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FILMS FROM THE GDR

blanken Wartburgs einen etwas schäbig-heruntergekommenen Eindruck. Die Filmemacher spielen somit auf einen Gegensatz zwischen dem großen Künstler des 18./19. Jahrhunderts und moderner DDR-Gesellschaft an. Diese Distanz verweist auf die Art der Behandlung, die Beethoven in der DDR erfährt: Beethoven: Tage aus einem Leben ist auch eine versteckte Kritik an einem funktionalisierten und kanonisierten Kunstverständnis; der Film ist davon allerdings selbst nicht ganz frei.

(Ein nachträgliches Gespräch mit einigen Zuschauern über die Qualität des Films ergab sehr konträre Urteile; in einem jedoch waren sich viele einig: man ging nach Hause, um Beethoven zu hören.)

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## NOTES IN BRIEF

The Third World Fellowship Conference, which took place from June 24 to July 1, 1977, had as its theme the role of the writer in GDR society. Discussions involved the current political situation in the GDR, including repercussions of the Biermann expatriation, the Christian-Marxist dialogue, and the present literary and cultural scene. Papers presented and discussed were:

- "Wolf Biermann and the Theory of Convergence", Duncan Smith, Brown Univ.
- "The Socialist Writer as a Link Between Past and Future: Christa Wolf Confronts the 'Unconquered Past'", Nancy Lauckner, Univ. of Tennessee.
- "Peter Hacks and the Chocolate Lenin", Margy Gerber, Bowling Green State Univ.
- "Rainer Kunzes Die wunderbaren Jahre", N. Lauckner/M. Gerber.

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The GDR publication Panorama DDR informs that during 1976, 5955 titles appeared in the GDR, with a total of 145,000,000 copies printed, 1078 of these titles being of foreign authorship. 50% of the foreign literary works which appear yearly are by authors from non-socialist countries. Of the 80 existing publishing houses, 40 specialize in scientific and technical publications.

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The following GDR FILMS are available on loan. To order, contact Petra Teutschbein; Embassy of the GDR; 1717 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.; Washington, D.C.; 20036.

Title/Director	Subject	mm	Color/ BI-WH	German	English	Minutes
Beethoven--Tage aus einem Leben Horst Seeman	Events in his life: 1813-1819	16 35	C	G		110
Lotte in Weimar Egon Günther	Aging Goethe and Lotte	35	C	G		110
Nackt unter Wölfen Frank Beyer	A Jewish child is saved in Buchenwald	16	BW	G		110
Ich war 19 Konrad Wolf	Young German soldier at end of WW II	35	BW	G*		110
Mama, ich lebe! Konrad Wolf	4 German soldiers go over to Red Army in WW II	16 35	C	G		110
Start	Sports in GDR	16	C	G		30
4 Kapitel DDR	Land and people, economy, daily life, foreign policy	16	C	E		40
Erkundungen über Kleist	Documentary of life and scenes from works	35	C	G		50
J.S. Bach	His life	16	BW	E		30
Leipzig		16	C	E		30
Senftenberg		16	C	E		25
Halle		16	C	E		25
Zwischen Saale und Thüringer Wald		16	C	E		30

\* English subtitles

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