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GLEANINGS FROM ACADEMIC GATHERINGS

American Anthropological Association--The 91st meeting in San Francisco, December 2-6, included a session on "American Indians as Anthropologists" with papers on Louis Shotridge (M. Milburb, U. British Columbia), John Stands-in-Timber (M. Liberty, Trail End Museum), Edward Dozier (M. Norcini, U. Arizona), Dennis Parker (J. Levy, U. Arizona), J. N. B. Hewitt (E. Tooker, Temple), J. N. B. Hewitt (B. Rudes, Research Triangle Inst.), George Hunt (Judith

Berman, U. Penn.), James Murie (D. Parks, Indiana U.), Francis La Flesche (J. Koontz, Colorado-Boulder), Ella Deloria (R. De Mallie, Indiana U.), Parker MacKenzie (L. Watkins, Colorado C.), and a general overview by R. Darnell (Western Ontario). The session on "Museum Anthropology in California: 1889-1939," organized by Ira Jacknis and Margot Schevill of the Hearst Museum, included (among others) papers on Joseppa Dick, Roland Dixon, Isabel Kelly, A.L. Kroeber, Charles Lummis, C. Hart Merriam, and Lila M. O'Neal. The session on "Anthropology, Colonization and Decolonization," organized by Leslie Sponsel (Hawaii) also included several historical papers. There was a session on Margaret Mead organized by Dana Raphael (Human Lactation Center, Ltd.), as well as festschrift sessions for John Collier, Jr., Sylvia Forman, John Gomperz, Clark Howell, and a centenary session devoted to V. Gordon Childe. Also worth noting was a paper by Susan Parman (Cal. State, Fullerton), on "Occidentalism and the Study of Europe in Anthropological Discourse: American Anthropologist, 1888-1992."

Boas Symposia--Two recent symposia were held on the life and work of Franz Boas, one at Barnard College, the other in his birthplace, Minden, Germany. "Fifty Years Later: The Legacy of Franz Boas," held at Barnard on October 10, included papers by Douglas Cole (on Boas' education); Alice Kehoe (on evolutionism in American archeology); Regna Darnell (on text-based fieldwork); Judith Berman (on the Hunt/Boas relationship); George Stocking (on the Boasian and Tylorian paradigms); Dirk Obbink (on myth); Irving Goldman (on myth); Ira Jacknis (on the ethnographic object); Aldona Jonaitis (on Boas and art history). For information on the papers, contact Paula Rubel of the Barnard Department of Anthropology.

The Minden event consisted of evenings devoted to various topics: Boas as anti-evolutionist (W. Kummer, Univ. Bielefeld, Oct. 16); Boas as cultural anthropologist (J. Freese, Univ. Bielefeld, Oct. 30); Boas as scientist and patriot in two countries (D. Cole, Simon Fraser, Nov. 4); Boas as founder of anthropological linguistics (R. Schott, Univ. Munster, Nov. 11); Boas' research among the Inuit (L. Müller-Wille, McGill Univ., Dec. 15).

Canadian Anthropology and Linguistics--A symposium on "Writing Departmental Histories," organized by Richard Pope (Regina), was held on May 10th at the meetings of the Canadian anthropological society. Papers on various Canadian anthropology departments were given by Pope (Regina), S. P. Sharma (Saskatchewan), J. S. Matthinsson (Manitoba), J. H. Barkow (Dalhousie), W. Whittaker (UBC-Vancouver), K. Siecechowicz (Toronto), G. Dubreuil (Montreal), M.-A. Tremblay (Laval), and Regna Darnell (Western Ontario-London), who offered an historical overview. On August 11, at the meetings of the International Congress of Linguistics in Quebec City, there was a session on "The History of the Study of the Native Languages of Canada," organized by Konrad Koerner (U.

of Ottawa) at which Regna Darnell gave a paper on textbased grammars and ethnographic description and Marthe Faribault gave a paper on early missionary linguistics in New France.

Gordon Childe Centennial--a conference organized by the Prehistorical Society and the Institute of Archaeology was held in Australia on May 8-9, 1992 with talks by Bruce Trigger, Michael Rowlands, John Mulvaney, Leo Klejn, Kent Flannery, and Colin Renfrew. A report is contained in Past: Newsletter of the Prehistoric Society 13:12-13.

The History of European Anthropology--During the second biennial conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists in Prague, Aug.28-31, there was a workshop on this topic, organized by R. Jerábek, A.A. Roldán, and H. F. Vermeulen. In contrast to the first such workshop, organized by F. Estevez and A. Roldán at the EASA's Coimbra conference in 1990, where there were eight papers given to an audience of thirty people, at Prague there was an audience of forty for the eighteen papers given in two sessions. The first session included papers on 16th and 17th century European images of the world (J. Stagl); ethnographic description in early modern German travel accounts (M. Harbsmeier), Monboddo's views on men and apes (A. Barnard); the discovery of the whole of mankind (G. Geana); early German legal anthropology (H.-J. Hildebrandt); the work of A. Bastian (K.-P. Koepping); Nieboer on slavery (J. de Wolf); Malinowski's ethnographic method (A. A. Roldán); Malinowski and Witkiewicz (P. Skalnik); as well as a report on a film about Raymond Firth by R. Husmann. The second session included papers on the origins of ethnology and ethnography (H. Vermeulin); the development of Czech folklore (R. Jerábek), Swedish ethnology, folklore, and anthropology (T. Gerholm); Slovenian anthropology (Z. Smitek and B. Jezernik); Polish anthropology (Z. Jasiewicz); Jozef Obrebski (E. Nowicka); the influence of Spanish social anthropology in Mexico (E. H. García Valencia); historical anthropology in Germany (N. Bock); and the history of the anthropology of Europe (T. Schippers). Twenty-one of the scholars present at the Prague meeting established an EASA-Network on the History of European Anthropology, with the aim of organizing scholars into workshops and publications. The secretary of the network is Dr. Jan J. de Wolf (Department of Cultural Anthropology, University of Utrecht, P.O. Box 80.140, 3508 TC Utrecht, The Netherlands).

History of Anthropology in Germany. The results of the workshop organized by Han Vermeulin and Annemarie Fiedermutz on the history of ethnology which took place in Munich in October 1991 will shortly appear in conference volumes edited by M. S. Laubscher (Völkerkunde Tagun München 1991, Munich: Anacon-Verlag, Vol. 2).