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A Co-ordinating Committee for the International Year for Human Rights has been set up in the Netherlands, composed of representatives of government departments, university institutes, associations for promoting international relations, youth organizations, women's organizations and other social and cultural groups. The Secretariat is run by the Seminary of International Law and International Relations of the University of Amsterdam. Monthly reports of all activities notified to the Secretariat of the Co-ordinating Committee have been drawn up and distributed, with as much suitable documentation as possible, to all interested bodies which have shown themselves to be actively concerned with human rights.

Many congresses, conferences, panels, exhibitions and concerts are being organized in the Netherlands, to mark the International Year for Human Rights, on such themes as human rights and peace, human rights and development co-operation, war on hunger, prejudice, discrimination, national and international protection of human rights, religious freedom and freedom of expression, the realization of social and economic rights, and the juridical and philosophical background of human rights. In a number of instances the human rights aspect has been stressed within the framework of special campaigns, such as the "Anti-Hunger Campaign". Churches, women's organizations, youth organizations, schools, universities and many other bodies are contributing to the International Year for Human Rights. Special mention should be made of the Commemoration Day celebration at Leyden, which was entirely devoted to human rights. The lectures given on that occasion have been published in a special volume. The University of Amsterdam, too, is publishing a collection of essays on human rights. Various periodicals are devoting special issues to the subject.

Radio and television networks are arranging special programmes on human rights, e.g. a television broadcast on racial discrimination and radio programmes on the International Conference on Human Rights at Teheran, on the statements

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issued by the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches regarding human rights and on the activities of Amnesty International. In addition, a radio play on human rights, a mock trial on television on the subject of human rights, special school radio broadcasts and various other programmes are being given.

Although many of these activities have been spread over the whole of 1968, there will be a concentration of events round Human Rights Day (10 December).
