

RUSSELL SOCIETY NEWS

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ANNUAL MEETING

- (2) 1980 Annual Meeting will be held June 20 (8 PM) to June 22 (noon) at the Center for Continuing Education (of the University of Chicago) 1307 East 60th Street, Chicago, IL 60637. For lodging (at \$34 single, \$38 double, per night), write directly to the Center. For lodging at \$10 per night, write International House, 1414 East 59th Street, Chicago, IL 60637. A 4-page memo providing complete details was mailed (First Class) to all members on April 5th. If you have questions, write or phone Don Jackanicz, PO Box 1727, Chicago, IL 60690; (312)286-0676.
- (3a) 7 BR films to be shown at the June meeting. See (27) for a listing of the 7.
- (3b) Footnote on whiskey. Let DON JACKANICZ tell it in his own words:

Several members have asked whether it is possible to locate Red Hackle Blended Scotch Whiskey in the USA or Canada, and whether we will have an ample supply of it for our June Red Hackle Hour. I am pleased to report that Russell's favorite brand is still being produced, is available for retail sale here and there, and will be present at our Annual Meeting in plentiful supply.

In my attempt to locate Red Hackle, I was referred to BRS Newsletter (now Russell Society News) 11-29 and 12-41. These references listed wholesalers and retailers who handled Red Hackle. I wrote to some of them, and to Hepburn & Ross, Ltd., of Glasgow, Red Hackle's distiller, which finally led me to Armanetti's Liquor Stores of Chicago. I visited the one at 7324 N. Western Avenue (Chicago, IL 60645) and had a pleasant talk with Mr. Max Ponder, its manager. He plays racquetball with Saul Bellow, told me many things about the liquor business, and knew quite a bit about Red Hackle, though he was not aware of Russell's preference for it or, for that matter, of Russell. In a second conversation with Mr. Ponder, I found that he had looked up Russell and had been impressed by the fact that Russell, like his friend Bellow, had received the Nobel Prize for Literature. I have invited him to our meeting, and he may come, at least to our Red Hackle Hour.

Alcoholic beverages cannot be shipped across state lines. But anyone coming to Chicago this June, who has been seeking a source of Red Hackle, can acquire as much as he wants at Armanetti's.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

- (4) Chairman Peter G. Cranford reports:

As the number of members approaches the 300 mark, it seems that the Society is now solidly established and should continue indefinitely. Its growth, which on the surface seems slow, parallels that of the American Association of Practicing Psychologists, which grew very slowly at first, but which is strong and useful.

Since the founding of the BRS in 1974, we have functioned informally, and indeed with some violations of the charter. Since this involves a danger to our non-profit status, I have culled from the bylaws what needs to be done.

Among the duties which the charter requires the board to fulfill are: determine the place and time of the annual general meeting; notify the members of it at least 30 days in advance; draw up agendas; elect directors (by the members) by mail ballot; appoint committees and their chairmen; elect the 5 officers — chairman, president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary — for a period of one year.

- * The agenda is in the process of being drawn up. I will greatly appreciate suggestions from board members and the general membership.

BRS LIBRARY

(27) Films available from the BRS Library, as reported by Librarian Don Jackanicz:

The entire collection of films housed in the BRS Library will be presented at the June 20-22, 1980 Annual Meeting in Chicago. These include two new titles recently acquired thanks to contributions from several members. Each of these films is available for rental from the Library. The modest fee collected is earmarked for the future purchase of films. (Two CBS films from the 1950s may be our next purchases, but they must first be viewed to determine their exact content and visual quality.) Our seven films are:

1. Bertrand Russell Discusses Philosophy.
2. Bertrand Russell Discusses Power.
3. Bertrand Russell Discusses Mankind's Future.
4. Bertrand Russell Discusses The Role of the Individual.
5. Bertrand Russell Discusses Happiness.

-----No. 1-5 are black and white, 16 mm., 13½ minutes in length each. A transcript for each can be found in the book Bertrand Russell Speaks his Mind (Cleveland: World Publishing Co., 1960). Rental cost: \$10.00 per film plus a refundable \$50.00 deposit per film.

6. Bertrand Russell.

-----No. 6 is black and white, 16 mm., 30 minutes in length. A transcript is available in "A Life of Disagreement", Atlantic Monthly, v. 190, August 1952, pp. 51-54. This is a general interview dealing with autobiographical, philosophical, and political topics. Rental cost: \$20.00 plus a refundable \$50.00 deposit.

7. The Life and Times of Bertrand Russell.

-----No. 7 is black and white, 16 mm., 40 minutes in length. This film was produced by the BBC as part of the 90th birthday celebration for Russell in 1962. A documentary, it uses a biographical format which, for better or worse, concentrates on the threat of nuclear war and Russell's work to prevent such folly. Included are interviews with Russell and several prominent British intellectuals.

To order a film or films write to Don Jackanicz, BRS Library, 3802 N. Kenneth Ave., Chicago, IL 60641 stating the title or titles desired and about how long it or they will be kept. Full payment must be made after which the film or films will be shipped via U. S. Mail or United Parcel Service. The renter must pay postage (and for U. S. Mail shipment insurance) both ways--the Chicago to renter postage will be recovered by withholding an equal amount from the deposit which will be refunded upon receipt of the returned film or films.

CONTRIBUTIONS

(28) We need contributions from more members! Please remember that dues do not cover our operating costs. Contributions make up the deficit. Contribute what you can when you can. Send a contribution c/o the newsletter, RD 1, Box 409, Coopersburg, PA 18036.

(29) We thank JOHN TOBIN for his contribution, and PETER CRANFORD and KATHY FJERMEDAL for their continuing, regular, monthly contributions.

RECRUITING

(30) Know any potential members? From time to time members send us names of people they know who might be interested