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## "JUGENDSPRACHREISE" TO THE GDR

An "Aufenthalt in der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik"(Dresden) is planned for 22 persons from May 26 to 31, 1977. Participants will live in a youth hostel in Dresden. A second "Jugendsprachreise" goes to Potsdam (May 31 - June 21, 1977). The total cost will be \$ 634, including flight, transfer costs, accomodations, instruction. The tour starts on May 25 in Montreal, returning June 21 from Frankfurt, West Germany. There will be a maximum of 22 persons on the trip including 3 teachers. If more than 22 people apply, there will be a selection procedure. Application deadline is March 1, 1977.

In Potsdam there will be beginning and advanced language study for 3 hours every morning and 1 hour field research, oral reports etc., followed by afternoon excursions. In Dresden and on weekends there will be full day excursions. The activities include discussions, visiting historic and cultural sites, meeting with members of the FDJ, visiting youth clubs, films, and discotheques.

Those interested in participating should send a deposit of \$ 100 to:

Claude Lafon  
John Abbott College  
P.O.Box 2000  
Ste. Anne de Bellevue, P.Q.,  
Canada

An accompanying letter should include name, address, phone- and passport-numbers, background and reason for wanting to go on the trip.

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## INDEPTH TOURS TO THE GDR

The US Committee for Friendship with the GDR offers in its Newsletter (Vol.2 No 1, January 1977) "In Depth Tours to the GDR". These tours offer meetings with people from all walks of life, visits to various institutions. Efforts are made to satisfy special interests of individual participants.

Tour I: May-Day in Berlin: April 25 - May 17,  
(22 days) \$ 997 1977

Tour II: Summer in the GDR  
July 7 - 21, 1977 (14 days) \$ 940  
Youth price (youth tourist accomodations for the land portion) " 835

Tour III: Multi-City-Tour  
June 9 - 27, 1977 (21 days) " 971

The price, which includes economy air transportation, first class hotel accomodations (double occupancy), full transportation within the GDR, sightseeing and 3 meals a day, is contingent on a minimum participation of 15 people and present air transportation prices. Please send a deposit of \$ 150 to:

US Committee for Friendship with  
the GDR  
130 East 16th St.  
New York, N.Y. 10003

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## FERIEN-KURSE FÜR GERMANISTEN IN DER DDR

In einem Wort "An die Kursteilnehmer" im Faltblatt "Internationale Hochschulferienkurse 1977 für Germanistik in der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik" heißt es: "In der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik werden seit 1958 Internationale Hochschulferienkurse für Germanistik durchgeführt, an denen bisher über 10.000 Wissenschaftler und Studenten aus mehr als 40 Ländern teilgenommen und sich in Vorlesungen, Seminaren, Exkursionen und anderen Veranstaltungen mit dem gesellschaftlichen, wissenschaftlichen und kulturellen Leben in der DDR bekannt gemacht haben." Inhalt der Kurse sind Vorträge und Seminare über die Kultur und Politik der DDR, Probleme der Literaturwissenschaft, Sprach- und Übersetzungstheorien, Fremdsprachenmethodik und DDR-Landeskunde. Ferner werden Konversations- und Sprachübungen abgehalten und wird Phonetik-Unterricht erteilt. Exkursionen und Betriebsbesichtigungen stehen ebenfalls auf dem Programm. Die Teilnehmergebühren betragen:

450 M für Germanistenkurse  
300 M für Studentenkurse

Die Germanistenkurse werden in Berlin (8. - 30.7.), Weimar (I: 2. - 25.7.; II: 27.7. - 19.8.), Leipzig (I: 8. - 27.8.; II: 31.7. - 20.8.) und Karl-Marx-Stadt (4. - 30.7.) abgehalten, die Studentenkurse in Halle (10. - 31.7.), Rostock (9. - 31.7.), Greifswald (4. - 24.7.) und Berlin (1. - 24.7.). An zusätzlichen Veranstaltungen sind vorgesehen:

Foren, Schriftstellerlesungen, Diskussionen mit Brigademitgliedern, Lehrern allgemeinbildender Schulen und Persönlichkeiten des öffentlichen Lebens, ferner die Besichtigung einer landwirtschaftlichen Produktionsgenossenschaft sowie Theater-, Konzert- und Filmbesuche. Die Kursgebühr schließt Einschreibung, Unterkunft, Verpflegung, Lehrmaterial, Exkursionen und kulturelle und wissenschaftliche Veranstaltungen ein. Sie ist bis zum 1. Mai 1977 auf das Konto des betreffenden Kursveranstalters zu überweisen. Es wird empfohlen, ein Taschengeld in Höhe von 150 M in Valuta vorzusehen. Als Termin gilt das erste und letzte Datum der einzelnen Kurse. Die An- und Rückreise muß vom Teilnehmer selbst getragen werden.

- Für Germanisten aus den USA stehen in folgenden Kursen Plätze zur Verfügung:
- Weimar I für Hochschulgermanisten der Literaturwissenschaft
  - Weimar II für Hochschulgermanisten der Sprachwissenschaft
  - Leipzig I für Methodiker und Deutschlektoren
  - Berlin für Studenten der Germanistik
  - Halle für Studenten der Germanistik
  - Rostock für Studenten der Germanistik

Es handelt sich bei diesen Plätzen nur um Reservierungen, es werden keine Stipendien vergeben. Falls Interesse besteht, wird um Mitteilung bis spätestens 1. März 1977 an:

Embassy of the German Democratic Republic  
 1717 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 20036 gebeten.

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### TRAVEL GUIDE TO GDR

In 1975 the publishing house Zeit im Bild in Dresden edited a useful Travel Guide to the German Democratic Republic. It contains tips for tourists and special chapters on: the capital Berlin, historic Potsdam, a tour along Oder River, the Spreewald, the art capital Dresden with nearby Saxon Switzerland and Upper Lusatia, Erzgebirge and Vogtland, the university cities Halle and Leipzig, Thuringia, historic Kyffhäuser and Magdeburg, the impressive Harz as well as the North of the GDR. The guide contains

illustrations of sites and life in the GDR. The general map of the GDR has been split up into several large geographical regions, and each chapter includes an easy to read multi-color map covering the area dealt with. The preface informs about the frontiers, the topography, climate and population, the social system, the foreign policy, the economy, and the cultural facilities of the country. The handy paperback costs 6.90 M and can be ordered at:

Verlag Zeit im Bild  
 801 Dresden  
 Julian Grimau Allee, GDR

Bestell-Nr.: 680 778 2

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### INFORMATION FOR TOURISTS TO GDR

The Reisebüro of the German Democratic Republic (102 Berlin, Alexanderplatz 5) offers a little brochure with "Information for Individual Tourists". It contains a brief overview of the geography and climate, the currency, public holidays, opening hours of shops, banks, museums and restaurants, fares and rates, telephone charges, and prices for tickets (theater, concerts, cinema, museums, sports events). A second part lists hotels and prices for rooms with and without bath or shower in cities like Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden, Potsdam, Halle, Weimar and smaller towns. It furthermore informs about three tours which cover Berlin, Dresden, Meissen and Leipzig. Tour A takes 3 days (\$ 52, in own car \$ 33), tour B 5 days (\$ 91 or \$ 72), and tour B 7 days (\$ 155 or \$ 110). A final section gives holiday suggestions, informs about camping possibilities, transits and currency- and customs-regulations.

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### "AMERICAN LANDESKUNDE" IN HALLE

Alan Weiss of John Abbott College in Ste. Anne de Bellevue, P.Q., Canada, is teaching "American Landeskunde" at Martin-Luther-University in Halle, GDR, from February 1 to June 1, 1977.

RESEARCH AT BERTOLT-BRECHT-  
ARCHIV AND HANNS-EISLER-  
ARCHIV

As a grantee of the University of Kansas Direct Program, I lived in Mainz, Germany, from October 1975 to August 1976 and conducted research toward a catalogue of musical numbers with texts by Bertolt-Brecht and Hanns-Eisler-Archives. The cooperation and friendliness of the administrators there were of great help to me, and I should like to share my experiences with readers of the "Bulletin".

The Bertolt-Brecht-Archiv is located in the author's post-exile apartment and contains original manuscripts, notes and publications by Brecht as well as most of the secondary works about him. Some materials, especially those with regard to Brecht's early poetry, are held in the newly established Elisabeth-Hauptmann-Collection and are, therefore, less available. For a comprehensive list of the B-B-A's holdings consult: Bestandsverzeichnis des literarischen Nachlasses. 5 Vols., ed. by Hertha Ramthun (Berlin: Aufbau Verlag, 1969). Because the collection is so extensive, work-space is limited, so that the researcher should apply for permission to use the archive approximately three to four months in advance. All serious Brecht-scholars are invited to apply, and an application form may be obtained from: Günter Glaser

Bertolt-Brecht-Archiv  
104 Berlin  
Chausseestrasse 125

Although Hanns Eisler's manuscripts are held in several different collections, the Hanns-Eisler-Archiv contains originals or copies of almost all of the composer's works. The director of the archive was particularly friendly and helpful and has continued to supply me with much useful information, but here, too, work-space is limited. Thus, one should apply early to:

Manfred Grabs  
Hanns Eisler Archiv  
Akademie der Künste  
der DDR  
104 Berlin  
Robert-Koch-Platz 7

The Berliner Ensemble also proved to be a useful source of information as well as artistic delight. Housed in the old Theater am Schiffbauerdamm, the Ensemble gives

performances nightly at prices ranging from DM 2,-- to DM 10,--. Tickets may be reserved by mail or purchased a few days in advance from the box office. During my visits I found the performers and directors very friendly and willing to talk about their performances, and the administration is willing to allow researchers to attend rehearsals, conduct interviews etc. Advance permission for such research is, however, necessary and may be obtained by writing to: Informations-  
büro

Berliner Ensemble  
104 Berlin  
Am Bertolt-Brecht-Platz

Sample programs and schedules of the month's events may also be obtained from this address.

In limited space it is impossible to convey the full impression of the warmth and cooperation which I received while in Berlin. I hope the information given above helps other scholars interested in research in Berlin, and I invite such scholars to contact me for further information.

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Kansas)  
1116 Tennessee  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

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## VISITING LECTURERS

### HORST IHDE

Dr. Horst Ihde, Professor of Americanistic at the Humboldt University in Berlin (GDR), is currently visiting the United States as an exchange scholar under the auspices of the IREX Exchange Program. Dr. Ihde is available for meetings and lectures until the end of March, 1977. He is interested in exchanging information regarding educational methods in the U.S. and the G.D.R.. Known as a scholar particularly knowledgeable in the field of education in the G.D.R., he is willing to lecture on this topic, in either German or English. Anyone interested in arranging speaking engagements for Dr. Ihde should contact the International Research and Exchange Board, 1010 East 59th St., New York, New York 10022.

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