

the manuscript for it was seized by the K.G.B., an event which apparently persuaded Solzhenitsyn to authorise publication in the West from a duplicate manuscript.

Wm. Collins are to publish *The Gulag Archipelago* in Britain and hope to have the first part ready in the late spring; two subsequent volumes are planned for later in 1974. Although Collins published Solzhenitsyn's *The First Circle* in 1968 they have not been his usual publishers since then and three other books—*Cancer Ward*, *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* and *August 1914*—all appeared under the Bodley Head imprint. The latter hope also to publish two further historical novels—*October 1916* and *March 1917*—which Solzhenitsyn suggested would probably appear together because their themes are closely knit.

Collins' edition of *The Gulag Archipelago*, described by the publishers as "by turns historical, documentary, autobiographical and political", is expected to develop in non-fiction form the themes of cruelty and repression which have characterised the Nobel prizewinner's novels. In his preface the author says: "There are no fictitious persons or fictitious events in this book. People and places are called by their own names. If they are referred to by their initials, that is because of personal considerations. If they are not given names at all, that is only because a human memory did not retain the names—but that is exactly the way it all was."

Tolkien's Will

THE publication just before Christmas of Professor J. R. R. Tolkien's Will put an end to speculation that his last work, *The Silmarillion*, might be published soon. His son and literary executor, Mr Christopher Tolkien, Fellow and Lecturer in English at New College, Oxford, revealed that he had found only an intricate and much re-written mass of papers which would require years of work to assemble into a coherent whole. This he is to undertake himself.

Reports had indicated that *The Silmarillion* would be in effect a pre-history of *The Lord of the Rings*, and it was known that the author had been working on the project for several years. The Executor's statement said that Professor Tolkien was anxious that his work should not be subjected to undesirable forms of exploitation; so that control of the works should be effective after his death, he had made settlements for the benefit of his

family which would obviate the necessity of having to sell any copyrights.

The gross value of his estate before duty was just under £200,000.

Knighthood

As *The Bookseller* went to press on 1st January, upon which day newspapers did not appear and the New Year Honours list was not published, details of honours for those in the world of books must therefore await next week's issue. But one particularly felicitous award can now be noted: that of a Knighthood to Mr. John Brown, the Publisher of the Oxford University Press, to whom the book trade in Britain and, indeed, in many countries overseas, will be eager to extend delighted congratulations.

Fire at Ward Lock's

OVER the week end there was a fire at Ward Lock's Edmonton warehouse. The efficient working of the sprinkler system prevented it from being a very serious fire, but as a consequence of this efficiency all the forward stock of Ward Lock, Marshall Morgan & Scott and Oaktree publications is completely dampened, and there will inevitably be a few days delay in deliveries.

"Yorkshire Post" Awards

At a literary luncheon at Leeds University on 9th January, the winners of the *Yorkshire Post* Book of the Year selection will receive their awards. They are Lord David Cecil, whose *The Cecils of Hatfield House* (Constable) the panel of judges found to be the finest literary work published in 1973, and Evelyn Anthony, whose *The Occupying Power* (Hutchinson) was declared to be the finest work of fiction published during the year. The judges, in addition to the editor and the past and present literary editors of the *Yorkshire Post*, were Professors A. N. Jeffares and J. E. Morpurgo.

Macmillan Education Lecture

THIS week has seen the inauguration of the Macmillan Education Lecture as a notable feature of the annual meeting of the Association for Science Education at Leeds University from 2nd to 4th January. It has been arranged in co-operation with the Association and is planned to become a regular part of ASE annual meetings. Macmillan Education see the enterprise as a way of involving the educational publisher directly

with the teaching community and interests.

The inaugural lecture, 'Trends and innovations in Junior High Science teaching in the U.S.A.', given by Leslie Trowbridge, professor of Education at the University of North Colorado and president of National Science Teachers' Association of the U.S.A.

Longman Distribution

LONGMAN Group are pleased to announce that the industrial disruption at their Pinnacles, Harlow, warehouse has now been satisfactorily resolved and work resumed on 21st December. Inevitably there is a considerable backlog of orders to be cleared, and while everything will be done to despatch orders as quickly as possible, booksellers will appreciate the delay for recently placed orders some delay is inevitable.

Longman plan to make a more detailed statement about the service which they can offer the trade early in the New Year, both through the trade press and through a letter to booksellers.

Longman Group have ceased to maintain their office in Lahore from 31st December. Future arrangements for the Pakistan representation of Longman, of Oliver & Boyd, of Churchill/Livingstone will be announced as soon as possible. Similar announcements will be made in respect of the other lists at present represented by Longman in Pakistan, namely Edward Arnold and G. B.

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The next meeting of the Yorkshire Branch of the Booksellers Association will be the annual general meeting and will be held on Wednesday, 23rd January, at 2.30 p.m., at the Y.M.C.A., Albion Place, Leeds. The president of the B.A., Mr. T. Hodges, will be present.

John Menzies (Holdings) Ltd. has opened a new bookshop in Shrewsbury, the address of which is 24, Pride Hill, Shrewsbury, SY1 1EF. The manager is Mr. N. M. Beaumont Jones, who asks publishers to send copies of their latest lists and their representatives to call.

Newman Paperbacks have recently closed down the bookshop opened in Lambeth last April. It will not be open, and publishers and booksellers are asked to note that there is now only one address for all communications: Newman Paperbacks, Northfield Avenue, Ealing, London W.5 (tel. 01-579 1977).