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ESSAY
PROJECT

A reminder: the deadline for submission of entries in the 1978 John Dewey Essay Project on "John Dewey's Social and Political Philosophy" is 1 June 1978. Only matriculated graduate students are eligible to enter; essays are to be under 10,000 words. 1978 judges are Steven Cahn, University of Vermont; Martin Golding, Duke University; and Herbert Deane, Columbia University.

DEWEY
LETTERS

In an attempt to estimate the number of volumes that might be needed to publish a complete, definitive edition of the correspondence of John Dewey, a count of the number of pages--typed and handwritten--was recently made. Outside the John Dewey Papers in Special Collections (the largest single body of Dewey's letters), and counting *only* the Dewey side of all exchanges, we found almost 5,000 pages. With allowances for substantial annotation and editorial bridging, this would make some ten volumes of approximately 400 pages each. Including the letters in the John Dewey Papers would probably add at least ten more volumes.

DARE
THE
SCHOOL?

In response to a number of requests from persons who wanted to use it as a supplemental text and found it difficult (often impossible) to locate a copy, George Counts's controversial 1932 book *Dare the School Build a New Social Order?* is being published by the Southern Illinois University Press in paperback, with a new Introduction by Wayne J. Urban.

DANIEL
SOMMER
ROBINSON

A memorial service was held at the Church of the Reccessional at Forest Lawn Memorial-Park, Glendale, California, 1 December 1977 for Daniel Sommer Robinson, who died 29 November 1977. Professor Robinson, who published and reviewed widely in the field of philosophy, participated in lively exchanges with John Dewey in the *Journal of Philosophy* in 1916-1917 and 1923.

CHECKLIST
SECOND
EDITION

The second, enlarged edition of the *Checklist of Writings about John Dewey, 1887-1977*, ed. Jo Ann Boydston and Kathleen Poulos, will be available at \$15.00 from the Southern Illinois University Press, Carbondale, Illinois 62901. Fifty-five pages of new material gathered in the three years since the first edition are completely indexed by author and by title.

JUST
DISCOVERED

A new item in the Dewey bibliography (well, at least partially in the Dewey bibliography) has been found. It is the Introduction to *The Land of the Dead--Study of the Deportations from Eastern Germany*. New York: Committee against Mass Expulsion, 1947, 32 pp.

The three-page Introduction is signed by Roger N. Baldwin, Alfred Bingham, William Henry Chamberlin, George S. Counts, John Dewey, Christopher Emmet, Varian Fry, Dean Christian Gauss, Arthur Garfield Hays, John Haynes Holmes, H.V. Kaltenborn, The Rev. John LaFarge, S.J., Francis Neilson, Eustace Seligman, George N. Shaster, Norman Thomas, Dorothy Thompson, Oswald Garrison Villard, Robert J. Watt.

POLISH
REFERENCES
TO
DEWEY

Another newly discovered--and in fact newly published--work in Polish has apparently more than scattered references to John Dewey, A.S. Barnes, and Anzia Yeziarska. The material is at present being translated, so further details will have to await completion of that project. The 393-page book is a collection of essays by Aleksander G. Janta, published in Warsaw by Czytelnik in 1977.

DEWEY
AND HIS
CRITICS

In December 1977, a book of the major essays selected from those exchanged between Dewey and his "critics" in the *Journal of Philosophy*, was published by the *Journal*. Edited with an Introduction by Sidney Morgenbesser, the volume has 705 pages, and is available in both paper and cloth from the *Journal* office, 720 Philosophy Hall, Columbia University.

OTHER
RECENT
WORKS

Major works published on Dewey and his thought recently (in addition to *John Dewey and His Critics*) are:

Georges Dicker. *Dewey's Theory of Knowing*. Philadelphia: Science Center, 1976 (Philosophical Monographs Series, ed. Joseph P. Margolis).

Steven M. Cahn, ed. *New Studies in the Philosophy of John Dewey*. Hanover, N. H.: University Press of New England, 1977.

Victor Kestenbaum. *The Phenomenological Sense of John Dewey: Habit and Meaning*. New York: Humanities Press, 1977.

David Sidorsky, ed. *John Dewey: The Essential Writings*. New York: Harper and Row, Harper Torchbooks, 1977.

Rodman Webb. *The Presence of the Past: John Dewey and Alfred Schutz on the Genesis and Organization of Experience*. Gainesville: University Presses of Florida, 1976.

SEMINAR
SERIES ON
DEWEY

The Foundations of Education Department and the Social Foundations of Education Section at the University of Florida have announced a series of six presentations on Dewey in April and May, as follows:

26 April, Rodney Riegle, University of Alabama at Birmingham, "Dewey on Teacher Education"

3 May, Daniel DeNicola, Dean of Education, Rollins College, "The Liberal Arts and General Education: John Dewey and the Rollins College Curriculum Conference of 1931"

11 May, Victor Kestenbaum, Boston University, "Dewey and Phenomenology"

12 May, Jo Ann Boydston, Director, Center for Dewey Studies, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, "Needed Research and Opportunities in the Study of Dewey"

19 May, Wayne J. Urban, Acting Chairman, Foundations of Education, Georgia State University, "An Assessment of Revisionists' Critiques of Dewey"

31 May, Joan Smith, Iowa State University, "Philosophy and Educational Administration: Dewey as an Administrator"

JOHN DEWEY

LECTURE

The annual John Dewey Lecture was presented by Sidney Hook in February at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. The title of the projected book that will be developed from the lecture is "The Living, the Moribund, and the Problematic in the Philosophy of John Dewey." For the oral presentation, however, Professor Hook selected the simpler title, "John Dewey Reconsidered." A lively discussion followed the Lecture. The whole session has been recorded on tape and is available from the Dewey Center for the cost of the tape and the copying.

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