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Mennonite Research in Progress, 1966

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IN THE APRIL, 1966, issue of *Mennonite Life*, we reported about numerous research projects including M.A. and Ph.D. dissertations. Preceding April issues since 1949 (except in 1961, 1963 and 1967 when they were in the July issues) contain similar information under the headings "Mennonite Research in Progress," "Mennonite Bibliography" and "Books in Review." Of special significance is the article entitled "Anabaptism-Mennonitism in Doctoral Dissertations" which appeared in the April 1958 issue. The listing of additional dissertations is being continued annually in this column. The editors of *Mennonite Life* will be pleased to receive information about research in progress and dissertations to be included in subsequent issues.

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Mennonite Encyclopedia

A reprint of *The Mennonite Encyclopedia* is being prepared by its publishers and editors. The schedule for the reprinting of the *Encyclopedia* calls for a volume annually from 1967 to 1970. The editors are requesting information about erroneous dates and misspellings. Since the *Encyclopedia* is to be reprinted by the offset process, only a limited number of new lines can be substituted for the incorrect ones as necessary. Information regarding corrections can be sent to the editors of *The Mennonite Encyclopedia*, Cornelius Krahn and Melvin Gingerich. The publishers are: The Mennonite Publishing House of Scottsdale, Pennsylvania; Faith and Life Press, Newton, Kansas; and The Mennonite Brethren Publishing House, Hillsboro, Kansas.

Parallel to this reprint, the publishers and the editors are making plans for a thoroughly revised and up-to-date edition which is scheduled to appear by 1980. Suggestions for major changes, revisions and additions to articles, as well as new articles, are welcome.

North American Committee for Documentation of Free Church Origins

The purpose of the North American Committee for Documentation of Free Church Origins (American *TAK*) is to promote research, publication and distribution of source material relating to the Anabaptist movement and to other historic free churches with an emphasis on the period of the sixteenth century. This Committee has European roots. In July 1963, at the meeting of the *Täuferakten Kommission (TAK)* at Heidelberg, it was suggested and approved that American and Dutch *TAK* committees be organized. The American *TAK* members, Cornelius Krahn and Irvin B. Horst were asked to initiate the American branch while N. van der Zijpp was willing to start such an organization in the Netherlands. The parent of the *TAK* is the German *Verein für Reformationsgeschichte (VRG)*. In 1920 the *VRG* created a commission to study Anabaptism. After World War II, this *Täuferakten Kommission (TAK)* was revived with the financial help of the German *Mennonitischer Geschichtsverein (MGV)* and two American Mennonite historical organizations represented by Harold S. Bender (Historical and Research Committee of the Mennonite General Conference) and Cornelius Krahn (Historical Committee of the General Conference Mennonite Church). Numerous volumes of Anabaptist sources were published in rapid succession (see Roland H. Bainton's report, "Anabaptist Source Materials," in the July 1953 issue of *Mennonite Life*, p. 145).

The first meeting of invited American representatives took place in July, 1963. George H. Williams was elected Chairman; Cornelius Krahn, Executive Secretary; Irvin B. Horst, Recording Secretary; and Franklin H. Littell, Treasurer. Karl S. Meyer (Foundation for Reformation Research) and C. J. Dyck (Institute of Mennonite Studies) also became members of the Committee. At the meeting on April 22-23, 1965, the organizational plans were completed and additional members were added to the committee. At the meeting in Washington, D.C., on December 27-28, 1966, the Committee constituted itself and worked out proposed By-laws. A meeting was planned to take place in connection with the Conference on the Concept of the Believers' Church on June 26, 1967, at Louisville, Ky.

As previously stated, the purpose of the Committee is to promote research in the realm of Anabaptism and the historic free churches. The Committee intends to continue the promotion and sponsorship of publication of sources and historic and systematic treatments of materials in this field. The Anabaptist and related sources will be translated into English and, if possible, made available in paperback form to be used in colleges and graduate schools. Suggestions about sources of interest and individuals at work in preparing them are solicited. They can be sent to the chairman, the executive secretary or other members of the Committee. The Committee has decided to hold its annual business meeting in connection with the meeting of the American Society of Church History.

The Committee on Free Church Origins is an affiliate of the Foundation for Reformation Research. This Foundation, at St. Louis, Missouri, is an outstanding research center. The primary research media are microfilms obtained from Europe devoted to the Reformation. Mr. Ronald E. Diener is the newly elected Executive Director of the Foundation.

A Dutch branch of the *TAK* was founded recently by the following scholars: W. J. Kooiman (Amsterdam). Chairman; H. W. Meihuizen (Amsterdam), Vice-Chairman; I. B. Horst (Amsterdam), Secretary; W. F. Dankbaar (Groningen); and J. A. Oosterbaan (Amsterdam).

Studies in Church Origins

In connection with the work done by scholars interested in the Free Church Origins, thought and life, attention has been drawn to the following individuals and the fields of their interest and work. The following reference to research

being done is in no way exhaustive. We solicit additional information about projects and up-to-date reports about those mentioned here.

Irvin B. Horst reports in connection with the organization of a Dutch *TAK* that plans are under way to publish some sources and to reprint some books or selections from books. Among them are: Menno Simons' *Foundation Book*, Sebastian Franck's *Geschichtsbibel* and a text edition of the writings of Melchior Hoffman. The Institute for Translation at the University of Amsterdam is also interested in these projects.

The individuals listed by Irvin B. Horst engaged in various research projects are the following: Irvin B. Horst (Anabaptist sources in England), S. B. J. Zilverberg (writings of Hoffman), H. W. Meihuizen (writings of Menno) and S. L. Verheus (writings of Sebastian Franck). Other scholars at work are: R. Hofman, J. P. Jacobszoon, F. Kuiper, W. Kuipers and S. Yoder.

The following American scholars are working on the preparation of texts, including translations, for publication: Walter Klaassen and William Klassen are translating the writings of Pilgram Marbeck including the *Confession* of 1532 and the *Taufbüchlein* of 1542. Walter Klaassen is also working on the *Kuntsbuch* and the writings of Hans Hut. He has written a number of articles for a book to be published by the Philosophical Library. C. J. Dyck of the Institute of Mennonite Studies reports that Clarence Bauman is working on the writings of Hans Denck, John H. Yoder on Michael Sattler, William Keeney on Dirk Philips and W. R. Estep, Jr. and John H. Yoder on Balthasar Hubmaier.

At a recent meeting of the Committee on Free Church Origins Franklin H. Littell mentioned some publishers that might be interested in publishing source materials in such areas as religious freedom, church renewal, lay participation in the Anabaptist-Puritan-Pietist tradition. Among the scholars at work in these fields, the following were mentioned: G. H. Williams (Radical Reformers of Poland); C. Krahn (Dutch Anabaptism); Hans J. Hillerbrand (Andreas Carlstadt); James M. Stayer (Anabaptists and the State); Heinold Fast (Swiss Anabaptists); Gerhard Goeters (Lower-Rhine Anabaptists); Walter Fellmann (Hans Denck); David Ensign and Donald F. Durnbaugh (Pietism); Franklin H. Littell (John Wesley); John C. Bennet, James E. Wood and Franklin H. Littell (Church and State); Leland Carlson and Keith Sprunger (Puritanism); T. Canby Jones (Friends); and Don Robinson (Sebastian Franck). Other scholars mentioned were James Leo Garrett, Paul Peachey, Calvin Redekop, Heinz Renkewitz, Jan Kiewiet, John S. Oyer, Lowell Zuck, Wilmer Cooper, Rollin S. Armour, Clyde Manschreck and A. W. Dirrim. (See also "Research in Progress" in previous April issues of *Mennonite Life*.)

Other Organizations and Research

A joint board of the General Conference Mennonite Church and Bethel College has been appointed to work out plans whereby the archives of the General Conference Mennonite Church and the Bethel College Historical Library and Archives will be jointly operated and developed to become a more effective tool to collect and convey information pertaining to the Mennonites.

The Department of Sociology of Goshen College has established a Social Research Service which will supplement the work done by the Historical and Research Committee of the Mennonite General Conference at Goshen, Indiana, and the Institute of Mennonite Studies of Elkhart, Indiana.

At the Conference on Mennonite Educational and Cultural Problems, June 8-9, 1967, held at Hesston College, Hesston, Kansas, some papers of historical, sociological and educational nature were presented. Among them were the following: Larry Kehler, "A Statistical Profile of Mennonite Personnel Involved in International Experience"; Leo Driedger, "Developments in Higher Education Among Mennonites in Manitoba"; Albert J. Meyer, "Developments in Cooperative Programs Between Mennonite Colleges"; Cornelius Krahn, "Some Cultural Contributions of the Dutch Mennonites"; James C. Juhnke, "Crisis of Citizenship: Kansas Mennonites in the First World War"; and Wilfred Unruh, "An Evaluation of Mennonite Service Programs." These papers will appear in print this year.

Robert Friedmann, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and J. P. Jacobszoon, Haarlem, The Netherlands, who was teaching at Eastern Mennonite College (1966-67), presented the annual Menno Simons' Lectures at Bethel College, Oct. 31-Nov. 3, entitled "Anabaptism as Existential Christianity." Dr. Friedmann is preparing his lectures for publication.

Research and Publications

The April issue of *Mennonite Life*, devoted to the witness of *The Martyrs' Mirror*, has found considerable appeal. Through the generosity of a friend of *Mennonite Life*, over one thousand copies were sent to Mennonite congregations in the United States and Canada. Many smaller and larger orders have come in requesting copies for use in classes and libraries.

A. J. Klassen and N. P. Springer have compiled a "Mennonite Bibliography 1631-1961" which is to be published in the near future. Archie Penner is doing research on the life of Pieter Jansz Twisck. S. F. Pannabecker has completed "The

History of the Central District of the General Conference Mennonite Church” which is to be published in the near future. Melvin Gingerich has prepared a manuscript entitled “A History of Mennonite Costume” and delivered the Conrad Grebel Lectures dealing with “Mennonites and Extremism.” Walter and Helen Quiring (Saskatoon) are working on a book devoted to Mennonite life in Canada. Delbert Gratz of Bluffton College, is compiling a catalogue of Anabaptist sources found in archives and libraries in western and eastern Europe. He is planning to publish this report on Anabaptist source materials. John S. Oyer of Goshen, Ind., has spent one year in research dealing with Anabaptist sources in various German archives.

Reynolds H. Minnich, Jr., of Goshen College has completed his Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Florida and is now continuing his research pertaining to the Mennonites of Brazil in order that he may be able to complete a book on this topic. Calvin Redekop of Goshen College, who wrote his Ph.D. dissertation dealing with the Old Colony Mennonites of Mexico, has received a grant from the National Institute of Health to continue his research among the Old Colony Mennonites. J. Howard Kauffman of Goshen College has made a study of the income of Mennonite ministers in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana. Carl Kreider, Dean of Goshen College, has prepared the John F. Funk Lectures dealing with the Mennonite Economic Development Association (MEDA) of Paraguay. J. Daniel Hess, of Goshen, Indiana, has made a study in regard to Mennonite attitudes toward television.