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Preface

In this number, there is more bounty from the seven conferences held during the Polanyi centennial year ending last March. "Faith, Form and Meaning" is a report on the November 1991 United Kingdom centenary conference sponsored by Convivium. Jim Tiles' essay exploring the relation between John Dewey and Michael Polanyi's thought, was originally a paper delivered at the April 1991 Kent State conference. Sam Watson's piece on Polanyi and rhetorical studies is the third and final component of the articles published during the last year under the title "The Tacit Victory and the Unfinished Agenda." All such articles grew out of presentations on the relevance of Polanyi's thought to disciplinary developments by long-time Polanyi students at Kent State and at the November 1991 Polanyi Society centenary banquet in Kansas City. Richard Gelwick's "Michael Polanyi and the Philosophy of Medicine" was originally a contribution to the August 1991 Budapest conference of the Michael Polanyi Liberal Philosophical Association. Also you will find a copy of the remarks made by Nobel Laureate John C. Polanyi at the commemorative conference in Hungary. Certainly, the materials included in this issue suggest the range of interests that Polanyi scholars have.

Inside is information on the upcoming annual meeting of The Polanyi Society which is held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion. There were so many good paper proposals that David Rutledge arranged to schedule two sessions, one on the evening of November 20 and a second in the morning of November 21 at the San Francisco Hilton. Instructions on how to order papers are included.

Please notice the form in the back of the issue: it is time to renew memberships in The Polanyi Society. It is possible to publish *TAD* only if most of those on the mailing list actually support the enterprise with hard dollars. Expect to receive humorous but nagging, dunning notices by late Fall if you don't get a check off to General Coordinator Richard Gelwick. Notice also that the form includes a new blank asking for your electronic mail address. Some of the business of The Polanyi Society is now conducted by e-mail--it is the most economical way these days. Several folks have indicated some interest in setting up a "Polanyi list," i.e., an electronic address which INTERNET and BITNET users interested in Polanyi can employ to discuss matters related to Polanyi's thought. Undoubtedly, this may sound strange to those who are unfamiliar with the truly incredible electronic world emerging through INTERNET and BITNET. However, there already are scads of "interest group lists", including several in philosophy, that are vibrantly functioning. If you think you might be interested in using a "Polanyi list," write me a note (pmullins@vax1.umkc.edu). It is not certain that we can set up such a list, but, if there is sufficient interest, we will explore possibilities.

Phil Mullins

NEWS AND NOTES

Robin Hodgkin, Oxford, England has an article coming out in the *Oxford Review of Education* in their autumn issue “which attempts to marry Polanyian ideas (‘from-to’ integration, etc.) and the theory of multiple intelligences espoused by such persons as Howard Gardner and Julian Jaynes.” In 1980, **Jerry Gill** wrote about the bicameral mind and tacit knowledge. Hodgkin does not fully agree with Gill.

Walter Gulick, Eastern Montana College, has received a Fulbright Award for lecturing in Hungary at the Technical University of Budapest in 1993. Walter is the book review editor for *Tradition & Discovery*.

Andy Sanders, philosopher of religion in the faculty of theology at the University of Groningen, will be attending Polanyi Society meetings at the American Academy of Religion, Nov. 20-24 in San Francisco. In route, he is willing to speak to groups out of his rich portfolio of topics such as “Religious Belief, Knowledge and the Natural Sciences” and “Tacit Knowing: Between Modernism and Post-Modernism.” The Boston Theological Institute through its Faith and Science Exchange forum plans to arrange a lecture. Others may contact him at Aart van der Leeuwlaan 104, 9721 TJ GRONINGEN, The Netherlands. Telephone +31-50-267226;

FAX +31-50-636200. Here is a great opportunity to enrich your local program with an able and very English fluent philosopher and Polanyi scholar from the Netherlands.

Raymond Wilken, chief organizer of the centennial program at Kent State has been overwhelmed with additional teaching responsibilities due to austerity conditions in the university budget. He has, however, just submitted the set of plenary lectures there for editorial review for publication. **Phil Mullins**, **Richard Gelwick**, and **Charles McCoy** are working with him toward our goal of publishing them.

David Rutledge, Furman University, is the new Coordinator of Religious Studies for The Polanyi Society and has arranged for an expanded program at the American Academy of Religion meeting in San Francisco. The program as announced in this issue will begin on Friday evening at 7:30.

Paul Nagy, Indiana University, Indianapolis, and **Richard Gelwick** have been invited to be research members of a project developed by The Michael Polanyi Liberal Philosophical Association in Hungary. The project is under the sponsorship of the Central European University of Prague and of Budapest. It will focus on the significance and development of the liberal tradition in Eastern Europe.

Phil Mullins has arranged with The Philosophers Index for the specifically philosophical papers in *Tradition & Discovery* to be reported in their periodic index. More persons will become aware of our work through this major research resource.

Gabriella Ujlakia, Technical University of Budapest, and **Endre Nagy**, ELTE Institute of Sociology, were at the University of Chicago this summer completing their acquisition of copies of the Polanyi papers for The Michael Polanyi Liberal Philosophical Association in Hungary.

Above the word *LIBERAL* occurs several times in reference to the work of the Hungarians. For persons accustomed to thinking of *liberal* in the tradition of John Locke and of John Stuart Mill, we need to be aware that the Hungarians have a different tradition. They conceive of liberty in terms of a free pursuit of truth but guided strongly by the depth of tradition and of community. This difference from Anglo-American individualistic type of liberalism is one of their perspectives on Polanyi that they expect to explore in their research.

If you have things for *News and Notes*, please send them to my office listed on the inside page of the cover.

Richard Gelwick
General Coordinator

Upcoming Polanyi Society Meeting at the American Academy of Religion

November 20 and 21, 1992

Hilton Hotel
San Francisco, CA

As in earlier years, The Polanyi Society will have a meeting in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion which, in 1992, meets in San Francisco, California. This year there will be two sessions with papers, one in the evening (7:30-10 p.m.) on Friday, November 20, 1992 and a second session in the morning (9 a.m.-12 noon) Saturday, November 21, 1992. The AAR annual meeting begins in the afternoon of November 21. A Friday evening paper session was added this year because there were many good proposals for papers. Those who regularly attend the session on the opening day of the AAR meeting are encouraged to make travel plans which will allow you to be available for the Friday evening session also.

As in earlier Polanyi Society meetings, participants are encouraged to read papers before the session. Papers can be ordered from David Rutledge (Department of Religion, Furman University, Greenville, SC 29613) for \$5 for the set. Please order early; papers will be mailed in mid October.

Both sessions listed below are to be held in the Whitney Room of the San Francisco Hilton on Union Square.

Friday evening, November 20, 1992, 7:30 - 10:00 p.m.

“An Alternative Form of Theological Knowing” - Elizabeth Newman, Saint Mary’s
College

Respondent: Richard Gelwick, University of New England

“The Fallacy of Misplaced Semantics: Polanyi and Cognitive Science” - Robert
Paul Doede, Regent College

Respondent: Andy Sanders, University of Groningen

Saturday morning, November 21, 1992, 9 - 12 a.m.

“Polanyi’s Post-Critical Recovery of Truth as Correspondence” - Dale Cannon,
Western Oregon State College

Respondent: Mark Hendricks, Spring Arbor College

“Platonic, Polanyian, Post-Polanyian Dialectic” - Walter B. Mead, Illinois State
University

Respondent: Barbara Bennett Baumgarten, Santa Paula, CA

Business Session at 11:30 a.m.