Thanks and Welcome Editorial

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THANKS AND WELCOME

With this issue we have completed a relatively short transition period. From Vol. II, No. 5 (August 1982) onward OPREE was published at Lafayette College. After three years of work our two associate editors from Lafayette College, Professors Steve Lammers and Richard Sharpless were unable to continue due to other scholarly responsibilities. I thank both of them, especially Steve Lammers who did a large share of the work, for their help, which substantially improved the content and appearance of OPREE. They were assisted by others, who typed, duplicated, and mailed OPREE and I wish to thank them too.

While searching for another institution which would produce OPREE, I received interim help from Prof. Gary Bittner of York College of Pennsylvania and his secretary, Cheryl Smith, who did the typing of the last two issues. I am most appreciative for their coming to our rescue when the options were few.

I am happy to announce that Dr. Charles West, professor of Social Ethics at Princeton Theological Seminary, NJ, accepted to be the associate editor and that his institution will from this number onward produce and mail OPREE. I am delighted at the prospect of fruitful cooperation with those at Princeton Theological Seminary who will in various ways make it possible for the important material which OPREE has to share to go out to the readers. Professor West brings a vast experience to this task. For years he was a missionary in China and later a fraternal worker from the
United Presbyterian church in East Germany. He was one of the founders and for years chairperson of CAREE and used to be on important committees in the Christian Peace Conference before 1968. He is the author of a well known book, *Communism and the Theologians*, and many other publications. As a United Presbyterian theologian he participated in some of the Karlovy Vary theological summits between Soviet Eastern European and United States church leaders. He was also dean of Princeton Theological Seminary and is well known to many students and scholars both in the United States and abroad. His wisdom and expertise will be of great benefit to OPREE. Thus an enthusiastic welcome to Professor West and Princeton Theological Seminary along with heartfelt thanks to Professors Lammers and Sharpless and Lafayette College!

In this issue we present an evaluation of the most recent Assembly of the Christian Peace Conference in Prague held the summer of 1985 by Richard Hough-Ross and a study of Christian pacifism and conscientious objection in the Soviet Union, Hungary, and East Germany by Dr. Lawrence Klippenstein.

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