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EDITORIAL NEWS AND VIEWS

COLLECTORS and their organisations do not always attract the whole hearted co-operation of academic institutions and museums. We are often seen as a body of men and women whose pursuit of acquisition is far greater than academic regard for the collected items; that our interests are superficial and our inclinations commercial. As members of the public we can enjoy all the courtesy and assistance of individual staff members but as an organised body to seek active co-operation has often been, in my personal experience, tantamount to an invitation of refusal.

Not so with The British Library (British Museum) Map Library.

Our 1984 London Symposium (which has been moved from June to September to coincide with the International Congress of BDA and the ABA Fair), will be organised in conjunction with this esteemed body. We can consider ourselves fortunate to have the backing of such an institution and group of individuals, who have already in the past shown their support for IMCoS. Plans for the 15th-17th September affair are already well under hand under the Chairmanship of Alan Bartlett. An exhibition of World Maps is planned and we have great hopes that

1984 will be the best attended fair to date. We feel that the arrangements are going to be such that every member will be able to justify a trip to London! Place the date in your Diary NOW: IMCoS London Symposium Map Fair & World-Map Exhibition 15th-17th September 1984.

Meanwhile the internationality of our Society will again manifest itself in a highly well organised Symposium that is being held in Nicosia, under the auspices of the Cyprus Association of Map Collectors. The programme for the 7th-8th April event is already finalised and details will be found elsewhere in the pages of this JOURNAL: we very much hope you can plan a trip — it is bound to be an interesting and entertaining weekend.

May I end, once more, with an appeal for more material for our journal? You will have noticed the increased pages and photography and we will be delighted to publish YOUR article and/or views on relevant subjects — with photographs! Please let me hear from you.

On behalf of IMCoS and its officers may I wish you all a prosperous and successful 1984!

YASHA BERESINER

REPORT: 1983 SYMPOSIUM, MAP FAIR AND EXHIBITION — Forum Hotel, London, 11th/12th June

by Malcolm Young

OUR President Rodney Shirley opened the 3rd Symposium by welcoming about 55 members and guests.

The talks given by our speakers have already been reported in an early edition of the JOURNAL. We were very pleased to have Günter Schilder with us; he gave an excellent instructive talk on the famous "Atlas Von der Heim" which was rightly described in the programme as a Dutch Cartographical monument of culture preserved in Vienna. The slides were of exceptional quality.

Günter Schilder's talk was followed by a talk by Gillian Hill. The subject chosen "Cartographical Curiosities" being the theme of the Map Fair and Exhibition.

After lunch we reassembled to listen to Peter Clark the Chief Map Research Officer of the Ministry of Defence; his topic "The growth of Military Map Making" was a subject that few of us had any detailed knowledge and all present found extremely interesting.

Our final speaker was David Smith who enlightened us as to how to start a map collection. He produced an unending supply of maps that were passed round the audience.

Finally our President asked the Speakers to form a "Panel of Experts". There were many questions and some interesting topics for discussion. At coffee and lunch we were able to renew acquaintances with our friends from overseas, also many new people, among them, Mrs Janet Green of the Washington Map Society, USA, and Mr David Worland of the Royal Australian Historical Society, Sydney, who has since become our representative in Australia.

We met for the evening for drinks and dinner in the Geneva Room. The large round tables seating 11 persons had been planned so that on every table we had a selected member of the committee as host, visitors from overseas, academics, dealers, members, and ladies.

Our President as host at the top table was with Mr R. V. Tooley as his chief guest. Our Guest Speaker was David Simpson invited by our Chairman. David Simpson previously with The British Amnesty International and for some years Director of ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) gave us an enjoyable few minutes on Captain Cook, then Dr Snow who was responsible for controlling cholera in the 19th century by use of maps to locate the London water pumps. David Simpson referred to the leader in *The Times* in the mid-19th century that declared "we must fight for freedom and be able to drink the water of the Thames even if it gives us cholera!" this he compared to the freedom argument for tobacco today.

At the end of the evening it was time to award the IMCoS-Tooley Award consisting of a silver salver and £100 index linked voucher for a map. This award was kindly donated by the firm of Tooley-Adams, London. The award, details of which have been published previously in our journal, is presented

to an individual who has in the opinion of the Selection Committee been responsible for the cartographical contribution of greatest merit and widest interest to map collectors world wide.

Mr R. V. Tooley presented the award to Mrs Valerie Scott for her work in connection with the *Map Collector* over the past 5 years, and those at the dinner warmly applauded the Selection Committee's choice.

The Chairman's Award originated by Malcolm Young to encourage members to write for the IMCoS JOURNAL was presented by the Chairman. He mentioned that although there had been some fine scholastic articles his committee had chosen to present the award to Mr David Webb for his two articles on Road Maps in May and Dec. 1981. David Webb the IMCoS photographer disentangled himself from his cameras surprised to find he was this year's winner.

The Chairman, Malcolm Young as co-ordinator of the week-end's events closed the evening which all had enjoyed with thanks to:—

Symposium Chairman — Rodney W. Shirley; Secretary — Stephen Luck; Dinner organiser — John R. Beech; Curiosities Exhibition, Press & P.R. — Raymond O'Shea; Dealer liaison — Jonathan Potter; Treasurer — Alan Bartlett; Advertising — Faith Ashwood; Secretarial and General Duties — Caroline Batchelor, Walter Valk, Raymond Eddy; Forum Hotel — Railton Elliot.

SUNDAY MAP FAIR, FORUM HOTEL

Activities began at 6.30 a.m. stands and tables being checked over by the co-ordinator of the Fair. Next on the scene were Mr & Mrs R. O'Shea with their magnificent collection of Cartographical Curiosities; after 3 hours their exhibition was ready for opening time. With 30 dealers from all over the world the Fair opened to the public promptly at 11 a.m. It was estimated by staff manning the IMCoS stand that over 500 programmes had been distributed to map collectors during the day. We were sorry that our Turkish representative F. Muktar Katircioglu had been involved in an accident and was unable to be with us. We were pleased to see Jaime Arnero and his son from Madrid, Werner Lernhardt from Amsterdam, Mr & Mrs Gunnar Skoog from Malmö, Sweden, Dr Tomasz Niewodmizanski from Germany among numerous members and visitors from overseas.

Collectors visiting were very impressed with the fine maps on display and all regarded the Fair as a great success.

The Map Fair and Exhibition for 1984 will be on 16th and 17th September at the Forum Hotel, and the Symposium in conjunction with the British Library will be on Saturday the 15th September; details will be published in later issues of the JOURNAL.

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"WRITINGS ABOUT MAPS"

by "COSIMO"

IN this issue, I quote two quite different items. Possibly the only, albeit tenuous connection, is that the first is concerned with potentially risky contacts with the East in the early 17th century, while the second deals with definite hazards involving maps in the nearer East of the present day.

In her "Rise of the Raj", Peggy Woodford described the stay of Sir Thomas Roe, ambassador of King James, at the court of Jahangir, Emperor of India. "Roe arrived in India in 1615 hoping to negotiate a treaty between the two sovereigns and spent three years there. Edward Terry wrote 'There can be no dealing with this king upon very sure terms, for he will say and unsay, promise and deny.'

Despite patient diplomacy, Roe did not achieve a full treaty, but he did gain permission for the East India Company to trade throughout India."

Roe, at one stage, presented Jahangir with a Mercator map showing India. "The Emperor . . . later returned the map, perhaps, says Roe's chaplain Terry, because it was too much of a shock to discover how much of the world remained for him to conquer." He was decidedly not amused!

The other item requires no comment. It is from *The Guardian* of 23rd March 1983:



India — from the Mercator map rejected by the Emperor Jehangir.

TURKEY MAKES MAP REFERENCES A CRIME

From David Barchard in Ankara

A globe in the Istanbul offices of the West German airline Lufthansa, has led to a demand for a three-year prison sentence for Mr Franz Reissig, the company's Istanbul deputy manager.

The out-dated globe showed the Black Sea separatist Greek state of Pontus which flourished briefly at the end of the First World War. It also contained a geographical reference to Kurdistan for the area now comprising eastern Turkey, northern Iraq, and western Iran. The globe was used as part of a publicity photograph for Lufthansa in the Istanbul Rotary Club magazine.

A reader spotted the offending words and reported the matter to the public prosecutor who has now started proceedings against Mr Reissig who was in charge of the office at the time.

"He is such an unlucky man" said a Lufthansa official. "No one can remember how long ago the globe was brought here or who did it. No one bothered until now."

The prosecution is especially sensitive as it raises the possibility of a confrontation between the military Government and the West German administration, which is one of its principal defenders in Europe.

There has been such a prosecution before and there would appear to be a general effort to obliterate the words Kurdistan and Pontus from the historical and geographical records.

Three years ago, the British publishers of a man of Roman Asia Minor were informed that the map (being printed in Britain) could only appear if Pontus and Armenia were deleted. The Turkish Government and its diplomats have been the targets for Armenian terrorist groups for 10 years.

Last summer, the Ankara museum's guide to the capital was withdrawn from publication and its printer briefly gaoled because the map of Hellenistic Asia Minor in it included the kingdom of Armenia.

A little earlier, two publishers who printed a map for a handbook for building contractors were prosecuted because they had copied the Times Historical Atlas. Place-names such as Armenia, Kurdistan, and Constantinople were latched on to by the rightwing press.

IRISH MAP HISTORY

A word of thanks is conveyed to Paul Ferguson of University College Dublin who has sent us, for our Library, a copy of his recently published booklet: *Irish map history: a select bibliography of secondary works, 1850-1983, on the history of cartography in Ireland.* (Dublin: Tenth International Conference on the History of Cartography, 1983. Pp vi + 26.) ISBN 0 9509040 0 7. Available from The Geography Department, University College, Belfield, Dublin 4. Price Ir £1.50, including postage. The book is now available from our own Library.

IMCoS ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. OUR FUTURE MEETINGS:

10th March 1984: Liverpool University

This is also our A.G.M. and we hope many of you will be able to attend the meeting where the well-known author A. G. Hodgkiss will give our members a lecture that promises to be fascinating.

We will meet at the Senior Common Room in the ROXBY Buildings at 10.15 a.m. for a 10.30 start. The event is being organised by Alan Hulme.

7th & 8th April 1984: Nicosia, CYPRUS

A holiday event that we feel many will wish to take advantage of. Please see the back cover for details and don't hesitate to book now — an English contingent will be travelling from London and we would be delighted to increase our numbers.

9th June 1984: York Minster Library

This event is in the capable hands of Clifford Stephenson and Heather Lawrence . . . please watch this space for further details but make a note in your Diary NOW!

15th to 17th September 1984: MAJOR SYMPOSIUM ON WORLD MAPS: THE BRITISH MUSEUM. By Alan Bartlett, 1984 Symposium Chairman.

Your Society is delighted to announce agreement in outline for a major symposium on World Maps, in collaboration with The British Library Map Library at the British Museum. This will be on Saturday, 15th September 1984, preceding the IMCoS Annual Dinner, and the Map Fair on the succeeding two days during which an exhibition of world maps will be staged.

Speakers are expected to include Dr Helen Wallis and Sarah Tyacke of the Map Library, Peter Barber of the Department of Manuscripts, and our President, Rodney Shirley, whose much awaited book on world maps will be published next year.

It is planned that, as part of the day's proceedings, visits will be conducted to the Map Library itself, to the British Library Reading Room, to view selected manuscript world maps and to the Map Gallery Exhibition.

The British Library Map Library will publicly restate its national and international role and its purchasing policy, will detail latest acquisitions and its research and other contributions to world cartography.

This symposium already promises to be one of the most important cartographic events of the coming year. Make a note now for your diaries:

SATURDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER 1984
THE BRITISH LIBRARY MAP LIBRARY
THE BRITISH MUSEUM, LONDON
Sunday/Monday, 16th/17th September, Map Fair and Collectors Exhibition: Forum Hotel, Cromwell Road, London SW7.

The Map Fair will be held in the same rooms as last year and the Collectors'

Exhibition of World Maps will be organised by R. W. Shirley in a large venue on the ground floor of the hotel.

Further information will be published in the next issue of the JOURNAL.

2. GENERAL NOTICE

The Membership Directory is herewith enclosed, members wishing to notify change or corrections of their addresses in the Directory should advise the IMCoS Membership Secretary, Stephen Luck, 83 Marylebone High Street, London W1M 4AL.

MAPS & ATLASES IN BIRMINGHAM

As we go to press, there are a few days yet left of the rather superlative exhibition of Maps and Atlases being held at the Birmingham Reference Library which opened on 13th September. The exhibits included a wide range of maps under several headings with an exceptional array of early atlases and maps covering the period to 1700. Other sections covered foreign topographical maps of the 18th century as well as British ones and a special section on Curiosities included Jigsaw maps. In all over 80 maps were on exhibit until 30th November.

The Birmingham Reference Library has 3 separately housed collections of map material.

The History and Geography Department

This department has a comprehensive collection of 20,000 sheet maps and 1400 atlases and books about maps. Coverage is biased towards topographical and thematic maps of Great Britain (but excluding the West Midlands area). Other countries are represented by topographical surveys and national atlases. Also housed here is the George Skett Collection of Maps of Britain of the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries, a most important donation of several thousand sheet maps and atlases.

The Local Studies Department

There are some 20,000 sheet maps of Birmingham and the West Midlands, including many large scale Ordnance Survey maps, manuscript estate plans and early printed maps of the local area.

The Language and Literature Department

Approximately 60 pre-1700 atlases are included in the Early and Fine Printing Collection in this department, many of which were donated, over a number of years, by Alderman W. A. Cadbury. The Parker Collection of Early Children's Books and Games has several examples of maps as puzzles and board games.

The Exhibition is intended to show the wide variety of map material held by Birmingham Reference Library, and it is hoped that the items chosen will be of interest to both the general reader and the specialist. The exhibits are arranged roughly in chronological order: the period 1482 to 1700 on floor 6 and the period 1700 to 1851 on floor 4. Exhibits range from woodcut maps in early editions

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BOOK REVIEW

English Map-Making 1500-1650, edited by Sarah Tyacke. The British Library, 1983. 125 pp., 60 black-and-white illustrations. 276 × 220 mm. ISBN 0 7123 0010 4. £20.

Study, intellectual effort and discovery is only of shallow value if the findings of research cannot be shared with others and thus stimulate yet further understanding. As this is especially true in the ill-defined discipline of historical cartography, any examples of the dissemination of current research are to be much applauded.

In March 1981 the British Library took the initiative in holding a small (and little publicised) seminar in early map-making in Britain. The papers presented have now been assembled into a book of varied scholarship and interest. In all, there are eight complete essays, varying in length from five to twenty-four pages, plus a short (one-and-a-half page) Appendix by J. H. Andrews on the emergence of the surveying profession in Ireland which sits rather oddly at the very beginning. Sarah Tyacke has provided an excellent "overview" Introduction: no mean task in the light of the diversity of the topics and the approaches of the contributors.

The longest essay is that of Brian Harley — Reader in Geography at the University of Exeter and (like Sarah Tyacke) one of IMCoS' Council Members. He delves into *Meaning and ambiguity in Tudor cartography*, expanding on the theme *Cartographical Truth?* which formed the keynote talk at the IMCoS Symposium in June 1981. Readers may not find themselves in sympathy with all of Dr Harley's concepts, but his arguments open up another dimension in the perennial attempts to interpret the meaning of maps in the context of their time. His essay leads naturally into Victor Morgan's *The literary image of globes and maps in early modern England*: a delightful sampling of mappy quotations from Elizabethan sources, prin-

cipally Spencer, Shakespeare, and Donne.

Marcus Merriman describes the context in which surveying and map drawing skills were transmitted by Italian military engineers during the reign of Henry VIII. Peter Eden, the compiler of the index of land surveyors in Great Britain and Ireland, illuminates the professional work of three sixteenth-century estate map-makers. John Schofield writes on Ralph Treswell's surveys of London houses, c.1612. Two shorter essays on the tools of the trade follow (instruments often being hidden in sixteenth and seventeenth-century decorative cartouches): G. L. E. Turner's *Mathematical instrument-making in London in the sixteenth century* and John Roche's *The cross-staff as a surveying instrument in England 1500-1640*. Finally William Ravenhill, Professor of Geography at the University of Exeter, takes up the theme that has baffled succeeding generations of historians of cartography — how did Christopher Saxton make his county maps? Were they surveyed by means of simple traverses (as advocated by Professor Manley, R. A. Skelton, and P. D. A. Harvey), or was some form of triangulation used (as proposed by Sarah Tyacke and John Huddy)? At least for Devon and Cornwall, Professor Ravenhill argues that Saxton may have used the Elizabethan system of fixed beacons to form a lattice, by means of which angles and topographical details may have been plotted. Do any IMCoS members in other counties know of local beacon systems which might have been used by Saxton in a similar way?

I recommend *English Map-Making 1500-1650* to all IMCoS readers seized with historical curiosity about maps. It covers a period of seminal importance for almost every English map from the 1600s onwards and is available, price £20, from the book shop in the entrance to the British Museum.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I was interested to read David Webb's article on Senex's road maps in the August issue of the JOURNAL. Since I have done some work on the issues of these maps, perhaps I can add some further illumination. Issues recorded are:

1719: examples are found in both the British Library and the Guildhall Library.

c.1742: since references to both a "second" and a "third" edition, both issued by Mary Senex, are found, it appears that both were issued at about this date. The "second edition" is found in the British Library. Sir H. G. Fordham apparently possessed a copy of "The third edition" but this is not found in the Fordham collection at the Royal Geographical Society.

1757: re-engraved maps appear to have been issued in this year under both the original atlas title (Fordham: *Road Books and Itineraries*) and a new title (British Library) — as they apparently were also in 1759 and 1762 — and with further alterations to the plates again in the same year (British Library).

1759: this issue was not only recorded by Fordham (op. cit.) but was also offered for sale, under the altered title, in Deighton Bell's catalogue no. 221, item 1130A.

1762: Fordham (op. cit.) records the maps issued in this year under the original title and the British Library, Cambridge University Library, and the Royal Geographical Society have copies with the altered title. The issues of 1757, 1759, and 1762 were published by John Bowles and Son; these should not be confused with Carington Bowles's re-issue of Kitchin's smaller "Ogilby's Survey Improv'd" (1771) as "Bowles's Post-Chaise Companion" (c.1781; 1782; c.1790).

It should be made quite clear that *Kitchin's Post-Chaise Companion*, issued in 1767 (British Library, Royal Geographical Society, Cambridge University Library), c.1770 (British Library), and c.1775 (Sayer & Bennett Catalogue 1775), is a copy, by Kitchin, of

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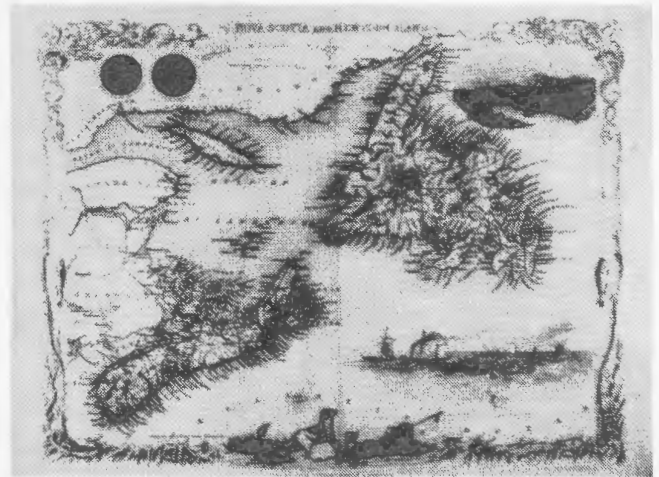
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"BRISTOL AND THE DISCOVERIES OF THE NEW WORLD"

by Alan Bartlett

ON 22nd October Society members gathered in Bristol, visiting St. Nicholas Museum in the morning, close to the birthplace of Sebastian Cabot; while in the afternoon we assembled at the City Museum and Art Gallery. After examining the many maps and views of old Bristol on display, we were treated to a lucid and interesting talk by Anne Campbell MacInnes on "Bristol and the Discoveries of the New World".

During the discussion that followed, it emerged that, although the early Bristol mariners may have had some access to Spanish or Portuguese charts, most of their navigation was apparently based on word of mouth information. However, Bristol City Archives contain a veritable treasure trove of ships logs containing sketched charts and plans, some of the earliest from the latter part of the 14th century, many others of later date relating to their voyages of discovery to the New World.



John Cabot first sighted land on his voyage on the *Mathew* in 1496 . . . was it Newfoundland? Tallis's maps of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland c.1840.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Rodney Shirley

BY now the very successful 1983 Symposium, Dinner, Exhibition, and Map Fair held by the Society last June is an event in the past. A short account appears later in the JOURNAL, but I would like to say how pleasurable it was to see so many members from overseas for the occasion. We welcomed members from the Netherlands, France, Germany, USA, Italy, Iceland, Malta, Nigeria, Spain, Poland, Sweden, Belgium, and Australian. I could stretch the list with the Channel Isles, Ireland in the person of Raymond O'Shea, who organised the outstanding exhibition of Geographical Oddities and Curiosities, and Turkey — our new representative Mr Muhtar Katircioglu; present in spirit, but prevented at the last moment by an accident.

This friendly international gathering reflected the worldwide connections that IMCoS has built up. There are active map societies in many countries (particularly in several parts of USA) and, as I always emphasise, the prefix "International" in our Society's title in no way implies any pre-eminence over other national organisations: it only recognises the corporate nature of our membership which we see widening geographically even further.

The second point I would like to make in this "Message" again relates to the Symposium week-end, this time to the concluding talk by David Smith. Every collector has (I think) feelings of disappointment and frustration that the finest maps, the acclaimed *oeuvres* and all the real bargains have either been snapped up long ago or are far beyond one's modest purse. David Smith's talk showed all of us what a fallacy this is. There is a wealth of fascinating and inexpensive material in map form of every conceivable nature to be uncovered and dug out from

dealers' trays and folders, and (time permitting) tracked down from less accessible primary sources. No map enthusiast should be short of 100 new themes for starting a collection, or branching out into a myriad of sub-collections each of which will grow in value and interest as more is recorded about each item.

I hope to see many of you at our next meeting.

OUR OWN LIBRARIAN . . . AT LONG LAST!

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Ted Freeman as IMCoS Librarian effective from 1st November 1983.

Ted has already taken possession of the selected number of books in our library and he will be preparing his first listing and the rules governing borrowing facilities in the next issue of our journal.

Meanwhile, our Library could do well with a few contributions and we would be pleased to receive any material relevant to cartography and the study of maps: books, pamphlets, magazines and articles. Please send any item you may wish to donate directly to E. Freeman Esq., IMCoS Librarian, 4 St. Matthew's Road, Bristol BS6 5TS, England.

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of Ptolemy to the rise of the modern commercial publishing houses in the 19th century. It is particularly appropriate that this exhibition takes place in 1983, the 400th anniversary of the library's most prized possession, Christopher Saxton's wall map of England and Wales.

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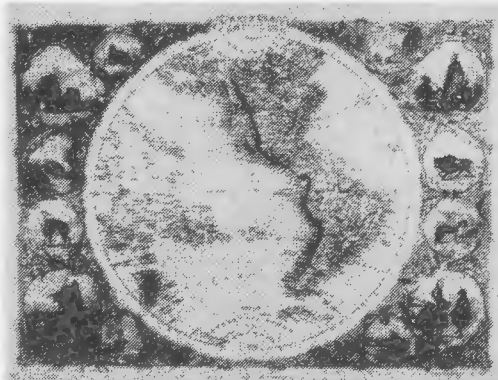


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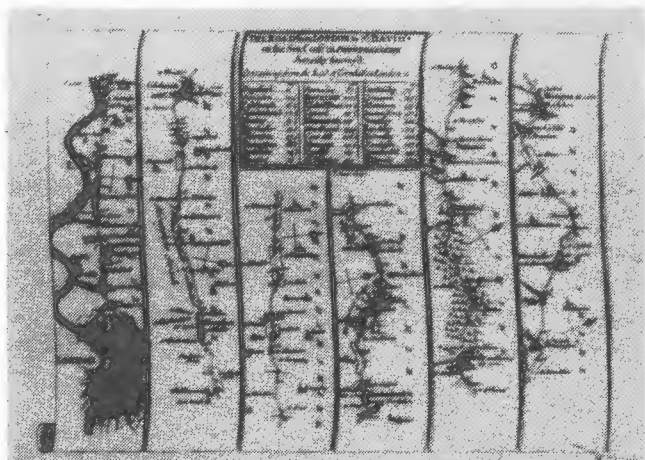
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Senex's routes in a generally cruder style and with alterations. It should not, therefore, be considered as the same work.

Senex's maps were also pirated, again in a cruder style and substantially revised, with titles, route descriptions, notes and map details in French, in 1759 by Le Rouge, *Géographe du Roy*, (Royal Geographical Society). These were re-issued by Desnos in 1767 (Whitaker Collection, British Library). These plates were acquired and re-engraved into English by Thomas Jefferys, incorporating revisions, and issued



John Senex's 'The Road from London to St. David's on the Sea Coast . . .' from his 'Actual Survey of all the Principal Roads of England & Wales' dated 1719.

in 1775 by Jefferys (British Library, Royal Geographical Society) and also by Sayer & Bennett (British Library).

There has been much confusion in the past over the issues of Senex's maps and the pirated copies of them. Unfortunately long-standing errors have survived with remarkable tenacity. Happily, David Webb is contributing to the destruction of such myths.

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THE 9th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE HISTORY OF CARTOGRAPHY AT DUBLIN, 29th AUGUST — 2nd SEPTEMBER

Report by Tony Campbell

LOOKING back, it seems incredible that so much could have been compressed into just five days. Exhausting but highly stimulating — that would probably be the verdict of most participants on the recent biennial conference. Held in Italy in 1981 and due to be hosted by the Canadians in 1985, the event brought to Dublin at the end of August some 140 historians of cartography from all over the world. A three-paper International Cartographic Association meeting provided a curtain-raiser to the conference proper. This was superbly introduced by John Andrews, whose lecture, "The cartographic personality of Ireland" showed, among many other things, how Ireland's very un-English social structure gave its mapping a distinctive flavour. Like so much else about the character of Ireland, this has frequently been misunderstood across the Irish Sea.

A succession of 44 twenty-minute papers followed during the next three days, many, like prison sentences, running concurrently. Your Council members did their bit: Günter Schilder talking on "Cornelis Claesz., founder and stimulator of Dutch maritime and colonial cartography"; Mireille Pastoureau giving a paper on pre-Revolution map collections in France; and myself one on the place names of medieval portolan charts. Other talks that would have been of particular interest to British IMCoS members were given on estate surveyors: Heather Lawrence on John Norden, Peter Eden on the occupations of those listed in his *Dictionary of Land Surveyors*, and Ian Adams on activities north of the border.

It is impossible to mention all the other papers individually but the London libraries certainly made their contribution with papers from Helen Wallis, Peter Barber and Andrew Cook (all British Library), and Annie Hood (National Maritime Museum). At the risk of seeming partial I would single out as my favourites, Mary Pedley's breathtaking account of the legal battle between the Robert de Vaugondys and one of the engravers working on their *Atlas Universel*, and David Woodward's resumé of the most advanced techniques for analysing paper, watermarks, and ink. Since these modern methods can be used for unmasking forgeries, his talk picked up on the subject of a lecture, both authoritative and highly amusing, which Arthur Baynes-Cope, of the British Museum's Research Laboratory, delivered the previous evening on "Forgeries and Maps". He also revealed that, according to the definition given in the *Oxford English Dictionary*, those interested in "maps" were actually enthusing over rabbits!

Trinity College (the University of Dublin) was the focus of the conference, but there were numerous pretexts for leaving the college precincts for exhibitions, receptions or coach trips. A conference-goer needs stamina not only for ten papers a day but for extended periods clutching a glass of wine or, as it might be, Bailey's Irish Cream. There were, I think,

four in all (and a dinner), during which we met, besides one another, the Minister of Education and the deputy Lord Mayor (the Mayor himself, with an understandable sense of priorities, having gone to Cork to watch a game of Gaelic football, leaving his deputy with the impression that we all *made* maps).

The excursions managed a neat balance between the cartographic and the cultural. At the Irish Ordnance Survey in Phoenix Park a wealth of material was displayed for our special visit, including some of the copper plates from which the original 6" sheets had been printed. For the final outing — a delightful coda to the conference — John Andrews and Arnold Horner led coach loads of participants into the neighbouring countryside, using facsimiles of early maps to identify the geographical changes wrought by man on the Irish landscape. Time was also found to look around two of Ireland's finest country houses, Russborough and Castletown. The latter, home of the Georgian Society and suitably adorned with a good selection of Irish maps, provided a marvellous setting for a supper rounded off by folk music.

Credit for the conference's great success is due largely to the faultless and unobtrusive organisation of John Andrews and Arnold Horner. No Irish joke could have competed with such professionalism! For the rest it was a matter of Irish magic: green grass and rain where all had been parched back in England, a Gaelic folksinger and her harp, and smiling policemen. Not forgetting, of course, the *vin du pays*, a single sip of which persuaded one conference-goer, at least, to reform his previously Guinless ways.

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