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Miss de Graaff Explains The Purpose, History, Future Of Soviet Literature

Miss Frances de Graaff, Chairman of the Bryn Mawr Russian Department, asked and discussed the question, "Is Soviet Literature Stirring?" on Wednesday evening, December 14, 7:30 p.m. in the Common Room.

"Essential to this issue is the question of what Soviet literature is like today," Ms. de Graaff said.

"Their world view presupposes an absolute belief in man, as the "engineer of human souls." Their lack of belief in God or any other higher being makes them feel that the key to their problem lies within themselves."

"It is this lack of truth and the search for a new system that has brought about the new system, he has been impressed by it and believes in it; hence, he will tend to write well within its framework."

"The writer feels that he has a responsibility toward his country, and places his gifts at its service. From his viewpoint, then, the main purpose of the novel is to raise the morale of the public, to make the less cultured reader understand the importance of serving a utilitarian rather than an aesthetic function.

"The masses of the Soviet Union read widely and must read well, but according to de Graaff, there is no "literature.""

"With the great reduction in illiteracy, more and more people want to read, and the writer must serve them. He can never be eccentric; he must be clear, but not necessarily monosyllabic. He must make the people see themselves in his books; therefore, he must be realistic. The poor man must portray the idealized factory worker more than the actual one. He may portray historical subjects, showing the greatness of the Bolsheviks in the past. His writing is generally considered to be the best of the new system."

Haverford, Bryn Mawr Present Stephen Benet's "A Child Is Born"

by Carol Coleb, '56

A group of Bryn Mawr and Haverford students presented Stephen Vincent Benet's "A Child Is Born" in Haverford's Common Room on Monday, December 14. The Haverford College Women's Chorus directed by Mrs. Harry Dalrymple sang the Christmas carols. The play was originally planned as a reading, but this group felt that it could better capture the story by using props and costuming. These props and costumes personalized the story to such an extent, but its universal significance was not lost. The setting and lighting were simple and effective.

The whole, the cast, under the direction of John Hardwick, managed to preserve the simplicity and faithfulness of the original story.

Historian to Speak January 7 on Iran

Richard Eittingshausen, Associate in Near Eastern Art at the Frick Museum, New York City, D.C., will give the Class of 1910 Lecture on Tuesday, January 8 in Haverford's Common Room. Mr. Eittingshausen's illustrated lecture will be entitled, "Iran and the Land of its Monuments."

The speaker, who is a writer and historian of Iran and is well known in Europe, will give a talk on Iran's history and its art and architecture.

Grades Tour Halls Giving St. George

by Ruth, '56

Moments from the Grad Center celebrated the Christmas season with "A Play About Christmas," a Dragon, a Turkish Captain, and a devil. This medieval play, presented on January 7, was the culmination of the students' own responsibility.

There will be no issue of the Newsletter on January 6 due to Christmas vacation.

CALENDAR

Thursday, December 17

Senior caroling.

Friday, December 18

12:45 p.m. Classes end for winter vacation and to sign in at their rooms.

Monday, January 4

8:30 a.m. Current Events.

Wednesday, January 6

8:30 p.m. Chester Boulways will deliver the third in the series of "Hugh Thaxter" lectures.

Thursday, January 7

8:30 p.m. Chester Boulways will give the fourth Hugh Thaxter lecture.

Sunday, January 10

7:30 p.m. John O. Mollin will speak in Chapel.

8:30 p.m. The Haverford Friends of Music will present a program at Haverford College.

Monday, January 11

7:15 p.m. Current Events.

Tuesday, January 12

5:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Movies in the Common Room.

Tuesday, January 12

8:50 p.m. Curriculum Committee meeting in the Common Room.

Wednesday, January 13

8:30 p.m. Chester Boulways will deliver the Sigma XI lecture in Park.

Thursday, January 14

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M. C. Nahm Delivers Thesis Relating to Da Vinci's Contribution To Philosophy

On Thursday, December 10, in the Gertrude Glee Room of Wyndham, Dr. Muni Nahm read his thesis, "Leonardo da Vinci as a Philosopher." It is difficult, said Dr. Nahm, to produce conclusive knowledge of Leonardo's philosophy because of a certain obscurity and disorganization in his writings.

Leonardo's metaphysical principle that nature is alive, not in the West. This is a useful, complete, and workable system of thought that has been created in Italy. This mind produced an original interpretation of art, as well as valuable contributions to science and technology.

Leonardo considered himself an inventor in the field of art. He said that an artist is not an inventor, one cannot be informed from a teacher. Art, therefore, cannot be taught. Many people feel that Leonardo was a sort of prophet and that he produced ideas through a primitive and unerring endowment. This is the reason why his place in the realm of art and science is of great importance.
But Once A Year

A special kind of madness settles over Bryn Mawr just before Christmas. It is a combination of utter exhaustion, hope for relief if we can hang on a few more days, and a genuine Christmas spirit.

More tables are lifted during this week, more water is thrown around and more people collapse in helpless laughter than during any other. A girl at breakfast murmurs "I'm going to bed. I can't bear to see Bryn Mawr going up in flames any longer."

And so, with an odd mixture of relief and gaiety Christmas comes to Bryn Mawr.

Woodbury Speaks At Department Tea On United Nations Labor Organization

"Welcome back, we're glad to have you back," said Mr. Woodbury, who is the head of the department which has been in Europe for the last seven years. As chief of the International Labor Organization's Bureau of Women and Children he has had an opportunity to observe the status of the people and their working conditions. He left Bryn Mawr in May, and with his wife, has returned to Bryn Mawr to live.

At the tea on Wednesday afternoon, December 7, she told a little of her experiences and said that she had gleaned from her work. Gradually, she said, the world around us is becoming社会化 and better understood. Nations and governments are gradually becoming aware of their responsibilities in the community. Their problems are so interwoven that they cannot be separated and dealt with in the United States seem perfect. In places like the Middle East there is constant and desperate degradation combined, with a complete lack of community feeling. But the situation is made more hopeful by the budding interest and the desire to improve the situation of the countries they represent.

From World War II until now the ILO, which started under the League of Nations and then fell under the jurisdiction of the U. N., has been "to begin anew and to build a just, peaceful world brain-washing." This belief, so firmly held, was based on the fact that the organization's purpose was to bring peace and understanding to the world and to make it a better place for man to live. However, this is the second time the organization has found itself in an extremely difficult position. In the first place, the Middle East is a region of constant and perpetual war. Second, the lack of cooperation in community feeling is a problem that they face in the United States as well.

Letter To Editor

Note 'In-washing' Students At BM

Dear Editor:

Recently I received a letter from a prominent citizen of a middle-sized town located not far from Bryn Mawr. The letter was written by an angry parent who stated that at Bryn Mawr I was being brain-washed. This belief, so firmly held, was based on the fact that the organization's purpose was to bring peace and understanding to the world and to make it a better place for man to live. However, this is the second time the organization has found itself in an extremely difficult position. In the first place, the Middle East is a region of constant and perpetual war. Second, the lack of cooperation in community feeling is a problem that they face in the United States as well.

SDA Holds Debate On Social Security

"There has always been charity from without to help individuals," said Mr. Chodorow, who is a member of the debate team, "but now we have the opportunity for our own country to take care of itself." Mr. Chodorow added that it was not only the government that was responsible for the country's welfare, but that private individuals also had a responsibility to help those in need.

Mr. Brown Interprets History, Effects of White Case

"The 'Harry Dexter White' case has many far-reaching implications affecting foreign and domestic policies."

Mr. Brown, speaking in support of the White case, said that the most important thing that could be done was to keep an eye on White and not allow the American people to be led astray by the propaganda of the Communist Party. Mr. Brown said that the White case was a danger to the country and that there was no alternative but to do something about it.

Miss Holborn discusses Britain's Views On U. S.

"Britain's reactions to the United States" was Miss Hannah Joffe's topic last Monday in the relation of the United States to the world. Miss Joffe stressed the importance of relationships with neighboring countries as well as other nations. She also mentioned that the United States could not disregard these differences; the United States is a small, underdeveloped, and weak country.

Miss Holborn spoke first of criticism of the United States. She then went on to mention that there were several reasons for this criticism. The most serious criticism is aimed against the use of force in carrying out our policy, but this type of criticism is not new. Miss Holborn ended by saying that we do not have a real solution to this problem, and that we may have to depend upon the United Nations to help us deal with it.
The Readers And The Novel Comprise Topic Of Guillen's Lecture On Tuesday

especially contributed by
Mary Hawk, '46

On Tuesday afternoon the Spanish Club presented SenorClaudio Guillen, from Princeton, who spoke in the Common Room. The subject was "La novel y su lectura". Senor Guillen first discussed the problem involved in studying the novel.

There are, he said, many types of novels and, although many people classify each type as novels, it is necessary to distinguish among them to limit this field in order to understand the novel.

Senor Guillen concentrated on the relation between the novel and the reader and showed the great power which the novel has over the audience. The creation of a fictitious world comes to the reader as a reality, and the novel has the power to change his life at the moment in which he is reading.

The novel serves as a means of escape from one's own life. Discontent in our own lives makes us search for another world, this world may be found in the novel. It provides us with a means of dreaming, while awake.

Senor Guillen compared the novel with Don Juan, he is a conqueror who tries to charm his public as the famous Don Juan tried to conquer the many women. In his consideration of the novel, he showed the importance of the novel as a means of studying mankind, and emphasized how it provides a way of explaining why men act as they do.

Literature, including the novel, reflects one of the fundamental problems considered today, of what man is and what he wants to be.

Glee Clubs Sing Clearly Gaining Real Purpose
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elegant, light, and merely pretty songs which formed most of the program. There is also a question of the artistic integrity involved in changing a stirring spiritual to a song of another character.

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League Drive Aids Holland Flood Area

The League's drive for clothing to be sent abroad opened in November and will continue until the Christmas season. Large canvas bags have been conspicuously placed in all the halls, in the hope you will try to fill them as there is a real need for your used clothing. Anything wearable, including cotton dresses and other summer clothing is very much wanted. The only articles not acceptable are high-heeled shoes. The League plans to send as much as possible to people in the devastated flood areas of Holland. And donations of clothing which we are unable to handle in this way will be distributed through the American Friends' Service Committee. Please answer the League's appeal for clothing with whatever is no longer of use to you. We on the League board as well as the future recipients will greatly appreciate your help.

Mr. Thouless Suggests Forming Own Opinion

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Soviet Literature Aims Toward Social Progress; Masterpiece Still Possible With Honest Author

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agreement. His human beings must be convincing; solutions he may criticize; the Soviet Union as long as he does so constructively. Since the greatest praise for a Russian novel is not that it is a novel and that it is only through self-formed opinion and mistakes that one can arrive at the truth.

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With a New Dress
from Joyce Lewis

Mr. Thouless said that the individual must not be forbidden freedom of exploration.

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