

SOURCE FOUND

- (5) Science vs. Religion. We were looking for the source of the statement, "Science provides evidence without certainty. Religion provides certainty without evidence." (RSN54-37).

PAUL PFALZNER says "it appears to be attributed to Ashley Montague, and was quoted by Gerald Larue at the Oslo World Humanist Congress last August, in the form: Religion gives us certainty without proof; Science gives us proof without certainty."

JOHN TOBIN also credits Ashley Montague. The statement appears in an article in The American Rationalist (November/December 1986), in the form: Science is proof without certainty. Religion is certainty without proof. The article is titled, "Are Science and Religion Incompatible?" by Gordon Stein. The statement appears on p. 55, last paragraph.

Our thanks to Messrs. Pfalzner and Tobin.

ANNUAL MEETING (1987)

- (6) The 14th Annual Meeting was held in San Diego on June 19-21.

28 BRS members attended: LOU ACHESON, GUNJI BAGLA, DENNIS DARLAND, PAOLO DAU, BOB DAVIS, PRADEEP DUBEY, LEE EISLER, RICHARD FRANK, BERND FROHMANN, CHARLES GREEN, TIM HARDING, DON JACKANICZ, JOHN JACKANICZ, MARVIN KOHL, JOHN LENZ. STEVE MARAGIDES, JIM MCWILLIAMS, CHANDO PADIA, FRANK PAGE, STEVE REINHARDT, MICHAEL ROCKLER, HARRY RUJA, CHERIE RUPPE, AL SECKEL, BETTY VOGT, HERB VOGT, RICHARD WILK, BILL YOUNG.

15 guests were also present: Smita Bagla, Rashmi Kala Agrawal, Steven A. Allen, Stephen Blount, Alison Braswell, Cy Dalin, Daniel H. Harris, Herb Hayward, Betty Labson, Sam Labson (one of the speakers), Mark Levy, Louis Mazzarella, Helen Page, Beverley J. Schwab, Susan Wingfield.

For a report on what happened in San Diego, please see the MINUTES OF THE 1987 ANNUAL MEETING (7) and the MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING (8).

There are 2 aspects of meetings like ours. (1) There is the pleasure of seeing old friends again, and of meeting new ones. (2) There is the exposure to new ideas presented in the papers at the meeting. If you didn't attend the meeting -- and most of you didn't -- you did not experience (1); but you can still experience (2); the postman can deliver it: audio cassettes of the 7 talks -- and also the papers -- given at the Meeting are available from the Russell Society Library, address on Page 1, bottom.

To conclude: the program and the facilities were excellent. Hats off to HARRY RUJA, who put it all together...and so inexpensively!

MINUTES

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MINUTES OF THE 1987 ANNUAL MEETING

The 1987 Annual Meeting of The Bertrand Russell Society, Inc. was held from June 19 to June 21 at the El Conquistador residence hall, 5505 Montezuma Road, San Diego, California, adjoining the campus of San Diego State University. Unless otherwise noted, all events took place in the first floor study lounge.

Friday, June 19, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Harry Ruja, Chairman of the Board of Directors. Following words of welcome by Chairman Ruja and President Marvin Kohl, each attendee was asked to introduce himself or herself and to sign a registration list. Donald W. Jackanicz then presented his paper, "Russell in San Diego." Following a short break, Bernd Frohman spoke on "The Multiple Dimensions of the Russell Bibliography." The meeting was recessed at 10:00 p.m. The Board of Directors gathered at 10:10 p.m. for the first session of its Annual Meeting.

Saturday, June 20, 1987

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ruja. Marvin Kohl presented his paper, "Locating the Primary Good,"

which was followed, after a short break, by Michael Rockler's presentation, "Russell on Education." During the viewing of a videotape, Bertie and the Bomb, the second session of the Board of Directors meeting was held in the second floor lounge. After these separate sessions, President Kohl took the chair to conduct the Annual Society Business Meeting. He summarized the proceedings of the two Board of Directors sessions, asked for suggestions for the 1988 Annual Meeting program, and restated his support for gift memberships as a means of increasing BRS membership. Treasurer Dennis Darland delivered a financial report. No old or new business was raised by members. The meeting was recessed at 12:05 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened by Chairman Ruja at 2:08 p.m. Chairman Ruja praised the work of Russell Society News editor Lee Eisler and reminded members that a tentative successor is being sought for this post. Al Seckel then read his paper, "Russell on Ethics, Sex, and Marriage," after which Paolo Dau spoke on "Russell's World-View, 1903." Following a short break, Chandrakala Padia presented her paper, "Bertrand Russell on Impulse: Lewis' Critique." The meeting was recessed at 5:45 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m. the Red Hackle Hour was held in Rooms 201 and 203 and was hosted by Lee Eisler, John A. Jackanicz, and Donald W. Jackanicz. At 7:00 p.m. a Banquet was held in the dining hall. The following award presentations were made by Chairman Ruja and President Kohl:

--To Kenneth Blackwell, the 1987 BRS Book Award

--To Linus Pauling, a BRS Lifetime Achievement Award
 --To John Somerville, the 1987 BRS Award

Dr. Somerville then addressed those gathered on his reminiscences of Russell and on the subject of omnicide. The meeting was recessed at 9:10 p.m. The Board of Directors met at 9:25 p.m. in the second floor lounge for its third and final session.

Sunday, June 21, 1987

The meeting was reconvened at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Ruja. President Kohl expressed the BRS's appreciation for Chairman Ruja's work in planning the 1987 Annual Meeting. John Lenz then presented his paper, "Russell and the Greeks," after which a videotape, Bertrand Russell, Closeup, was viewed. Following a short break, Sam Labson read his paper, "Russell and the Scientific Spirit." The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING

The 1987 Annual Meeting of The Bertrand Russell Society, Inc. Board of Directors was held from June 19 to June 20 at the El Conquistador residence hall, 5505 Montezuma Road, San Diego, California, adjoining the campus of San Diego State University.

Friday, June 19, 1987

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Ruja at 10:10 p.m. in the first floor study lounge. The following Board members were present: Louis K. Acheson, Robert K. Davis, Dennis J. Darland, Lee Eisler, Donald W. Jackanics, John A. Jackanics, Marvin Kohl, John R. Lenz, Steve Maragides, Frank V. Page, Stephen J. Reinhardt, Michael J. Rockler, Harry Ruja, and Cherie Ruppe. Chairman Ruja described his publicity efforts for the Society Annual Meeting. Informally considered and rejected was a proposal to purchase an audiotape of Chairman Ruja's KPBS-FM interview for \$25.00. It was informally agreed that outside groups may request permission to distribute promotional materials at BRS annual meetings, but that representatives of such groups may not speak at a BRS annual meeting unless so scheduled on the program. The recent work of the Awards Committee was reviewed. The respective merits of plaques and scrolls were discussed. Lee Eisler moved that a scroll with a revised version of his wording for the Linus Pauling Lifetime Achievement Award be substituted for Robert K. Davis's wording appearing on the previously procured plaque. This motion was rejected by the vote of No--9, Yes--1, Abstain--4. The meeting was recessed at 11:07 p.m.

Saturday, June 20, 1987

The meeting was reconvened by Chairman Ruja at 10:45 a.m. in the second floor lounge. The fourteen Board members named above were present. Discussion began with a consideration of financial matters, including annual meeting costs, speaker honoraria, and funding for the doctoral grant. Lee Eisler moved that dues be raised \$5.00 for the individual and family

membership categories. This motion was accepted by the vote of Yes--9, No--4, Abstain--1. Treasurer Dennis J. Darland reported the BRS checking account balance to be \$5,768.99. He continued that present unpaid liabilities consisted of approximately \$1,500.00 for Russell subscriptions and approximately \$600.00 for newsletter expenses. Discussion then turned to the doctoral grant. Lee Eisler moved that the doctoral grant be revived in 1988 in the amount of \$1,000.00. This motion was accepted by the vote of Yes--11, No--0, Abstain--3. Attention was next turned to the site of the 1988 Annual Meeting. The possible sites reviewed by President Kohl were Columbia University and the New School for Social Research in New York City, the State University of New York at Buffalo, and the State University of New York College at Fredonia. Robert K. Davis moved that President Kohl be empowered to determine the New York State location for the 1988 Annual Meeting. This motion was accepted by the vote of Yes--11, No--0, Abstain--3. The meeting was recessed at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened by Chairman Ruja at 9:25 p.m. in the second floor lounge. The fourteen Board members named above were present. In six separate motions, Steve Maragides moved that the following incumbent officers be reelected:

--Harry Ruja, Chairman of the Board of Directors
 --Marvin Kohl, President
 --John R. Lenz, Vice President
 --Lee Eisler, Vice President/Information
 --Dennis J. Darland, Treasurer
 --Donald W. Jackanics, Secretary (Society and Board of Directors)

These motions were accepted by acclamation. Discussion turned to the 1988 BRS Award. Chairman Ruja, in his capacity as Chairman of the Awards Committee, moved that Paul Kurtz be offered the 1988 BRS Award. The six Awards Committee members present--Robert K. Davis, Lee Eisler, Donald W. Jackanics, Marvin Kohl, John R. Lenz, and Harry Ruja--unanimously accepted the motion. It was informally accepted that a biographical information sheet on Russell should be developed and that one or more Russell photographs should be reproduced for BRS use. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

(9) Time to vote. We will elect 5 Directors, bringing the total up to 24. They will serve 3-year terms starting 1/1/88. Use the ballot at the end of this newsletter. Big Brother says, "Don't put it off. Do it now." Big Brother is watching.

Here are 8 candidates. Vote for 5.

TRUMAN E. ANDERSON, JR. (Denver, CO), BRS member since 1975. Oilman/philosophy lover. Majored in philosophy at U/Minnesota; now in his forties, a part-time graduate student in philosophy at U/Colorado. "I doubt that I would have acquired so great an interest in philosophy without Bertrand Russell." Married, 3 children.; oil business executive.

IRVING H. ANELLIS (Ames, IA), Assistant Editor of "Philosophia Mathematica", and former Research Associate in History of Mathematics, Bertrand Russell Editorial Project, McMaster University. Ph.D. in Philosophy. Member, Russell Society Library Committee. Author of many published articles on Russell and mathematics. For more, see (28)

ADAM PAUL BANNER (Ann Arbor, MI), Chairman, BRS Int'l Development Committee; former BRS Director; BRS member since 1979; degree in Physics and Chemistry from U/Evansville; carbon & graphite chemist. A volunteer, helping develop a chemical transportation toxic spill program for local county authority. Active in MARS (military amateur radio service), tornado watch, etc. Exec. Director, Int'l Appropriate Technology Ass'n, based at U/Michigan, Ann Arbor. For more, see (14).

JACQUELINE BERTHON-PAYON (Claremont, CA), currently a Director, member since 1978, former Vice-President, former Co-Chairman, Membership Committee. An "instant convert" to BR upon reading The Will To Doubt; and has since given away great numbers of Bertrand Russell's Best (Egner, ed.).