Call For Papers
The Second North American Celtic Congress will be held August 6-20, 1989, at Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, under the auspices of the D'Arcy McGee Chair of Irish Studies. Proposals for papers on Celtic topics are invited. Send abstracts of 200-250 words to the 1989 North American Celtic Congress at Saint Mary's in Canada. B3H 3C3.

1989 IASAIL Conference
The 1989 IASAIL conference will be held in Debrecen, Hungary, from July 10-14, on the theme "Irish Letters — A Small Nation's Contribution to the Literary World." The chairperson of the conference will be Prof. István Pálfi, Louis Kossuth University, Dept. of English, H-4010, Debrecen 10, Hungary.

CAIS Conference
The 1989 Canadian Association for Irish Studies conference will be held on March 1-5 at St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick. The theme will be "Irish Culture: Urban and Rural Contexts." Among the distinguished speakers will be A. Norman Jeffares, Nell McCaffrey, novelist and publisher Dermot Bolger, Irish Senator John A. Murphy, and poet Paul Muldoon. There will be several music concerts and a production of Brian Friel's play The Faith Healer. Inquiries to Stewart Donovan, Conference Convenor, E3B SG3.

Committee Studies "Ulysses"
Jason Epstein, vice-president and editorial director of Random House, announced that a committee has been formed to study the much-disputed Hans Walter Gabler edition of Joyce's Ulysses: The Corrected Text, published in 1986. The edition has come under severe attack by scholars, primarily John Kidd, director of the new James Joyce Research Center at Boston University. Serving on the committee will be: Jo Ann Boydston, Southern Illinois University and chair of the Committee on Scholarly Editions of the Modern Language Association; Herbert Cahoon, curator of manuscripts, Pierpont Morgan Library; and Denis Donoghue, New York University.

Abbey's Spring Schedule
The Abbey Theatre in Dublin has announced a partial 1989 schedule: Jan. 30-March 4, Shaw's The Devil's Disciple; March 7-25, Synge's The Playboy of the Western World; April 3-29, Maxim Gorky's Lower Depths, version by Jeremy Brooks; May 8-27, Eugene McCabe's King of the Castle.

Bush's Royal Genes
Reagan's heralded flirtation with ancestry worship via Brian Boru naturally makes people wonder about President-elect Bush's origins. It turns out that he's descended from 15th-century monarchs of England and France. According to Prof. Lee Cronk of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Cincinnati: "Assuming that none of the links between Mr. Bush and his royal forebears have been broken because of misidentified paternity and that generations have averaged about 30 years, only .000119 percent of [Bush's] genome could have come from Charles II, only .003052 percent could be from Henry VII of England and Louis XII of France, and only .001526 percent could be from Henry VIII. The total royal percentage is just .004697." Reagan? According to Professor Cronk, "only about .00000029805 percent of Mr. Reagan's genetic makeup could have come from the High King."

Storefront Stages Cycle
In April 1989, the Storefront Theatre in Portland, Oregon, will stage in its entirety W.B. Yeats's Cuchulain Cycle. According to the press release, this will be the first time all five plays will receive professional production in the U.S. Between April 1-22, there will be least nineteen performances of the complete cycle.

In Memoriam
William V. Shannon
Ambassador to Ireland and ACIS Member

Joe Hill Lives
If you still dream you saw Joe Hill last night, maybe so. It was long thought that the ashes of martyred trade union leader Joe Hill were scattered to the four winds. It turns out, however, that some were kept in a sealed vial. On the 73rd anniversary of Hill's execution (November), the National Archives turned over the vial to the IWW's current chairman, Frederic Lee. Irish labor leader James Larkin gave the primary English-language oration at Joe Hill's funeral in Chicago.

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Regional Conference Papers

WESTERN

October 14-16, 1988, Santa Mary's College, Moraga, California


"George Russell's Celtic Revival: Irish Nationality," Frank A. Bolus, Univ. of Chicago.

"Paddy's Post Cards, Film Excerpts of the Irish Living in America," John Gleeson, Univ. of Wisconsin.

"Irish Writers and Modern Literary Theory," Mary Helen Thuerre, Indiana Univ.-Purdue Univ.


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"Images of Exile: The Ballad Tradition," Carol A. Berger, St. Louis Community College.

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NEW ENGLAND

October 7-8, 1988, Salem Regina College, Newport, Rhode Island


"Irish American Folklore in New England," Ellen Moore Quinn, Harvard Univ.


"Irish American Family History and Ancestral Records," Maureen Howard and A Good Confession by Elizabeth Sangra O'Connell, Univ. of Mass.-Boston.


"Emigrating to Tirnín-nóga: The Role of America in Mary Lavin's Fiction," Joseph Zezer, Univ. of Conn.


"The Role of the Mother in the Lawrence Strike of 1912," Casey Coburn, Bradford College.

"The Slangue of Cramond, Rhode Island," Rev. Jude McGinley, St. Aine's Church, County Clare.

"Ralph Waldo Emerson and the Irish," June Davidson, Deep River, Conn.


"James Jeffrey Roche, A Proper Bostonian Irishman," Thomas O'Grady, Univ. of Mass.-Boston.

NB: Connor P. Johnson elected President, Tom Morrisey retained as Secretary-Treasurer, as officers for next year. Theme conference topic for next year is "Ireland Since the 1960s."

MIDWEST

September 30 - October 1, 1988, University of Missouri-St. Louis


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FOLKS IN PHILADELPHIA: (Top, left to right), Jim Murphy, Lucy McDiarmid, Nicholas Greene. (Top right, left to right) Linda Rose, James MacKillop, Jim Rose. (Right, left to right) Ruth-Ann Harris, Anne Gallagher. Atlantic Regional Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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