

see that I haven't been an epistemological realist since 1905. My latest book should convince you of that."

He explained that he was lecturing once a week at the Barnes Foundation on the history of thought from Thales to today. He is carefully planning these lectures in preparation for a lengthy work on the history of human thought in its social and cultural background.

On the way to the lecture hall, he harked back to his perplexity at my choosing him for my philosophic labors in my philosophy hobby. I explained that insofar as hero worship was concerned, that I had a hero in the late Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes who, although not a systematic philosopher, stirred me deeply by the trend of his thinking. He stated that he could readily understand why an American lawyer interested in philosophy could feel that way about Holmes but that he was still curious about himself. I said I could not better express my views about him than I had done on previous occasions when I had said that I felt his to be the most catholic mind ("small 'c'," he interjected) that I knew through which I could view the currents of contemporary problems.

By this time we had reached his destination. He made sure not to mix up the books we had alongside of us. I had Laird's "Theism and Cosmology", and the philosopher had — a detective story. He got agilely out of the taxi, and as he swung around to enter the lecture hall, he turned back and said, "Be sure to tell your Mother's maid that I am neither so wicked, nor for that matter, so red as I am painted." ("Recollections of Three Hours with Bertrand Russell" originally appeared in "Correct English", Vol.44, No. 1 — December 1943.)

BULLETIN BOARD

- (5) Unaffiliated philosophers: If you have a PH.D. in Philosophy and are not teaching (and are not emeritus), and would like to be listed in the Directory of American Philosophers (1986-87 edition), send your name, address, highest degree earned, and area of interest in philosophy to: Directory of American Philosophers, Philosophy Documentation Center, Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, OH 43403. Note deadline: September 1, 1985.

1985 ANNUAL MEETING (WASHINGTON, D.C.)

- (6) The 12th Annual Meeting was held on the agreeable campus of Georgetown University. "the oldest Catholic institution of higher learning in the United States", founded 1789 in George Town. (That's George III, the King we love to hate.) The facilities were excellent, thanks to DON JACKANICZ's meticulous planning. We were lucky in the weather: sunshine and no excessive heat (which is possible in Washington in June).

25 BRS members attended one or more sessions: POLLY COBB, WHITFIELD COBB, BOB DAVIS, MONIKA DEPPEN, LEE EISLER, THOMAS FRINK, DAVE GOLDMAN, ARITIE GOMEZ, DAVID HART, DON JACKANICZ, HERB LANSDALL, GLADYS LEITHAUSER, JOHN LENZ, STEVE MARAGIDES, JEFFREY MESHINSKY, HUGH MOORHEAD, STEVE REINHARDT, HARRY RUJA, PHIL SHAPIRO, JOHN SHOSKY, TOM STANLEY, ROY TORCASO, CLIFFORD VALENTINE, ELEANOR VALENTINE, HERB VOGT.

A number of non-members also attended some sessions: Joe Briggs, Steve Carson, Daniel Deppen, Bruce Law, Dennis LeClair, Cleve Lunceford, Margaret Moran (a guest speaker), Gwen Stanley, Kathleen Stanley.

The following officers were elected or re-elected for one-year terms: Chairman, Harry Ruja; President, David Hart; Vice-President, Marvin Kohl; Secretary, John Lenz; Treasurer, Dennis Darland; VP/Information, Lee Eisler.

The program included: Margaret Moran on "Bertrand Russell's Protest Against the First World War"; Harry Ruja on "Russell Bibliography"; a panel discussion by Bob Davis, Lee Eisler, David Hart, and David Johnson on the future of the BRS; Don Jackanicz reading Carl Spadoni's paper — Carl was busy becoming a father — "The Folly of Bertrand Russell's The Wisdom of the West [which BR did not write]. All of this — except the panel discussion — was audio-taped, and the tapes will be available from the Russell Society Library. Several Russell films were also shown.

There was a Red Hackle Hour before the Banquet — thanks to Don's prevision and provision, Red Hackle no longer being available in the USA. Did you know that Herb Vogt is a superb jazz pianist?

Sunday morning buses took us to the American Film Institute, at the JFK Center for the Performing Arts, where we saw the following films; "Bertrand Russell Discusses Philosophy", "In the Nuclear Shadow; What Can the Children Tell Us?", "The War Game" (BBC), "Life and Liberty...For All Who Believe", and "Bertie and the Bomb" (BBC).

There was a Society Business Meeting; here are highlights. The Minutes (40) provide more details.

- . Past President Bob Davis chaired the meeting.
- . Don Jackanicz told about visiting Cambridge, England, for a possible future BRS meeting there. Cambridge is booked till 1988.
- . Dennis Darland reported on the state of the BRS Treasury: it's empty.
- . Dues are raised: Regular \$25; Couple \$30; Student and Limited Income unchanged at \$12.50
- . Harry Ruja thanked Carol Smith for her excellent work as Co-Chairman of the Membership Committee for the past 3 years. [She is now stepping down, succeeded by William K. Fielding.]
- . Harry announced that the BRS newsletter is now in the Library of Congress (including all back issues), and will be listed in the Library's Serials catalog.
- . The 1986 Annual Meeting will probably be in NYC in June. [The next-to-last weekend is June 20-22.]

The Board held its Annual Meeting and discussed the following. For more details, see the Minutes (39).

- . Alex Dely resigned from his 2 committees (Science, and Human Rights/Int'l Development) and recommended Adam Paul Banner to succeed him on the latter.
- . Two things helped bring the BRS Treasury down to its present sad state: (1) the Doctoral Grant was raised in 1985 from the previous \$500 to \$1000; (2) the 1985 Annual Meeting was unusually expensive, including an unanticipated \$400 insurance charge required by the University.
- . Dave Goldman (psychiatrist) kindly offered to deliver the 1985 BRS Award plaque to the recipient, Robert Jay Lifton (psychiatrist), whom he knows, and about whose work he spoke with great admiration.
- . A special award was approved for Lester Denonn, in recognition of his lifelong devotion to BR and BR's writings, and his contributions to Russell scholarship.
- . The first BRS Book Award went to the 5-member Editorial Board of Cambridge Essays, 1888-99, which is Volume 1 of the planned 28 volume series, "The Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell". Margaret Moran accepted the scroll on behalf of the Editorial Board.
- . To eliminate possible misunderstanding, the one word, "elected" was inserted into the Bylaws, to make clear that there can be a maximum of 24 elected Directors, plus the BRS Officers, who are ex-officio Directors.
- . The decision was made not to copyright the newsletter.
- . The Doctoral Grant Committee (Hugh Moorhead, Chairman) has selected Linda Benthin (of McMaster University) as the recipient of the 1985 Award. There will be no future Doctoral Grant until the BRS gets on firmer financial footing.

OUTGOING PRESIDENT JACKANICZ SPEAKS

- (7) With the 1985 Annual Meeting past and the 1986 Annual Meeting in its early planning stage, I would like to thank all who participated in this year's successful Meeting and to suggest that all members consider attending next year. I'll certainly be there in 1986.

I had the responsibility of organizing this year's Meeting, and I do owe a debt of appreciation to those of you who helped the BRS and me in various ways before and during the Meeting weekend. I was pleased to learn that those attending seemed to think the site, program and accommodations were agreeable.

As BRS President for several years, I attempted to carry on our activities following the excellent example of my predecessor, Bob Davis. Now we have chosen a new President, David Hart, who I feel will lead us well. I will continue actively participating in BRS affairs, and look forward to a period of further growth for the BRS.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (8) International Development Committee (Adam Paul Banner, Chairman):

As the new Chairman, I am happy to report that files are being copied and related papers are in transit to me, at 2143 Medford (Apt.11), Ann Arbor, MI 48104. (I welcome phone calls after 11 pm EDT:313-971-3138.)

Retiring Chairman Alex Dely will continue to support current projects and/or insure an orderly transfer of efforts. The Committee can be proud of its JOURNAL DISTRIBUTION PROJECT, with its simple and effective method of transferring technical data to support groups in South America and in Africa. We will continue with this project, and will accept requests for specific journals, using our contacts with industry, membership and libraries.