Russenduin [Glory House] Sold to HSA-UWC Netherlands -- Teddy Verheyen

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The Bio-resort at Bergen aan Zee has been sold to "The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity."

The Bio-resort institution announced this morning in a press communique: The institution Bio-resort has taken new ways. In the last years, and has specialized entirely in nursing handicapped children. For this purpose it has built an ultra-modern complex near Arnhem, instead of the antiquated Russenduin in Bergen, built by the late Dr. P.J.J. Oud for the benefit of which the institution had bought an extensive plot of woodland. Besides buildings for the medical staff, there are eight pavilions, workshops a gymnasium with swimming pool, offices, and a children's farm.

130 motor and auditive-motor handicapped children are treated there. At the same time in cooperation with the universities they gave shape to a number of research and development projects in the area of children's rehabilitation. In this connection the institution has sold the Russenduin colony-house which has lovingly admitted thousands of socially weak children in the past, but had become inadequate because of modern trends.

The new owner, the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, established in Amsterdam, will put the building to use as a boarding-school and training center from November first. The proceeds from sale of the building will go to the benefit of handicapped children.

Much has to be done to the building, built in 1917. The inside construction is built in a late Jugend style. The building is on the Russenduin, a dune-top which was planted with bent-grass for the first time in 1885.

The dune gets its name from the grave-mound, which supposedly covers some Russians slain in 1799.