

Communications

We have received the *Information Bulletin of the Union of National Economic Associations in Japan*, No.14 1994. Page 85 of the Bulletin lists the Society for the History of Economic Thought, established in 1950 and which now has 817 members. The Society produces a Bulletin and a Newsletter.

1995 Essay Prize: The Association for Evolutionary Economics will award up to two \$1000 prizes for superior scholarly papers on any aspect of theoretical or applied Institutional Economics. Deadline: October 2, 1995. Send applications to Association for Evolutionary Economics, Department of Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68588-0479.

The Eighth History of Economic Thought Society of Australia Conference is to be held at the University of Queensland, 12-14 July 1995. Contact Bruce Littleboy or Peter Burn at the Department of Economics, University of Queensland.

In a letter (January 30, 1995) from D. Ekwurzel, Associate Editor, *Journal of Economic Literature*, it was stated that *HER* had been evaluated and accepted for inclusion in the electronic online and CD-ROM indexing and abstracting services of the American Economic Association (produced by JEL). An annotation of the journal will also appear in the New Journals section of the June 1995 issue of JEL.

David Colander, Department of Economics, Middlebury College (Middlebury, VT 05753) is organizing the jointly sponsored sessions of the History of Economics Society/American Economic Association for the January 1996 meetings

The 22nd annual meeting of the American History of Economics Society will be at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, June 2-5, 1995. Contact: James Henderson, Department of Economics, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN 46383. Email contact: JHENDERSON@EXODUS.VALPO.EDU

We have received an interesting paper on "Keynes and Quasi-Rent" from Professor Cheng-chung Lai, Department of Economics, National Tsing Hua University, Sinchu 30043, Taiwan. Those interested in this topic may wish to request a copy from the author.

A one day Workshop was held at the University of Wollongong on Friday 11 November 1994. The Workshop was co-sponsored by the Centre for the Study of the History of Economic Thought, University of Sydney. The theme was "Economics - Developments in the Discipline

and the Profession: Australia, USA and Japan". Speakers included Peter Groenewegen, Bob Coats and Kyoko Sheridan.

The Foundation for Economic Education and the Austrian Economics Program at New York University will present a week long "Austrian Economics seminar", July 9-14, 1995. Contact: Dr. Dodsworth, fax: (914) 591-8910

A new quarterly newsletter "The Review of Heterodox Economics" is available. Contact: Eric Nilsson, Department of Economics, California State University, San Bernardino, CA 92407.

An Academy Workshop on "Economics and Ethics" took place on 15-16th December 1994. It was organized by the Centre for the Study of the History of Economic Thought, University of Sydney. Speakers included R. Rowthorn, C.L. Ten, J. Shearmur, A.W. Coats and G. Brennan.

Phil O'Hara and his team continue to flood the internet with their Dictionary of Political Economy project. If you wish to join the cast of thousands engaged in this project contact Dr. P. O'Hara, School of Economics and Finance, Curtin University of Technology, GPO Box U 1987, Perth, W.A. 6001.

John Vint has recently taken over as editor of the British *History of Economic Thought Newsletter*. He is keen to receive any news items about the History of Economics in Australia. He can be contacted at the Department of Economics and Economic History, The Manchester Metropolitan University, Cavendish Street, Manchester M15 6BG. FAX: (0161) 247 6302

"Australian" Wins Nobel Prize in Economics! Professor John Harsanyi was joint-winner of the 1994 Nobel Prize for Economics. In 1950 John migrated to Australia and enrolled in an MA at the University of Sydney in 1951. Under the tutelage of Hermann Black, Harsanyi completed his Masters with an Economics major in two years. After graduation, he took up a position at the University of Queensland as an Economics lecturer. There he developed his interest in game theory. He later moved to Stanford University and University of California at Berkeley (*Source: University of Sydney Gazette, April 1995*).

Sandra Henderson, Manager, National Bibliographic Publications, National Library of Australia writes (2nd March 1995) that *HER* is included in the APAIS database.

Professor Sir Henry Phelps Brown M.B.E., F.B.A.

An Obituary Note

Henry Phelps Brown died in December 1994, at the age of 88. With his death we lose one of our last remaining connections with 'Keynes style', i.e. pre-econometric, statistical analysis. Phelps Brown concluded, in his Royal Economic Society Presidential Address, that "running regressions between time series is only likely to deceive" (1972, 6). Had economists followed the path of Keynes and Phelps Brown, rather than mechanical econometrics, how much embarrassment that would have saved!

Other obituaries will, no doubt, offer detailed reviews of the importance of his work. But in any assessment of his contribution, one aspect should not be overlooked. He was a very generous correspondent to distant nobodies, such as myself. On an obviously very old and malfunctioning typewriter, he would send detailed comments and suggestions that were invaluable (and not at all self-serving). I am pleased that he would have been able to read, in the last days of his life, my comments on the importance of his 1950s work, in the journal of the Society of which he had been a Vice-President for over three decades.

Robert Leeson

References

- Leeson, R. 1994, A.W.H. Phillips, Inflationary Expectations and the Operating Characteristics of the Macroeconomy, *Economic Journal*, 104, 427, November: 1420-1421.
Phelps Brown, E.H. 1972, The Underdevelopment of Economics, *Economic Journal*, March, 82.325: 1-10.

Corrections

A few typographical errors crept into M.E. Brady's article that appeared in No.21 Winter 1994. Here are the corrections:

p.35 The second square bracket should be after F(X)

p.38 line 4 - delete the last equals sign, replace with a minus sign and delete the + N

p.41 line 6 - there should be a w before the second last equals sign and a bracket before the w and after marginal cost.

p.41 equation 36 - should be a phi before (N)

p.41 equation 37 - should have a small w, not capital W; similarly with equation 38

p.43 line 12 of footnote 6 - the P after the first equals sign should be deleted

There will be a Post Keynesian Symposium on May 26. Contact William F. Mitchell, Department of Economics, The University of Newcastle, Callaghan, NSW 2308.
