AUSTRALIAN MARXIST RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Australian Marxist Research Foundation has awarded the first V. Gordon Childe Memorial Scholarship to Denis Kenny, formerly of Armidale, N.S.W., who is at present studying for a Ph.D. at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University in the U.S.A.

Denis Kenny will seek to undertake a study of the relationship between the Catholic Church and Communism at the level of policy, at the level of theory and in practice in various countries where the Church has been forced to evolve a working relationship with a Communist regime.

If it proves practicable, this work will involve Denis Kenny in a close study of the relationship between the Catholic Church and government in Cuba and of the various forms of Christian radicalism in Latin and South America. It could also involve him in a study of the Catholic Church/government relationships in various Eastern European countries.

The scholarship, which will be awarded annually, has in this instance been given to Denis Kenny to assist him with travel and other expenses associated with this study.

Denis Kenny is well known in Australia as a foundation member of “Pax”, an association of Catholics for peace, and as a member of the Editorial Board of the “Catholic Worker”. His published works include three books The Christian Future (Q.U.P.), The Catholic Church and Freedom (Q.U.P.) and The Evolution of the Official Catholic Attitude Towards Communism (Pax Publication). He has contributed several chapters to a recent publication, Catholics in Revolution (Lansdowne) and has written a variety of articles for The Bulletin, Australian, Australian Left Review, Catholic Worker and Crux.

The Australian Marxist Research Foundation was established in 1968 to initiate and further research in Australia into aspects of social life and social theory.

The Foundation awarded a three month scholarship, in December 1968, to Rowan Cahill for a study of the development of the “New Left” movement in Australia. The results of this study will be published later this month and will provide the basis for a paper which the author will present at a workshop seminar on the “New Left” movement to be held in Sydney this year.

A monograph Changes in the Australian Work Force, the product of a three month scholarship awarded by the Foundation to Brian T. Carey in 1968 has already been published.

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