

# THE TWIG

Newspaper of the Students of Meredith College

VOL. LII, NO. 20

MEREDITH COLLEGE, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

APRIL 13, 1978



The Meredith Playhouse presents two one-act plays: "Gray Bread" and "Silent Snow, Secret Snow," at 8 p.m. in the Studio Theatre (under Jones Auditorium). Admission is free. Friday night (April 14) is your last chance to see these plays.



## Litvinov urges support for human rights

By Miriam Victorian

Meredith was privileged to have Mr. Pavlor Litvinov, an exiled Soviet dissident, speak Monday morning at convocation. He is presently a lecturer at several colleges in the New York area, as well as being editor of *A Chronicle Of Human Rights in the USSR*.

Mr. Litvinov stated first that there are four words which are greatly misunderstood by people — socialism, communism, Soviet, and Russian. These have too many different meanings. Insofar as "Russian" is concerned, he related that there are different ethnic groups in the Soviet Union besides those known as Russians. Also, not all people in the members of the Communist Party — only 15 million out of 250 million. Out of this only several thousand have special privileges. Finally, Communism means a future equalitarian society in the

Soviet Union; in America it defines a political doctrine. There, such party members are called "Marxist-Leninists."

Mr. Litvinov then informed the audience that not all Soviets were Marxists. The courses given in school and universities were described by him as "brainwashing" and "checking one's loyalty" to the state. He next stated the fact that there are actually two totally different types of socialism. One is the old-dream of humanity that never dies with examples found, in the teachings of Christ, Plato's *Republic*, and numerous utopian communities. Here society would be based on social justice. The other represents the realities of the world illustrated by life, in the USSR and China.

Mr. Litvinov then enumerated one of the major differences between the United States and the Soviet Union — the suppression of free

speech. While all news, can be heard in America, the USSR does not discuss the problems which exist within the country. All information is controlled by one source, and the news is "one long state commercial." The government employs many unknown censors; all publications must be approved by the state. He compared it to Orwell's Ministry of Truth in his futuristic novel, 1984.

However, Mr. Litvinov said there is one machine which the state and KGB cannot control — "the typewriter." He then described how carbon paper was used with onion skin paper, to make more than one copy of a controversial, underground work. Friends of the author would strain their eyes badly to read this, proving "the level of starvation, for the free word." But this does not end here because the work could go on out of the country via a foreigner. In the west it would be published in

## Fouts to speak

By Vicki Jayne

Meredith will host the third annual Carolina's Psychology Conference April 14 and 15. The conference, co-sponsored by the Psi Chi Chapters and the Psychology clubs at Meredith and North Carolina State University, will feature Dr. Roger Fouts, of the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Fouts has been featured in numerous periodicals including *Time* and *Newsweek*, and appeared on CBS *Sixty Minutes* last fall. He has been recognized by fellow psychologists for his work with communications between man and chimpanzees, particularly noteworthy is his successful attempt to teach a form of sign language to several chimpanzees.

The conference will also feature panel discussions. One panel will discuss "How To Get A Job With A Bachelor of Arts in Psychology," another concerns, "Graduate School in Psychology: Getting In and Getting Along." A third panel will focus on alternative

methods of language acquisition; Dr. Fouts will serve on this panel.

A paper session, exclusively for undergraduates, will be held from 8:20 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday.

A film preview of many recent films will run throughout the conference. Films cover various aspects of psychology, and include titles such as "Young Marriage," "What's In A Face," and "Teenage Drinking." "The First Signs of Washoe" illustrates Dr. Fouts' work with chimpanzees. "Young Dr. Freud," a dramatization of the early life of the psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud, will be shown for the first time in this part of the country at the conference. The "Story of Carl Gustav Jung," in three parts, will also be shown at the conference.

The Carolina Psychology Conference is open to everyone. Contact the psychology department for further information.

## Kappa Nu Sigma inducts

By Miriam Victorian

Kappa Nu Sigma, Meredith's honor society, held their annual induction at a dinner meeting March 20. After dinner, President Sue Michael introduced the large group of inductees which included: Karen Harrison, Deborah McGee, and Carla Williamson as December graduates. Others were: Sherry Baker, Katherine Beale, Leslie Boyes, Cynthia Dillard, Beverly Duffee, Elaine Coates, Margaret

Farley, Valerie Farmer, Pat Hinkle, Katherine Keith, Susan Kitts, Sandra Long, Angeli Mincey, Chris Phillips, Robin Reich, Mary Rollins, Claire Rountree, Angela Stafford, Miriam Victorian and Terry Wicker.

Then Susan Mattson, a 1971 Meredith graduate, who is presently working a law firm in Greensboro spoke of the demands that scholarship places upon one in community living. Her focus was primarily on law and its role in society as it has become more interdependent, complicated, and refined. Miss Mattson stated that the purpose of law was "the complete development of community living." The scholar should, she asserted, especially encourage this development.

Ms. Mattson purported that reason and analysis would force the scholar, to be sensitive to the needs of society. Society is now becoming increasingly more receptive to new ideas.

Russian and finally get back to the USSR by programs such as the "Voice of America" to which may listen.

Mr. Litvinov began his dissent when a close friend was, arrested in the 1960's. Not only was he followed when he visited his friends's family, but he was also punished for writing a letter of protest. Urging the audience, to support the "human rights" movement, Mr. Litvinov concluded that Western pressure could make a difference. He especially emphasized the need for Christians to support those of, their faith in the USSR since there has been a definite religious renaissance in the past few years.

The sensitively of the scholar would, allow us to govern ourselves better. She concluded that "creative scholarship encourages us to move for societal change."