tive overview of the issues of theological education in the UCC and give appropriate consideration from all angles. We visited four of the seven seminaries closely related to the UCC.

In addition to the theological seminaries in Minneapolis-St. Paul (United), Chicago (Chicago), St. Louis (Eden), and Newton Mass. (Andover Newton), we had a number of meetings with congregations, pastors and working groups in the Wisconsin, Missouri, Massachusetts, and Connecticut Conferences, as well as with instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ in New York. We would like this report to be a part of our expression of gratitude to all who have received us and who have entered with us into an open, informative, and helpful dialoque...."

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VISITING LECTURERS

KARL-HEINZ JAKOBS

From October 6 until October 10, 1986 Karl-Heinz Jakobs will be at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, where he will lead seminars and deliver lectures on cultural politics and the development of literature in the GDR. In the second half of October he will be lecturing at the University of Washington, Seattle (Oct. 13), Portland State University (Oct. 15), the University of California, Los Angeles (date unknown), at the annual conference of the Rocky Mountains Modern Language Association in Denver (Oct. 16-18), and at the University in Edmonton (Oct. 21-22).
Karl-Heinz Jakobs' works include: Beschreibung eines Sommers (1961), Ein Pyramide für mich (1971), Die Interviewer (1973), Wilhelmsburg (1979), and Das endlose Jahr: Begegnung mit Mäd

(1983). He holds the Heinrich Mann Prize. After the expulsion of Wolf Biermann, Jakobs left the GDR with a three-year visa and did not return. He lives in the Federal Republic.

DR. PETER WICKE

Dr. Peter Wicke, a music critic from Humboldt University, Berlin, who has published on pop music, will be at New York University during March and April, 1987. (Further information is not available.)

JOCHEN LAABS

DDR-Schriftsteller Jochen Laabs wurde 3.7.1937 in Dresden geboren. Er war 1961-75 als Diplomingenieur tätig, seit 1975 lebt er als Schriftsteller in Berlin. Preise, u.a.: Kunstpreis der Freien Deutschen Jugend "Erich-Weinert-Medaille" (1972); "Martin-Andersen-Nexö-Preis" der Stadt Dresden (1973). Werke: Lyrikbände: Eine Straßenbahn für Nofretete (1970), Himmel sträflicher Leichtsinn (1978). Erzählungsband: Die andere Hälfte der Welt (1974). Romane: Das Grashaus oder die Aufteilung von 35 000 Frauen auf zwei Mann (1971, Fernsehfilm 1976), Der Ausbruch (1980).
Laabs ist vom 15.9. bis 15.11.1986 an der University of Northern Iowa, Department of Modern Languages.

DR KLAUS NITZSCHE

Dr. Klaus Nitzsche ist an der Technischen Universität Dresden als Sprachwissenschaftler und Schriftsteller tätig, und ist Vorsitzender des Bezirksvorstandes des Schriftstellerverbandes. Er ist vom 18.9. bis Dezember 1986 an der John Carroll University, Cleveland.

PROF. DR. MANFRED GERBERT

Prof. Dr. Manfred Gerbert, Leiter des Sprachintensivzentrums an der Technischen Universität Dresden, ist vom 18.9. bis Dezember 1986 an der English Language Institute der University of Michigan.

DR. GERD FISCHER

Dr. Gerd Fischer, Politologe an der Friedrich-Schiller-Universität, Jena, ist vom 23.8. bis Dezember 1986 an der Tufts University.

DR. ANDREAS KREßLER

Dr. Andreas Kreßler, Anglist an der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, ist von September bis Dezember 1986 an der University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

UWE POHL

Uwe Pohl ist an der Karl-Marx-Universität Leipzig, Sektion theoretische und angewandte Sprachwissenschaft tätig, und ist vom 25.8. bis Dezember 1986 an der Institute of German Studies in Bimidji, Minnesota.

THE BERLINER ENSEMBLE

The Berliner Ensemble will be performing at the Royal Alexander Theatre in Toronto this fall. Performances include Brecht's Three Penny Opera (Oct. 21-23, 1986) and The Caucasian Chalk Circle (Oct.24-26). This is the Ensemble's first visit to North America.

CONFERENCES

THE GDR TODAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

The conference "East Germany Today: People, Problems, Progress," April 22-24, 1986, was a production of the German faculty at the University of Kentucky. Co-sponsors were the Lexington Woman's Club, the local United Nations Organization, and the Central Kentucky Council on Peace and Justice, with additional funding from the Kentucky Humanities Council. The conference was originally intended to be a public introduction of Christoph Hein, who was to visit from the GDR, and the start of community outreach programs. Because of bureaucratic complications from both governments, Hein was not able to attend, but it is hoped that he will be in Lexington for April, 1987.

The conference began with the reminiscences of Kentucky-born John Sherman Cooper, the first U.S. ambassador to the GDR. His presentation certainly revealed how far U.S. policy and preparation of its diplomatic corps has come since the 1970's. Some progress has been made from the days when uninformed non-German speakers were at the controls.

The academic part of the conference began the next day, and dealt with some of the issues of Cold War mentality and misinformation that Ambassador Cooper's talk had brought out. Our five conference speakers, all experts on the GDR, gave informed and interesting talks on the following topics: Robert Greenberg on health care systems for mothers and children; Patricia Herminghouse on trends in women's literature as expression of social concerns; Nancy Lauckner on peace and nuclear issues in literature; Marilyn Rueschemeyer on work, marriage and family life; and Christoph Schmauch on the churches and reli-