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title; based in part on Benedict papers at Vassar College--W.C.S.]

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[Catalogue of recent Northwest coast exhibition that contains use-
ful history of A.M.N.H. collection of Northwest art--R.D.F.]

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American Anthropological Association, 78th Meeting, Cincinnati, November 
27-December 1, 1979. The meetings this year included four sessions relatin-
g to the history of anthropology, as well as a number of relevant indi-
vidual papers. The session on "Development of Anthropology: National and 
Conceptual Viewpoints" included papers by Norris Brock (University of 
North Carolina, Chapel Hill), "The Concept of the Humanities in Cultural 
Anthropology"; R. J. Duncan (Inter-American), "The Role of Puerto Rico 
in the Development of Anthropological Theory"; Elvin Hatch (University of 
California, Santa Barbara), "Ethical Relativism in American Anthropology"; 
John Johnsen (Utica), "Towards a Marxist Assessment of Historical Parti-
cularism"; Benson Saler (Brandeis), "Levy-Bruhl and Participation"; Stan 
Nilk (Lycoming), "Clifford Geertz and the History of Anthropology." The 
session on "Pioneers in Anthropology" included papers by Douglas Caulkins 
(Grinnell), "Eilert Sundt: Networks in Early Norwegian Ethnology"; Mary 
Druke (Newberry Library), "Eighteenth Century 'Fieldworkers' in Eastern 
North America"; Harvey Goldberg (Hebrew University, Jerusalem), "A Proto-
Anthropologist in North Africa"; Theresa M. Kelly (University of Texas, 
San Antonio), "Wordsworth, Geology, Evolution"; Frank Loveland (Gettysburg), 
"Stephen Peet (1831-1914) and the First American Anthropological Associa-
tion"; Donald Tunasonis (Norway), "Shirokogoroff's Influence on Ethos 
Theory." The "Margaret Mead Memorial" included papers by Miriam
Birdwhistell (Virginia), Dorothy Billings (Wichita State), Joan Campbell and Patricia Grinager (Wisconsin-Milwaukee). The two-part session on "Theoretical and Ethnographic Attention on Missionaries" included, among others, Thomas Biedelman (New York University), "Transcendental Romanticism versus Applied Pragmatism: Contradictions in the Self-Image and Behavior of Christian Missionaries in Nineteenth Century East Africa"; Elmer Miller (Temple), "Great Was the Company of the Preachers: the Word of Missionaries and the Word of Anthropologists"; Judith Shapiro (Bryn Mawr), "Ideologies of Catholic Missionary Practice in a Post-Colonial Era." Miscellaneous papers of historical interest included Karl Heider (South Carolina), "Pattern Theory"; Egon Renner (West Germany), "Cognitive Anthropology as an Anthropological Paradigm and the Paradigmatic Development in Cultural Anthropology"; Eugene Ruyle (California State University, Long Beach), "The Potlatch Myth: a Critical Essay on the Ethnographic Record"; Satya Sharma (Saskatchewan) "Cultural Relativism: a Benevolent Scientific Concept or a Status-Quo Maintenance Mechanism and a Potentially Exploitative Ideology?" Information is taken from the Abstracts of the 78th Annual Meeting and further inquiries would be best directed to the program chairman, Thomas Greaves at the University of Texas, San Antonio (G.W.S.).

American Studies Association, Seventh Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, September 27-30, 1979. Two papers of interest in the history of anthropology: "Gregory Bateson, Steps to an Ecology of Mind," by Jay Mechling (University of California, Davis) and "Clifford Geertz, the Interpretation of Cultures," by Karen Lysta (California State University, Fullerton), were given in a session organized by Mechling (R.E.B.).

American Society of Ethnohistory, Twenty-Seventh Meeting, Albany, New York, October 11-13, 1979. Three papers in three different sessions with a history of anthropology focus were those of: Robert E. Bieder (University of Illinois, Chicago Circle), "The Grand Order of the Iroquois: the Ethnographic Investigations of Isaac Hurd and Lewis Henry Morgan"; Jack A. Lucas (Central Connecticut State College), "Science, History, Philosophy: Old Themes Revisited through Austrian Ethnohistory"; and Paul Leser (University of Hartford), "Comments on Some Culture-historical Anthropologists," which dealt with the works of Ankermann, Struck, Baumann and G. A. Schmitz. There was also a session organized by Elisabeth Tooker (Temple University) on "A Half Century of Iroquoian Research" which included papers by William Sturtevant (Smithsonian Institution), Elisabeth Tooker, Wallace Chafe (University of California and Wellesley College), Hazel Hertzberg (Teacher's College, Columbia University), James Wright (National Museum of Man-Canada), and Bruce Trigger (McGill University) (R.E.B.).

XLIII International Congress of Americanists, Vancouver, August 11-17, 1979. Although most of the papers focused primarily upon historical and anthropological issues in the Americas, a few were relevant to the history of anthropology. A session devoted to the "Heritage of Conquest," included a paper by John Hawkins (Brigham Young University) entitled "Redfield's Culture Concept and Mesoamerican Research." In the Ethnohistory/History Section, there were two papers of special interest: one by Leonid A. H. Shur (Hebrew University, Jerusalem) entitled "Russian Unpublished Sources on the History and Ethnology of North-Western America

Fifth International Congress on the Enlightenment, Pisa, Italy, August 27 to September 2, 1979. There was a double session on "Anthropology and Linguistics," including papers by G. Barsanti (Florence), "L'uomo e le classificazioni: Aspetti del dibattito antropologico nelle scienze naturali tra Buffon e Lamarck"; C. Biondi (Parma), "L'immagine del nero nella letteratura francese dell'ultimo Settecento"; F. Crispini (Calabria), "Mostri e mostruosità: Un problema delle 'sciences de la vie' da Diderot a J. Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire"; S. Moravia (Florence), "La nascita della 'science de l'homme' nel secolo XVIII"; L. Sozzi (Turin), "Bougainville et les sauvages"; M. Staum (Calgary), "The Class of Moral and Political Sciences"; and Robert Wokler (Manchester), "The Ape Debates in Enlightenment Anthropology" (R.W.).

Social Science History Association, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November 1-4, 1979, included a session on "The Social Context of Anthropological Theory: Case Studies in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Britain," with papers by Henrika Kuklick (University of Pennsylvania), "The Savages Within and Without: Political Uses of British Anthropology, 1900-1945," and George Stocking (University of Chicago), "The Ulterior Motives of Victorian Social Evolutionism" (unfortunately, the latter is not available at this time for distribution--G.W.S.).