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SUBMISSIONS FOR NOTEBOOK/CARNET should be sent c/o Dr. Mark Leier, Labour /Le Travail, Department of History, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6. Please submit calls for papers at least five months before their deadlines.

LABOUR QUOTE (a new and irregular feature)

"IN THE GROUP STRUGGLE over the division of the joint product, labour utilizes the union with its two great weapons, the strike and the lockout; while capital utilizes the trust and the association, the weapons of which are the black-list, the lock-out, and the scab. The scab is by far the most formidable weapon of the three. ... But both warring groups have reserve weapons. ... The scab takes the place of the striker, who begins at once to wield a most powerful weapon, terrorism. His employers, the capitalists, draw their two remaining weapons, the political and judicial machinery of society. When the scab crumples up and is ready to go down before the fists, bricks, and bullets of the labour group, the capitalist group puts the police and soldiers into the field, and begins a general bombardment of injunctions."

-Jack London, "War of the Classes," 1905

CONFERENCES

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on Master and Servant in History will be held at York University, 11-13 April 1996. With an emphasis on developing an explicitly comparative approach to master and servant in history, the papers will describe the origins, enforcement, and impact of this contentious body of law. To register, contact, Ms. Christine Wright, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, York University, 4700 Keele St, North York, ON M3J 1P3, or cwright@yorku.ca

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THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST History Conference will take place 18-20 April 1996 at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon. The theme is Town and Country on the North Pacific Slope. More information may be obtained from the conference coordinator, Garry Schalliol, Washington State Historical Society, (206) 597-4226.

ISSUES TO LEARN from: the 28th annual conference of the Pacific Northwest Labour History Association will be held at Simon Fraser University, 24-26 May 1996. For more information, contact Ms. Joey Hartman, (604) 540-0245, fax (604) 278-5002.

THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY of the Pacific Northwest and the Canadian Studies Center, University of Washington-Seattle, are sponsoring a symposium titled "On Brotherly Terms: Canadian-American Relations West of the Rockies," 11-14 September 1996. Inquiries should be directed to The Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest, University of Washington, Seattle WA, 98195-3560, or cspn@u.washington.edu.

TRADE MARKS: COMMERCE, Culture, and Identity after NAFTA is the theme of the 32nd Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for American Studies. Sponsored by York University, the conference will be held at the Colony Hotel, Toronto, 18-20 October 1996. For more information contact Robert Adolph, Division of Humanities, 208 Vanier College, York University, 4700 Keele St, North York, ON M3J 1P3, or Adolph@YorkU.CA

LABOUR STUDIES

THE UNIVERSITY of Washington Center for Labor Studies is expanding its summer program into a full-fledged institute. The institute, to be held 17 June-17 July, features 2 intensive 5-credit courses organized around the theme "Labor and Democracy." The courses are open to advanced undergraduate and graduate students as well as to high school and college educators, and members of the community at large. Contact the Summer Institute Center for Labor Studies, Box 353560, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

PUBLICATIONS

THOUGH FRAUGHT WITH DELAYS, the Bibliography of BC Labour History, a 60+ plus catalogue of books, articles, theses, and labour newspapers, will be available shortly. For further information, contact Mark Leier, Department of History, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6, or leier@sfu.ca.

RECORDINGS

WEST COAST FOLKLORIST and musician Al Grierson has released a new CD, "Things That Have Never Added Up to Me." The acoustic CD, featuring original songs, comments on politics, love, war, and religion from an eclectic left perspective. It is available from Folkin' Eh! Records,4330 Highway 99 South, Ashland, OR 97520, \$15 US.

ORAL HISTORY

THE LABOUR ORAL HSITORY PROJECT has 75 cassettes of interviews with British labour activists. The subjects range from pacifism to Communism to the Green Party. Work is continuing, and those who wish to learn more or to help the Project in its goal to "enlarge, enrich, and restructure the history of the British labour movement" may reach it at 25 Forburg Road, London, UK N16 6HP.



