

P R E F A C E

The third issue of "Immanuel" appears after considerable delay because of unusual circumstances brought about by the Yom Kippur War. In this issue attention is paid to the war in two articles in the rubric "Contemporary religious life and thought in Israel", one by Dr. Yehoshua Amir, and one containing some personal reactions to the events of last October. The war also had an impact on Jewish-Christian relations. It is still too early to make a considered analysis and assessment of this, but we would draw our readers' attention to two publications which have recently appeared: 1. a booklet entitled 'Letters from Israel during the Yom Kippur War', published by the Israel Interfaith Committee (P. O. Box 2028, Jerusalem), containing i. a. letters written by Christians in Israel and an exchange between a Jerusalem Rabbi and an Israeli Christian monk; 2. a collation of responses in word and deed to this war, entitled 'Christians in Israel and the Yom Kippur War', published by the Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel (P. O. B. 249, Jerusalem). These publications give a clear impression of the strains which this war has caused in the relations between Jews and Christians. During this great upheaval, it again became clear that Jews and Christians have still to come to a better understanding of each other and of each other's traditions, experiences and convictions. This underlines the important task which lies ahead for this bulletin with regard to its ultimate aim of contributing to a mutual respect and understanding between the adherents of Judaism and Christianity. The Editors of "Immanuel" are ready to take up this challenge within the specific field and scope of this bulletin's concern.

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