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II. RESEARCH NOTES

Louis Attinasi (Higher and Adult Education, Arizona State Univ.) is carrying on research on the history of the place of anthropology in the American undergraduate curriculum.

Wilfrid C. Bailey (Anthropology, Univ. of Georgia) is working on a history of textbooks for introductory anthropology published in the United States.

Burton Benedict (Anthropology, Univ. of Cal., Berkeley) is currently working on an exhibit on the Panama Pacific International Exposition of 1915 for the Lowie Museum.

Douglas Cole (History, Simon Fraser Univ.) is finishing a manuscript on the history of Northwest Coast anthropological artifact collecting. When that is completed, he will turn to a study of the early life and career of Franz Boas, focusing especially upon the German background and influences.

Patrick Danaher (St. Mark's College, James Cook Univ., Queensland, Australia) is collecting materials for a biography of A. R. Radcliffe-Brown.

Ralph Dexter (Zoology, Kent State Univ.) is developing an article entitled "Contributions of Frank G. Speck (1881-1950) to Ethnobiology."

Douglas Givens (Behavioral Sciences, St. Louis Community College at Meremac), is working on a doctoral dissertation in anthropology at Washington University, St. Louis, entitled "Alfred Vincent Kidder's Impact and Contributions to American Archaeology."

Joy Harvey (History of Science, Harvard), is working on a doctoral dissertation on the "Société d'Anthropologie de Paris."

Janet Hermans (3311 Rittenhouse St., S.W., Washington, D.C.) is working on the development of official and unofficial policies toward the Basarwa or San of Botswana (formerly called Bushmen).

Dell Hymes (Education, Univ. of Pennsylvania) is planning a collection of essays on the history of linguistic anthropology.

Benjamin Kilborne (164 Moore St., Princeton, N.J.) has been working on theories of language and society in the writings of De Gerando and other members of the Société des Observateurs de l'Homme.

Nandani Lynton-Grotz (Anthropology, Cornell Univ., currently in Germany at Draechslstrasse 1, 8000 Muenchen 90) is doing a doctoral dissertation testing the applicability of Kuhn's theory of paradigm building (as amended by Hymes to "cynosure" or focus) to the history of anthropology, using the development of Indic studies by the early German Romanticists as a case study.

Andrew and Harriet Lyons (Wilfrid Laurier Univ.) are doing a study of anthropologists' notions and observations on the sexuality of "primitives."

Joan Mark (Peabody Museum, Harvard Univ.) is working on a biography of Alice C. Fletcher (1838-1923).

David J. Meltzer (Anthropology, Univ. of Washington) has been awarded a predoctoral fellowship at the Smithsonian Institution for research on the development of Early Man studies.

Michael M. Sokal (Humanities, Worcester Polytechnic Institute) is preparing a monograph on American Mental Testing in the nineteenth century, for which he is examining the studies of physical anthropologists relating physical traits to psychological characteristics.

BIBLIOGRAPHICA ARCANA

I. THE HISTORY OF ANTHROPOLOGY IN FRANCE

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[These remarks, originally prepared as a preliminary paper for the symposium to be held in November, are presented here in slightly revised form because of their general interest to historians of anthropology elsewhere. Full responsibility for errors introduced in translation is assumed by G.W.S.]

The first conference of the French Association of Anthropologists (founded in 1979 and known by the acronym AFA), which will be held in Paris November 19-21, 1981, will include among its fifteen topics that of the history of anthropology. (The term "anthropology" is understood here in the broad sense--contrary to one prior French tradition--as including ethnology, as well as prehistory and biological anthropology.) The preliminary abbreviated schedule is put forth in this perspective: the goal is to evaluate what has been accomplished so far in this relatively dispersed domain, to pose current problems and to open debate. A more thorough resume with fuller information will be given at the opening of the conference.

1. The Present Situation

Large-scale studies in the domain of the history of anthropology are relatively few in France. There are two pocket books (Mercier, Poirier), and overview in the Encyclopedie de la Pleiade (Poirier), Duchet's book on the philosophes, Lombard's on British anthropology, a translation of Lowie's History of Ethnology published by Payot, and M. Panoff's Ethnologie: le deuxieme souffle, as well as several articles. A critical overview of the principal theoretical currents is to be found in one of the recent works of M. Auge. No book, to our knowledge, re-traces this history for France in particular. The situation thus contrasts