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ARCHIVES

IN SEPTEMBER 1989, the Laurentian University Faculty Association (LUFA) launched a strike that lasted 22 days, at that time the longest university faculty strike in Ontario. The strike received a great deal of support from important Sudbury unions, including the use of the Mine-Mill hall for strike headquarters. The main issues were money and grievance procedures and overall, the union was successful. The strike also played an important role in the university's internal politics, including the replacement of the president and other senior members of the administration. LUFA has organized and catalogued the records of the strike and produced a report that acts as a finding aid to the union records and private documents held by union members. The principal records have been deposited in the archives of the J.N. Desmarais Library of Laurentian University and permission for access may be obtained by writing the President, Laurentian University Faculty Association, Laurentian University, Sudbury, ON P3E 2C6.

A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BC labour history has been prepared by MA students at Simon Fraser University. The 60-page bibliography includes secondary sources from a range of journals, books, theses, and newspapers. Information on obtaining copies may be received from Mark Leier, at the *Notebook/Carnet* address noted above.

CALL FOR PAPERS

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE of the North American Labor History Conference invites proposals for panels and papers on the theme "Memory and the Re-telling of Working Class Lives" for the 1996 conference to be held 17-19 October at Wayne State University in Detroit. Sessions and papers that explore public and private memory in working class and labour history, including issues such as how workers remember, retell, celebrate, and sometimes repress memories of their personal and political lives; public labour history; workers' autobiographies, and the teaching of labour and working class history are particularly solicited. Please submit panel and paper proposals, including 1-2 page abstracts and cvs, by 1 MARCH 1996 to Elizabeth Faue, Coordinator, North American Labor History Conference, Department of History, 3094 Faculty/Administration Building, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, 48202. Telephone (313) 577-2525.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY at the University of Victoria is organizing an inter-disciplinary conference on relationships between environment and culture to help foster a meeting of social, political, and ecological analysis. Sessions will be organized around such themes as natural resource exploitation and use within indigenous, colonial, and industrial societies. The conference will be held from April 26-27, 1996. Organizers are Dr. Lorne Hammond and Dr. Richard Rajala, Environmental Cultures Conference, Department of History, University of Victoria, PO Box 3045, Victoria, BC V8W 3P4. Telephone: (604) 721-7382; fax: (604) 721-8772; e-mail: lhammond@sol.uvic.ca.

THE MINING HISTORY ASSOCIATION will hold its next annual meeting 7-9 JUNE 1996 in Rossland, BC. The program committee requests that potential presenters consider papers on mining in Canada, comparative studies of Canada and the US, and on innovation in technology. For more information contact Dr. Jay Fell, Department of History, University of Colorado at Denver, Campus Box 182, PO Box 173364, Denver, CO 80217-3364.

THE 1996 PACIFIC NORTHWEST Labor History Association conference will be held at Simon Fraser University in the summer, final dates to be announced later. While papers and sessions on any labour theme involving the Pacific Northwest are welcome, the program committee is particularly interested in papers that examine the past to help unionists and activists work for change in the present. Potential paper presenters should note that the conference is attended by academics and trade unionists and that papers should reflect this. For more information, contact Mark Leier, at the *Notebook/Carnet* address noted above.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

THE 1995 PACIFIC NORTHWEST Labor History Association Conference took place at the University of Oregon, Eugene, OR. The conference theme was "Labor and the Environment." Keynote addresses on this theme were given by John Bellamy Foster, Department of Sociology, Oregon State University, and William Robbins, Department of History, Oregon State University.

ON 26-28 MAY, the University of Northern British Columbia hosted a conference with the theme "New Directions in BC History." The panel on labour history included papers on BC labour historiography and Marxist history, the construction of masculinity in the One Big Union by Todd McCallum, and the role of the state in the International Woodworkers of America's first BC strike, that of Blubber Bay in 1937, by Andy Parnaby.