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Pedro Ramet is a young scholar, currently a fellow at the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies at the Woodrow Wilson Center, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, DC, whose prolific writings on Eastern Europe, including religious issues, are receiving increasing notice. In this article he applies insights from organization theory to Yugoslavia's religious policy. While for some the thrust of the article may seem to be the verification of "behavioral organization theory," to us the article is of primary interest for its nuanced presentation of the complexities of Yugoslavia's religious policy as applied in different regions toward varied religious groups. Ramet describes the policy's reciprocal impact on Roman Catholics, Muslims, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestants in that maverick socialist country.

Gary Bittner, an active member of CAREE, applies his expertise in criminology to the study of the legal aspects of religious freedom and dissent in the Soviet Union up to 1975. The emphasis is on the decade prior to 1975, but other legislation of relevance is also examined. He, like Ramet, takes a social scientist's approach to the issues under examination.

Alicja Kuczynska's essay on "The Place of Harmony Among Contemporary Values" does not have a direct bearing on religious issues in her native Poland, but indirectly it is a contribution to the Christian-Marxist dialogue. She wrote this piece in preparation for an international Christian-Marxist dialogue. In the essay she stresses the role of harmony and the striving for unification of values, an emphasis shared by many of her contemporaries as they strive to come to grips with problems which have beset their land.

And lastly we present a translation from a Swedish Lutheran Church press release in the continued attempt at vindication of the Hungarian Lutheran Church bishop Lajos Ordass and the internal fermentation and unrest in that church. This unrest has the potential of jeopardizing the very close working relationship between the Hungarian state authorities and the Lutheran Church leadership. Recently Imre Miklos, minister of church affairs in Hungary, pleaded for unity in the Lutheran Church, apparently fearing that critical elements in the church may seek more independence vis-a-vis the state.

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