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NOTEBOOK/CARNET

SUBMISSIONS FOR NOTEBOOK/CARNET should be sent to Mark Leier, Labour/Le Travail, Department of History, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, A1C 5S7. Deadlines are December for the Spring issue and August for the Fall. Calls for papers that have deadlines earlier than our publication date will be put in the Conference section. People are urged to submit calls for papers at least five months before their deadline.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Pacific Northwest Labor History Association welcomes all proposals for papers and presentations relating to the history of labour and working people in the Pacific Northwest for its conference in Victoria, BC, 1-3 June 1990. To submit proposals or to request more information, contact Eric W. Sager, History Department, University of Victoria, Box 1700, Victoria, BC, V8W 2Y2, or Steve Orcherton, Secretary-Treasurer, Victoria Labour Council, #1 2750 Quandra Street, Victoria, BC, V8T 4E8.

CONFERENCES

The Popular Culture Association will hold its annual meeting at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto 7-10 March 1990. The Area Chair for the Working Class Culture Area is Kenneth B. West, who may be contacted at the Department of History, University of Michigan Flint, Flint, Michigan, 48502-2186 for more information.

The Council for European Studies and the University of Kansas are sponsoring a conference entitled "Consumer Cooperation in the Western World, 1840-1950: An Alternative to Capitalist Consumerism?" The Conference will be held in Lawrence, Kansas, 7 April 1990. For information about submitting a proposal or registering, contact Carl Strikwerda, History Department, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 66045, or Ellen Furlough, History Department, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, 43022.

The Marxist Institute's Second Annual History and Theory Conference will be held on Saturday, 27 January 1990, in Toronto. Themes include native peoples, gender, working-class protest, and social regulation. The Institute hopes that this unique event will again provide a forum for non-sectarian debate and theoretically concerned historical inquiry. For information please contact the Marxist Institute, P.O. Box 428, Station P, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2S9.

The Biennial Conference of the Canadian History of Education Association will be hosted on 11-13 October 1990 by the University of Ottawa. The major theme of the conference will be "Conflict and Contradiction in Educational History." Send all communication to Chad Gaffield or Ruby Heap, Department of History, University of Ottawa, 155 Séraphin Marion, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 6N5.

The Canadian Science and Technology Historical Association will host its biennial national congress at the Donald Gordon Centre, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, from the 13th to the 15th of October 1989. Sessions will include the history of biology, medical history, high energy physics, and American-Canadian scientific relations, among others. The conference is open to all interested persons. For a programme and registration bulletin, contact Dr. Richard Jarrell, Department of Science Studies, Atkinson College, York University, North York, Ontario, M3J 1P3; telephone (416) 736-5213; fax (416) 736-5103.

The fifth biennial conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand will be held 19-22 July 1990, at the University of New England, Armidale, NSW. The coordinators are John Warhurst, Department of Politics, and Don Beer, Department of History, University of New England, Armidale, NSW, 2351. Don Beer is the Stream Coordinator for history, and prospective paper-givers should send a one-page abstract by 30 November 1989.

The Museum of American Textile History will sponsor the third Textile History Conference in September 1990. The primary focus of the conference will be on those events in Great Britain and North American during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries that led to the establishment of the factory system. Proto-industrial and early industrial development in other nations will also be considered. For more information, contact Thomas W. Leavitt, Director, Museum of American Textile History, 800 Massachusetts Avenue, North Andover, Massachusetts, 01845, by 1 October 1989.

Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, will host Jack Tar in History: Seamen, Pirates, and Workers of the North Atlantic World, 25-28 October 1990. Those interested in giving papers should forward an abstract, curriculum vitae, and funding requirements to either Colin Howell or Richard Twomey, Jack Tar in History, History Department, Saint Mary's University, Robie Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 3C3, or telephone (902) 420-5763.

ARCHIVES

The historical records of the Trades Union Congress (TUC) have now been deposited in the Modern Records Centre in the University of Warwick Library. In addition to the TUC records, which amounts to 2,000 boxes, the collection includes the papers of the National Union of Domestic Workers, 1938-1953. This was the only union to be actually established by the TUC.

The Centre International de Recherches sur L'Anarchisme will move to new quarters at the end of 1989. The new address will be 24, avenue de Beaumont, CH-1012 Lausanne Switzerland. Contributions to help with the move and purchasing new equipment are welcome.

The International Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis has reopened at its new location. The new address is Cruquiusweg, NL-1019 AT, Amsterdam, Netherlands. At the same time, the collections of the Economisch-Historiische Bibliotheek and the Nederlands Persmuseum were merged with those of the Institute.

SPECIAL NOTICE

A watch belonging to James Hammett, one of the Tolpuddle Martyrs deported to Australia in 1834 after forming an agricultural workers' union, has been stolen from the Museum in Tolpuddle, Dorset. If anyone should see the silver inscribed watch, please contact the police and the TUC.

BOYCOTTS

The United Farm Workers of America are calling for the boycott of California table grapes. They are also recruiting full-time boycott organizers, office administrators, and fundraisers to intensify the struggle. For more information, write United Farm Workers of America, c/o USWA District 6, 600 The East Mall, Suite 401, Toronto, Ontario, M9B 4B1.

MOVING ON

Elaine Bernard is leaving her position as the head of SFU's Labour Studies Program to head Harvard University's Trade Union Program. She may be contacted at Harvard University, Trade Union Program, 451 Brattle Street, Suite 25, Cambridge, MA, 02138. And to think we knew her when....

PUBLICATIONS

The Labour Archives Bulletin, published by the Association of Canadian Archivists, is a useful source for labour historians. Information on obtaining the bulletin may be requested from John Smart, Editor, Government Archives Division, National Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, K1A 0N3.

The National Museum of Labour History has been re-restablished with a new Director, and is issuing a newsletter on its activities. For further details, write to Nick Mansfield, Director, NMLH, 103 Princess Street, Manchester, M1 6DD.

The fifth edition of "Trade Union and Related Records" has been published by the University of Warwick. This guide to United Kingdom sources is available from the University, Coventry, CV4 7A1, for £2.25.

The English edition of the documentary publication on May Day, edited by Andrea Panaccione, is now available from Marsilio Editori, via S. Croce 518 a, 303135 Venezia.

HOT LIST

According to their notice of 23 June, the Southern Ontario Newspaper Guild is on strike for a first contract at Oxford University Press in Don Mills, Ontario. The guild urges people to write to the OUP, cancel outstanding orders, and to boycott books published by OUP, Basil Blackwell, Blackwell Scientific Publications and Polity Press, as well as those from the publishing houses they represent: Beacon Press, Carleton University Press, Dow-Jones Irwin, W.H. Freeman, Golden Dog Press, and Woodbridge Press. For more current information, contact Robert Adam, Guild Unit Chairperson, c/o Southern Ontario Newspaper Guild, 1253 Queen Street East, Toronto, Ontario, M4L 1C2.

QUERY

Anyone with information on Robert Raglan Gosden, 1881-1961, is asked to contact Mark Leier at 3022 Royal Avenue, North Vancouver, BC, V7K 1Y5; telephone (604) 980-9180. Robert Gosden was active in the B.C. labour movement from 1910 to at least 1919, and operated as a labour spy for at least some of that time. He may also have been involved in anti-war movements during both World Wars. Gosden died in Gibsons, BC.