Update

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THE NEXT ISSUE of the Newsletter will be coming out in April. Announcements, articles, etc. should be sent to Monica Clyde, 1940 Cortereal Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611 no later than March 25. Send items for Membership News to Kathleen Casey, 1130 Delaware Street, Berkeley, CA 94702.

"BROWN BAG" LUNCHES AT THE HOOVER INSTITUTION

Inspired by the success of the Bancroft Readers Roundtable at UC Berkeley, Agnes Peterson has initiated a series of monthly lunchtime meetings at the Hoover Institution on the Stanford campus. So far there have been two well-attended sessions-- John Stephan, of the University of Hawaii, speaking on his experiences in writing and researching "The Russian Fascists" and "Hawaii Under the Rising Sun" and Institute member Anthony D'Agostino, of San Francisco State University, speaking on his use of sources for the study of Soviet succession struggles from Lenin to Gorbachev. The next meeting features Mary Ann Casey, a National Fellows Program Associate from the State Department, speaking on "American Interests in the Middle East." It is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, from 12 to 1 o'clock in room 205 in the Herbert Hoover Memorial Building. You are invited to attend, to bring guests, and to bring your brown bag lunch. If you would like to be on the mailing list to receive regular announcements of these meetings, contact Agnes Peterson at the Hoover Institution Archives, (415) 725-3595.

UC BERKELEY HISTORY DEPARTMENT COLLOQUIA are held on Wednesday afternoons at 4 p.m. in 3205 Dwinelle Hall, unless otherwise indicated. Speakers and topics for the next two months are: February 25, Lois Helmbold, UC Berkeley Women's Studies, "Downward Mobility of Black and White Working-Class Women During the Great Depression"; March 4, Walter Nugent, University of Notre Dame, "The Peopling of the West Since the End of the Frontier"; March 5 (Thursday), B.H. Warmington, University of Bristol, "Pagan Views of Constantine," location to be announced; March 11, Joe Boskin, Boston University, "Contemporary American Folk Humor"; March 12 (Thursday), Heikki Solin, University of Helsinki, "Republican Capua," location to be announced; March 18, Jan Vansina, University of Wisconsin, "Political History in the Rain Forest, 14th to 19th Centuries"; March 31 (Tuesday), L.P. Curtis, Brown University, "Social Mobility in Irish County Society, 1850-1920: Images and Realities"; April 1, Ross Miller, Trinity College, "Reconstruction and Resurrection: Two Versions of the Chicago Fire"; April 22, Richard Kagin, Johns Hopkins University, "Lucretia's Dreams: Politics and Prophesy at the Court of Philip II." For further information, phone (415) 642-0016.

THE BALCH INSTITUTE FOR ETHNIC STUDIES announces the establishment of its own press and also a prize for the best manuscript submitted each year. The Balch Institute is soliciting manuscripts for publication in three areas: 1) scholarly monographs on any aspect of immigration or ethnicity in America; 2)

general histories of each and every ethnic group in the United States; 3) collections of essays presented at scholarly conferences on the subject of immigration and ethnicity. All suitable manuscripts will be evaluated by an editorial board and outside readers and, if accepted, will be published in conjunction with Associated University Presses of Cranbrook, New Jersey. A $1,000 prize will be awarded for the best manuscript published each year. Address inquiries to: M. Mark Stolarik, Director, The Balch Institute Press, 18 South 7th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

A TRAVELING EXHIBITION, "Wobbly: 80 Years of Rebel Art," on display at the Labor Archives and Research Center, 480 Winston Drive, San Francisco (San Francisco State University) through February, 1987, features original cartoons and graphics of artists who have contributed to publications of the Industrial Workers of the World. Also on display will be a 1907 I.W.W. charter of an Italian North Beach Bakery recently donated to the Labor Archives by labor historian Archie Green. The charter, signed by Vincent "the Saint" St. John, may be the oldest of its kind still in existence, since most I.W.W. material prior to World War I was confiscated or destroyed by the Federal Government during the infamous Palmer Raids. For further information call (415) 564-4010.

AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME-- One of our farther-flung members, Roger P. Davis, who lives and teaches in Kearney, Nebraska, finds it frustrating to read about Institute meetings which he is unable to attend and misses the opportunity for interchange with Institute members in his field of Latin American history. He suggests that members who cannot attend meetings might write to the presenters and request copies of abstracts or texts, paying a nominal charge for photocopying and postage. The membership roster is prepared in order to facilitate communication among members, and this is as good an opportunity as any to exhort you to use it-- to exchange written materials, establish ongoing interchanges, make queries, etc. An updated roster will be available to dues-paying members at the annual meeting on February 21, and will be mailed to those who cannot attend the meeting. If you have paid your 1987 dues but have not received your roster by the end of March, please let us know.

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