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ANNUAL MEETING (1983)

- (2) June 24-26 at McMaster. For the information provided in the previous newsletter, see (41). We have no additional information, except that we think we've found the cheapest way (by far) to send payment in Canadian funds: by U.S. Postal Money Order.
- (3) Deductible expense reminder. Members whose presence is essential to the conduct of the meeting are entitled to treat the cost of attending it as a deductible expense on tax returns. That would include officers, directors, committee chairmen, and anyone else who might be giving a report at the meeting.
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REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (4) Science Committee (Alex Dely, Chairman):

Alex's chief activity recently has been on the subject of accidental nuclear war. See (8).

Alex is University of Arizona correspondent for the Federation of American Scientists. He sent us the FAS Public Interest Report (February 1983) on the topic, "Reciprocal Visits by US and USSR political leaders." The basic reason for the arms race is fear of the other side. Yet what do we know about the other side? The Report tells us that "...a majority of the ruling political bodies of the two sides have never visited the country of the other." The 12-page Report aims to encourage Congressional travel to the Soviet Union with a view to achieving a better understanding -- and a lessening of fear -- of the adversary.

BR AT CAMBRIDGE

- (5) The Apostles were the source of BR's greatest delight while at Cambridge. As he says in his Autobiography (Boston: Little, Brown. Volume I, 1957. pp.91-92):

The greatest happiness of my time at Cambridge was connected with a body whom its members knew as "The Society," but which outsiders, if they knew of it, called "The Apostles." This was a small discussion society, containing one or two people from each year on the average, which met every Saturday night. It has existed since 1820, and has had as members most of the people of any intellectual eminence who have been at Cambridge since then. It is by way of being secret, in order that those who are being considered for election may be unaware of the fact. It was owing to the existence of The Society that I so soon got to know the people best worth knowing, for Whitehead was a member, and told the younger members to investi-

The duties of a Director are not burdensome. Directors are occasionally asked their opinion about something, by mail; and they are expected to make a reasonable effort to attend annual meetings, though not at great expense. The cost of attending meetings is tax-deductible, for Directors.

We would like to have more than 7 names on the ballot, so as to give members a choice.

A brief statement about a Candidate should accompany a nomination. If you are volunteering, include a brief statement about yourself.

The next newsletter (RSN39, August) will contain a ballot, with the brief statements about the candidates.

Directors whose terms expire this year are ALI GHAEMI, DON JACKANICZ, CHERIE RUPPE, WARREN SMITH, KATE TAIT. They are all eligible for re-election.

* To nominate someone -- or to volunteer yourself -- write the Elections Committee, c/o the newsletter, address on Page 1, bottom.

ANNUAL MEETING (1983)

(41) June 24-26. The following information was provided in the last issue (RSN37-33):

The meeting is timed to coincide with a Conference at McMaster. The Conference -- jointly sponsored by the Bertrand Russell Editorial Project (at McMaster University) and the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (at University of Toronto) -- is in 2 parts.

Part 1 -- June 24-26, 1983 -- is on BR's non-technical ("humanistic") writings.

Part 2 -- June 1984 -- will deal with BR's technical writings.

The program consists of 10 talks, starting Friday at 1 PM and ending at noon, Sunday. (Actually the program starts at 12:50 PM with a brief speech of welcome by Richard A. Rempel, Coordinator of the Russell Editorial Project.) It's not solid talk, talk, talk. It's talk alternating with coffee breaks and ending with a Barbecue at the Faculty Club, 6 PM on Friday, and a Buffet Banquet with Red Hackle (BR's brand of whiskey), 7 PM Saturday.

These are some of the speakers and their topics:

- . S. P. Rosenbaum (University of Toronto), "Russell and Bloomsbury".
- . Kirk Willis (University of Georgia and recipient of the 1979 BRS Doctoral Grant), "Russell's early views on religion".
- . Peter Clarke (St. John's College, Cambridge University), "Russell and Liberalism".
- . Brian Harrison (Corpus Christi College, Oxford University), "Russell and suffrage".
- . Thomas C. Kennedy (University of Arkansas), "Russell and Pacifism".

A BRS business meeting will be held Friday evening. No Conference talks are scheduled.

Costs: A Conference fee of \$30 (students \$15) covers talks, coffee breaks, Barbecue, Banquet. Cost of lodging and meals is \$43.84 per person double, \$54.34 single. This covers 2 nights lodging (June 24, 25), 2 breakfasts (June 25, 26), 1 lunch (June 25). Extra lodging before and after the Conference is available at the daily rate of \$15.75 double, \$21 single. Rates include bedding, towels, soap, daily maid service, parking and Ontario's 5% sales tax.

To make a reservation you need 2 money-orders, payable to McMaster University in Canadian funds. (1) Send the Conference fee to Secretary, The Bertrand Russell Editorial Project, TSH 719, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada L8S 4M2. (2) Send payment for lodging to Conference Services, Commons 1018, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada L8S 4K1, and mention dates of arrival and departure.

On arrival at McMaster, go to the Main Lobby Registration Desk in the Commons Bldg. (Bldg 28 on map, circled), and pick up your room key and settle into your room. Then go to the Russell Archives in Mills Memorial Library (Bldg. 10 on map, circled) between 9 and 5 PM Friday, to register for the Conference and get a program. The Conference talks will all be given in Room 111, Gilmour Hall (Bldg 20 on map, circled). Map is on next page.

Transportation to McMaster. Go to Toronto by train or plane. Then it's an hour's bus-ride to Hamilton/McMaster, from Toronto Airport or Bus Terminal. The Toronto-Hamilton bus may stop at McMaster on request; we're not sure of this. In any case, "McMaster is in the west end of the City of Hamilton, just a few minutes from downtown by car, taxi or public bus," according to McMaster literature.

If you can't get there before Friday evening, you will have missed 3 talks Friday afternoon. There are 7 talks scheduled after Friday.

* Come if you can!