Secretariat has decided to publish reports that cannot appear in 'Eustomy' under the title ANATOMY. Like 'Eustomy', the word 'Anatomy' is derived from the Greek and means 'to furnish with a mouth' or 'to open up a blocked passage'. This title is appropriate in the circumstances, as the situations reported in 'Anatomy' are under, what lawyers call, 'sub judice'. Governments and non-governmental organisations are making up their minds about what action they should take, or else, are in the process of re-defining their policy. Publication of disturbing facts, or strong views might prejudice the process of policy-formation.

So far there are two 'Anatomy' reports available. *
Unfortunately we are obliged to make a charge for them in Britain on account of the constantly rising cost of stationery. Non-members pay 2s.6d. - members 1s.3d.

*CUBA HAITI

FEBRUARY 1965:

(1) 1965 INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

This year's International Assembly will be held in the Netherlands. The site selected (subject to the confirmation of the International Executive) is "De Goude Wieken" (Golden Wings), a conference centre on the outskirts of the Hague on the road to Scheveningen. The Assembly will take place on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th September.

It is hoped that each country in which there is a Group established will take advantage of its voting rights to send two delegates to take part in the decisions determining the future policy of the movement. Accommodation will be provided at the expense of the movement in "De Goude Wieken" for all voting delegates. There are numerous hotels of all categories in the Hague and Scheveningen where other supporters who wish to be present may be accommodated. As in previous years the International Executive is not able to pay the travelling expenses of delegates, but where appropriate it is hoped that National Sections and Groups will make contributions to the cost of travel.

It is essential that the International Secretariat should be informed by 1st July whether each country will be represented by its full complement of two delegates. The names of the delegates and of other supporters wishing to be present should reach the Secretariat not later than 1st September.

International organisations in the human rights field will be invited to send observers, as in previous years. In addition the Executive will be pleased to consider suggestions from Groups that an invitation to send an observer should be sent to a suitable national organisation in their country.

(2) GHANA.

The Secretariat has received enquiries from Sections and from the Press about what action it proposes to take to plead for clemency for the three Ghanaian politicians sentenced to death. Subject to funds being available and a suitable person likely to be able to influence Nkrumah, being willing to undertake the journey, a delegate will be sent to Ghana. In addition the Secretariat is exploring ways of bringing private pressure to bear on the Ghanaian Government.

In order to draw attention to the situation in Ghana, the Secretariat has made available a gift of £50 as a prize for the best plaster bust of Dr. Joseph Danquah, the opposition leader who recently died in detention. A bronze cast of the prize-winning bust, paid for by the Church, will be placed in St. Martin's in the Fields, London, where the memorial service for Dr. Danquah was held.

National Sections are asked to publicise the competition among young artists in their country. The prize will be awarded by a jury selected by Paul Danquah, film-actor son of Dr. Danquah. Since the cost of sending a plaster mould to London might be too high for a young artist, National Sections are asked to consider subsidising the freight for the best one or two busts from their country. Photographs of Dr. Danquah will be made available to National Sections on request. Entries for the competition must reach London by 1st December, 1965.

NEWS IN BRIEF Miss Granger of 20 Otterburn Avenue, South Wellfield, Whitely Bay, Northumberland, suggests that more ambitious items be made by her other than handkerchiefs. Here are some of her suggestions: Tray cloth, trolley cloth, table mats. Miss Granger would appreciate suggestions from members, in order to feel herself contributing more substantially to our funds. (For newly formed groups - Miss Granger is an invalid, but wishes to help us by doing embroidery for us, without even wishing to charge cost).

NOTE PAPER available as before. Only now we like to send it out in lots of 50 at 4s.2d.

VISIT TO PORTUGAL - Mr. Ernest Paine, 30 Edward Road, Haywards Heath, Sx. will be going to Portugal in June. He would like three or four supporters concerned about their Portuguese prisoners to go with him on an 'expenses shared' mission. If you are interested, would you please write to him direct.

FILMS The Central Somerset Groups have sent the following information.

'The Prisoner' 1954 black and white 94 mins. 16 mm. from Columbia Pictures, 142 Wardour Street, W.1. £4.16.0d. incl. carriage. Stars Jack Hawkins and Alec Guinness, based on Midzentsky.

'Cry the Beloved Country' 1951 black and white, 103 mins. 16 mm. from Connoirseur Films Ltd. 54 Wardour Street, W.1. £6.15.0d. incl. carriage. Stars Canada Lee, Sidney Poitier, Charles Carson. Screenplay Alan Paton.

Comment - 'The Prisoner' is a much better entertainment than 'Cry the Beloved Country'.

Films also available from Concord Films Council, a non-profit organisation for promoting peace and human welfare. Information from the Chairman, Rex Philips, 32 Elm Grove, Orpington, Kent.

CANDLE BLOCKS In case you should still have a candle block, would you please return it to us!

PLEASE NOTE - Mr. George Campbell who is living in Spain has been receiving Amnesty literature and he expresses a wish that he no longer wishes to receive it.

NEW GROUPS SINCE JANUARY 1965 - Canada, 3 Denmark, 1 Germany, 1 Italy, 2 Norway, 1 U.S.A., 1 Dundee University, 1 Colston's Girls' School, Bristol, 1 Hereford.