

QUICK! . . . MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!

. . . for the April meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association and the Western Social Science Association! TIME IS SHORT especially for the PSA meetings at the Red Lion Inn (near the airport) in San Jose, California, April 7 - 10, 1983, but you really should go for at least part of the time, especially all you West Coast SSSML members! For the first time this year, PSA has gone to a Thursday-to-Sunday-noon schedule (with the actual sessions starting on Friday morning), in place of the traditional Wednesday-to-Saturday noon schedule, in hopes that more people can get there during a week-end period. There will be the usual array of topics covered at the PSA meetings this year, including four (4) sessions on the Sociology of Religion!: (1) The Sociology of New Religions (chaired by SSSML member Jim Richardson), and (2) The Sociology of Religion (both on Friday morning); plus (3)—New Forms of Religious Consciousness, on Friday afternoon, and (4) The Sociology of Mormon Life early on Saturday morning. That last session will be chaired by SSSML President Jim Duke, and Phillip Kunz (also of BYU) will be the Discussant. The four papers will be presented by Marie Cornwall, University of Minnesota ("Women and the Church: An Organizational Analysis"); Stan Albrecht and Tim Heaton, both of BYU ("Higher Education and Religion: Impacts on Participation and Belief"); John Heeren, Donald Lindsey, and Marylee Mason, California State College - San Bernardino ("The Mormon Notion of Mother in Heaven: A Sociological Account"); and John Pottenger, Political Science, California State University - Long Beach ("On the Possibility of an Autonomous Church"). Y'ALL COME!

The WSSA will hold its Spring meetings a little later and a little farther inland, so all you MT. STATES SSSML members take special note: Hilton Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 27 - 30, 1983. Chairing the session on the sociology of Mormons will be John Seggar (BYU). The four papers will be as follows: (1) James Duke, Barry Johnson (BYU), and Cyril Figuerres (Church Correlation/ Evaluation), "The Influence of the Prior Social Networks of Converts on their Subsequent Religious Behavior"; (2) Arturo and Genevieve DeHoyos (BYU), "The Mormon Psychotherapist: Three Different Value Orientations"; (3) Stan Albrecht and Howard Bahr (BYU), "Patterns of Religious Disaffiliation: A Study of Lifelong Mormons, Mormon Converts, and Former Mormons"; and (4) Robert Gray and Ted Smith (University of Utah), "Social Support and Depression among Women in the Mormon Community." Clearly the WSSA and PSA sessions this time contain some papers of solid scholarly quality, many of them based on new empirical data.

. . . . AND THEN WE HAVE OUR NATIONAL MEETING IN AUGUST

As usual, we will be meeting during the same period as the other major national sociological organizations: Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 27 - 30, and the American Sociological Association (ASA), August 31 - September 4, 1983, both in Renaissance Center, Detroit.

Again this year, we have been offered the hospitality of the SSSP, which means that this organization will provide us a room and time-slot free of charge, in hopes that we will elect to stay at its conventional hotel. This will be the WESTIN HOTEL in Detroit, where we will be holding our official annual meeting during the afternoon of Tuesday, August 30th. The SSSP hotel almost always has a relatively good deal on rates, so we urge you to MAKE PLANS NOW to come to Detroit this August for the SSSP, SSSML, and ASA meetings. If you plan to come only for the ASA meetings, then COME A DAY EARLY so that you can be part of our SSSML program on the 30th. The theme of our program will be along the line of FUTURE CHALLENGES AND CHANGES IN THE MORMON CHURCH, and a very impressive panel of scholars is being assembled to address this theme. More information will be provided in subsequent Newsletters about the content and participants in this program, about the exact time and room, and about registration arrangements at the Westin Hotel. Meanwhile, stay tuned and plan to attend, especially you SSSML members who reside in the Midwest and Great Lakes area.

IT'S DEFINITE! WE HAVE OUR OWN ISSUE

. . . of a major journal in the sociology of religion: Negotiations have been concluded with the Editor of the REVIEW OF RELIGIOUS RESEARCH for our organization to "take over" an issue of that journal next year. Tentatively this will be the March, 1984, issue (25:3), though it may take us as long as the next issue (25:4), depending on how fast we can get the contributed papers refereed, revised, and resubmitted. Except for a few pages at the end reserved for regular RRR business and material, the entire issue will be devoted to articles, reviews, and research abstracts on Mormon topics, plus a comprehensive bibliography of the literature on Mormons from the social science disciplines. Though RRR has published articles on Mormon topics from time to time, including some yet to appear in an issue later this year, OUR issue will be the first one, of any of the scholarly social science journals, to appear under the auspices of SSSML and to be devoted entirely to Mormon topics. Representing SSSML as the co-editors of this special issue will be Rodney Stark and Armand Mauss, as announced earlier. This project promises not only to make an important contribution to the literature in itself, but also to provide some much-needed visibility to SSSML, for the journal (RRR) has a circulation of some 1,300 subscribers and libraries.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL TO UNDERSTAND, however, that this project will have JOINT AUSPICES, in the sense that the regular Editor and referees of the RRR must be satisfied that the material which we produce meets the usual editorial standards of that journal. Therefore, the review process will have two stages: (1) The special editors will put together a tentative collection of papers, based on their criteria (see below); some or all of those papers will doubtless require some revision, which will have to be done before the entire collection can be submitted to RRR; and then (2) The Editor of RRR will put all of the papers through the regular review process normally required by that journal. Only when both kinds of editors (and all the authors) are satisfied will the special issue go to press. This means that all interested parties MUST GET STARTED IMMEDIATELY. Therefore, this must be considered THE LAST CALL FOR PAPERS for the special 1984 issue of RRR. The DEADLINE for submission of any manuscripts will be May 1st. Send two copies, one each to Prof. Rodney Stark (Department of Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. 98195) and to Prof. Armand Mauss (Department of Sociology, Washington State University, Pullman, WA. 99164). SOME manuscripts have ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED OR PLEDGED: On hand are those from Marie Cornwall and from James Duke, et al. Pledged are those from C. Leroy Anderson and Larry Halford (co-authors), from Donald Bowers, from James Richardson, from Richard Schaefer, and from the

Shepherd brothers. Those five papers which have been pledged should now be submitted as quickly as possible. (If there have been other submissions or pledges already made, which are not acknowledged here, the co-editors apologetically ask that they be made again!) THERE HAVE BEEN NO MANUSCRIPTS ALREADY ACCEPTED for this special issue, and the "bidding" is still very much open. The more competition the better, since the main objective is a collection of papers of the highest possible quality.

To review the criteria and guidelines for this special issue of RRR: (1) Ideally, all papers intended as articles will have explicit and substantial theoretical frameworks and implications, and will be based upon adequate empirical data and research methodologies; non-empirical papers that make important theoretical contributions will also be carefully considered, but not preferred. Papers that are strictly empirical, or almost entirely so, without appreciable theoretical significance, will not be considered. (2) Research abstracts, however, are encouraged for submission by those whose work is still in progress, and/or strictly empirical in nature. These should not exceed 500 words in length and should focus mainly on the most important findings, and on the nature of the data on which these are based (if the abstract is about empirical work). (3) Book reviews are also encouraged, but before they are written they should be "cleared" through the co-editors to prevent duplicate submissions. (4) ANY AND ALL KINDS OF SUBMISSIONS should be received by the co-editors by MAY 1, 1983. During the month of May, the co-editors will review and select the papers, abstracts, and book reviews that will tentatively comprise the special issue, and they will also negotiate with authors over revisions, condensations, etc., that must be made before submission on the entire package to the Editor of RRR, on or near June 1st. (5) FINAL manuscript reviews, critiques, and revisions will all be carried on under the direction of the Editor of RRR during the summer, and the final copy for the March, 1984, issue will have to be finished by the end of September.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, we would like to call again for pledges of FINANCIAL SUPPORT for this scholarly enterprise. It is going to cost SSSML about \$3,000 to publish. We are going ahead at this point only because a few special donors (who will remain anonymous for the time being) have among themselves promised us about 2/3 of the needed amount. Pledges and contributions from the SSSML membership at large now total only about \$200.00. We hope that those who have not yet made their pledges will do so via the form on the last page of this Newsletter. Those who pledge at least \$5.00 before publication will receive their own copies of this special issue of RRR (which are not likely to be available in sufficient extra copies for purchase after publication). Pledges will be called in when we are sure that the issue is going to press (that is, probably in September), though we are grateful to the few SSSML members who sent us money instead of pledges after the last Newsletter!

AND SPEAKING OF MONEY

About a third of our total membership have yet to send in their 1983 DUES. The amount is only \$3.00 per year, most of which goes to produce these Newsletters. We trust all will understand that we cannot continue to publish and mail these without the support of everyone on the mailing list. For those among you who, according to our records, still owe your dues for 1983, a special notice has been enclosed here. (If our records have failed to give you proper credit, or are otherwise in error, please forgive and let us know right away!). WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, why not recruit a new member for us, and/or send in a gift membership for the same?

LAST CALL FOR BIBLIOGRAPHIES

As reported in earlier issues of this Newsletter, Armand Mauss is preparing a bibliographical essay on Mormons for the 1984 edition of the Annual Review of Sociology. A spin-off of that project will be the comprehensive bibliography to appear in the forthcoming special issue of RRR, discussed at length above. For both of these enterprises, Armand is anxious to give due coverage to the work of all members of SSSML, among other scholars. THEREFORE, he asks that you send him, as soon as possible (if you have not already done so), a COMPLETE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF YOUR OWN BOOKS AND ARTICLES on the Mormons. Additionally, wherever possible, he asks for REPRINTS of the articles. While the main focus in these bibliographical projects is on social-scientific pieces, the line is sometimes quite thin between social science, on the one hand, and history or the humanities, on the other; so it would be preferable from Armand's viewpoint to let him draw that line and make the selections from among each scholar's work. "When in doubt, ship it out" (to A. L. Mauss, Dept. of Sociology, Washington State University, Pullman, WA. 99164). HURRY!

NEWS OF MEMBERS

From the recent calls for membership renewals and news (which went out with the last issue of this Newsletter), we have heard from some new and renewing members - in some cases a lot and in other cases very little. Here is the latest by way of new members and news from members of longer standing:

JON P. ALSTON (Texas A & M) reminds us that he is still studying conversion and membership growth among the Mormons.

C. LEROY ANDERSON (University of Montana), author of a recent book on the schismatic Morrisites, is continuing his work on the processes of conflict and schism in Mormonism.

LEONARD J. ARRINGTON (Salt Lake City and BYU), historian laureate of the Mormon movement, continues to turn out interdisciplinary work (history, sociology, economics) at an astonishing rate. He has just finished the manuscript for the first definitive, scholarly biography of Brigham Young.

DONALD W. BOWERS (California State College - Stanislaus) is preparing a paper on Mormon fertility and family size in Utah vs. non-Utah areas.

MARIE CORNWALL, who is finishing her Ph.D. dissertation for the University of Minnesota while working in the LDS Church Correlation/Evaluation Office, is immersed in research on Mormons, including such topics as the measurement of religiosity and of major determinants thereof; organizational processes and constraints within the Church; women and the Church; and other current Mormon-related issues.

GISELA DEMHARTER (Munich, Germany) has just finished her Master's degree in sociology at the University of Munich and is a candidate there for the Ph.D. in American Studies. Depending upon the outcome of a scholarship application, she will be doing her dissertation on socialization among Canadian Mormons, or perhaps among German Mormons. She is interested in various aspects of contemporary Mormon life, especially family, youth, and women. How nice to have another European

connection!

LINDA EBMEIER (University of Aberdeen, Scotland) is our "European connection" from last year, who has recently renewed her membership in SSSML, with a continuing interest especially in Mormon women and in the Church as an organization. (It appears that Linda Ebmeier and Marie Cornwall should be in contact, if they are not already!)

HOWARD FORSYTH (San Antonio, Texas) is a new member engaged in research on women and feminism among the Mormons, and on the Mormons of Alberta, Canada.

LA VELL GOLD-ENGLE is a new member in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from whom we hope to hear more.

KRISTEN GOODMAN (Bennion, Utah) is a renewing member with interests in Mormon women and demographics.

LARRY J. HALFORD (Washburn University) is continuing his collaboration with LeRoy Anderson on conflict and schism among the Mormons, with particular focus on the applicability of the Simmel-Merton proposition on conflict intensity.

REUBEN HILL (University of Minnesota) is, of course, an internationally prominent family sociologist, who includes among his interests the Mormon family.

DUANE JEFFREY (BYU) is a biological scientist perhaps best known among us for his work on the controversy over the theory of evolution in Mormon history.

JEFFERY O. JOHNSON (Salt Lake City) is a historian of things Mormon with special attention to the life of single men in the Mormon setting.

JERRY C. JOLLEY (Lewis-Clark State College, Lewiston, Idaho) has just published an article in *BYU Studies* (22:4): "The Sting of the Wasp, Early Nauvoo Newspaper . . ."

BRUCE R. JOSEPHSON (Chicago) is an anthropologist interested in Mormon myth. He recently completed a Master's paper at the University of Chicago on the Atonement as a symbol among the Mormons, a structural analysis based on data from 12 informants.

DEAN R. LOUDER (Laval University, Quebec City) is a geographer writing a history of the Mormon branch in his city. He is co-editor of two very recent publications: *This Remarkable Continent: An Atlas of North American Society and Culture* (1982) and *Du continent perdu a l'archipel retrouve: le Quebec et l'Amerique francaise* (1983).

CAROLYN S. MILLIGAN (Salt Lake City) joined us during 1982 and has recently renewed her membership. We hope she will let us know more about her and her interests.

JEAN-PAUL MONTMINY (Laval University, Quebec City) is a sociologist involved with a research project on the daily religious life of the Quebecois.

EVAN T. PETERSON (BYU), one of our long-termers, is working on a longitudinal 20-year study of the Mormon family and the aging process.

JOHN R. POTTENGER (California State University - Long Beach) is a political scientist currently engaged in theoretical work on the philosophy of "liberation theology" in Latin America. He is also interested in early Mormon philosophers and theologians, especially in Joseph Smith's social theology.

LEONEL DE SA'MAIA (Sal Paulo, Brazil) is a new member about whom we hope to hear more.

RICHARD T. SCHAEFER (Western Illinois University) is President of the Illinois Sociological Association and has recently become an assistant dean in his College of Arts and Sciences. His most recent publication is Sociology, a new 1983 introductory textbook with the McGraw-Hill Company. He has also completed a paper on trends in student attitudes among the Mormons.

CLAUDIA SITTER (Munich, Germany) is another welcome new member from Europe specializing in American Studies, with an interest in Mormonism as the American religion. (We assume she is a colleague of Gisela Demharter.)

WARREN C. VAN PELT (Provo, Utah), whose archaeological work was mentioned in the last issue of this Newsletter, has renewed his membership and assures us that he is still at work both on the home site in "Old Goshen", Utah, and on his paper dealing with the Joseph Smith, Sr., cabin site in Palmyra.

FINALLY, all readers are urged to review the last several issues of this Newsletter, which together have given pretty good coverage to most of the members of SSSML and their interests. Anyone wishing to make contacts with any of these other members can obtain complete addresses by writing to the SSSML Secretary-Treasurer, Rosemary Bahr, Department of Sociology, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah 84602. THAT'S ALL FOR NOW.

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