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FROM THE EDITOR

This edition of the Bulletin appears somewhat earlier than intended in order to inform the membership that another Annual General Meeting is scheduled for May 25, 1991. Some may ask why an AGM is necessary so soon after the Fourth meeting on October 13, 1990. The answer is simple. Paragraph 8 of our constitution requires that an AGM be held between May 1st and June 30th. Our last AGM, frankly speaking, was an oversight and the Board of Directors now hopes to set the record straight. The membership will be asked to approve an amendment to the Society's constitution which will allow greater flexibility in calling an AGM. To many of the members an autumn date appears preferable as it comes after the vacations of summer holidays, postings and changes of assignment. Details follow and your support for the changes is encouraged.

The seventh edition of the Bulletin appeared in February 1991. A number of our readers have written in to express their congratulations and complements concerning its format and content. This support is very much appreciated and is an encouragement for the future.

SOME HUMOUR

Most of us have endured annual performance appraisals, either as rating officers or as officers being rated. The following were culled from assessment reports prepared by senior officers of the U.S. State Department. They have certain echos in the Canadian service.

"His leadership is outstanding except for a lack of ability to get along with subordinates."

"He does not have any mental traits."

"Open to suggestions but never follows them."

"Never makes the same mistakes twice but seems to have made them all once."

"In any change in policy or procedure, he can be relied upon to produce the improbable hypothetical situation in which the new policy will not work."

"Is stable under pressure and is not influenced by superiors."

"Is keenly analytical and his highly developed mentality could best be utilized in the research and development field. He lacks common sense."

"Maintains good relationships unilaterally."

"Tends to create the impression of unpositive personality through needless and undiscerning gentility and softspokenness."

"Of average intelligence except for lack of judgement on one occasion in attempting to capture a rattlesnake, for which he was hospitalized."

"Sometimes gives the impression that she is not the best listener or that the supervisor's explanations last too long."

"On inconsequential matters his judgement is not always well weighed but on a major matter I believe he would

make a moderate well-thought-out decision."

"The best proof of his good judgement comes from the fact that I, as his supervisor, was awarded a meritorious service award."

"Fluency was his main difficulty."

"I find it hard to distinguish his easy-going manner from lethargy."

"Has a tendency towards picturesque styles. The rating officer has every confidence that his writing will evolve toward the neutral, colourless style which, for better or worse, is the Foreign Service norm."

"An aggressive young officer destined to go through life pushing his way through doors marked 'Pull'."

"Until called upon to write this officer's performance evaluation, I had not realized that he had been posted elsewhere for the last six months."

WHAT DO OUR MEMBERS WANT?

Our Membership Secretary has prepared a questionnaire which seeks the views of our members concerning potential contributions. You are encouraged to complete the questionnaire and return it to the Society's mailing address.

SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

The proceedings of the symposium on the Hungarian Refugee Movement which took place on April 28, 1991 have been completed and are being prepared for publication. It is intended to make these available to the membership.

The Society has also received a manuscript of Roger St. Vincent's account of the Ugandan Refugee Movement of 1972. These are being edited. Excerpts will appear in future editions of the ~~Bulletin~~. A complete version will also be made available to the membership at a future date. Roger also informs us that he is working on a more complete account of his career which we hope he will share with us.



ATTACHMENTS

The attached material provides information about the May 25th Annual General Meeting, a questionnaire to the membership, and a change of address for the membership.

**THIS CONCLUDES THIS
ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO
HEARING FROM YOU
WITH YOUR COMMENTS,
CONTRIBUTIONS AND
SUGGESTIONS.
REMEMBER !!! WE ARE
ALL PART OF THE
SOCIETY. IT CAN
FLOURISH ONLY
THROUGH THE
PARTICIPATION OF THE
WHOLE MEMBERSHIP.**



NOTICE

FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1991

9:30AM FOR 10:00AM

LOCATION:

CONFERENCE ROOM AND "CRUSH LOBBY"

LESTER B. PEARSON BUILDING

125 SUSSEX DRIVE, OTTAWA

AGENDA:

1. GREETINGS - ROBERT KEYSERLINGK, PRESIDENT
2. REPORTS - FROM THE PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS
3. GUEST SPEAKER - GERRY VAN KESSEL, EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION CANADA
4. OPEN FORUM
5. ELECTION OF A NEW PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
6. CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

NOTES:

- (a) The Society's constitution provides that each member in good standing may participate, in person or by proxy, in the A.G.M. election process. A proxy form is appended by which members may assign their proxy either to the current President or the Membership Secretary. These should be returned to the Society as soon as possible, but in any event to reach Ottawa no later than one week prior to the A.G.M.
 - (b) To ensure that the Board of Directors fully represents regional interests and membership, a partial slate of candidates from the Board will be presented on May 25th. John Hunter will be proposed as President. Bob Keyserlingk will remain on the Board as Past President. Acceptances as candidate members have been received from V. Ring, A. Troy, L. Lefave, T. Bording, W. Burton, B. Cheffens (Winnipeg), F. Crossman, A. Gunn, W.E. Sinclair, Krystyna Rudko, C. Hunter, R.J. Shalka and J.P. Leblanc (Halifax). Nominations will also be received from the floor. Members of the Society who are unable to attend the A.G.M. are requested to submit the names of any additional candidates of their choice to the Society, no later than one
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week prior to the A.G.M., or alternatively, to arrange with another member to make their nominations from the floor.

(c) It is proposed that Article 8 of the Society's constitution be amended to read as follows:

"The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held annually at a date to be determined by the Board of Directors and shall receive the reports of the Auditing Committee, and of the Executive Officers, and elect their successors. Meetings of the Executive Committee and general meetings of members will be held as prescribed in the by-laws or the rules and regulations of the Society."

The reason for this change is the the present requirement to hold an A.G.M. between May 1st and June 30th is not conducive to continuity of activity. In general, an autumn A.G.M. seems preferable.

(d) It is proposed that the references to "patron" membership in paragraph 4 of the constitution be removed.

(e) Coffee and refreshments will be served. To assist in our planning for refreshments, it would be appreciated if you would contact one of the persons noted below:

Viggi Ring - (613) 237-5699

Carri Hunter - (613) 952-9060 WK
(613) 832-4685 RES

Bob Shalka (613) 996-0135 WK
(613) 237-2865 RES



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QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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I would like to contribute to the Society's research efforts in one or more of the following ways (please indicate):

a. by writing an account of my experiences as an immigration official or as an immigrant
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b. by being interviewed by a volunteer who would tape my immigration experiences
.....;

c. by volunteering to conduct interviews as in (b);

d. by editing memoirs or the transcriptions (prepared by professional typists) of taped interviews
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e. by loaning or donating papers, photographs or other memorabilia to the Society (please indicate the nature of these items on another sheet of paper).

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f. by conducting research into immigration topics and preparing reports

g. by (please specify)
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PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE SOCIETY'S MAILING ADDRESS:

THE CANADIAN IMMIGRATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PO BOX 9502, TERMINAL "T"
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