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REPORT OF KALAMAZOO MEETING (May 10, 1981)

I. Report of the Business Meeting:

At the annual business meeting held in conjunction with the 16th Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University, May 10, 1981, a brief announcement was made concerning the symposium on the reception of the Ramon Rite in León-Castile held in New York in October 1980, and the Conference on 13th Century Spain held at UCLA in April 1981.

Paul Freedman of Vanderbilt University has organized a session to be held in Los Angeles in December 1981 in conjunction with the American Historical Association convention. The program is as follows:

Session Title: Military and Religious Orders of the Iberian Peninsula

Chairman of Session: Paul Freedman, Vanderbilt University

Participants: John Degenais, University of Illinois
"Ramon Lull on the Road: The Problem of the Marginal Orders."

E. Randolph Daniel, University of Kentucky
"Joachim and Joachism in the Iberian Peninsula:
The Present State of Research."

Joseph O'Callaghan, Fordham University
"The Order of Calatrava and its Territorial Expansion."

Comment: Thomas N. Bisson, University of California, Berkeley

Robert MacDonald of the University of Richmond is organizing the session to be held at Western Michigan University in May 1982.

The question whether AARHMS should publish a journal was raised a year ago. Ben Taggie of Central Michigan University offered to inquire into the economic feasibility of the proposal. He reported that this was not likely to be a good time for such an undertaking because so many libraries were cutting back on their purchases of journals. After some discussion, it was decided not to take any further action on this proposal at this time.

The proposal was made that a bibliography of studies in Medieval Spanish history, written in English, be prepared. This would be advantageous to everyone teaching courses in Spanish history, but would also be helpful in informing our colleagues in Spain of American (and English) endeavors in the field. The bibliography would be published as part of the newsletter. More details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

II. Sponsored Session: SPANISH SOCIETY IN THE HIGH AND LATE MIDDLE AGES
(May 9, 1981), Karen Kennelly, C.S.J., College of
St. Catherine, Presiding

"Jews and Albigensians in the Middle Ages: Lucas of Tuy on Heretics in Leon," Norman Roth, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Much has been written, of course, on the Cathars and Albigensians in Languedoc and Catalonia (see bibliographical references in the published version of this paper). However, virtually nothing is known about their activities in Leon and, to a lesser extent, also in Castile. Lucas, later bishop of Tuy, was a deacon in Leon in the first half of the 13th century, and was personally involved in dealing with Albigensian heretics there. He has left us an account of these dealings, and of the views of the heretics, in his extremely rare work (there is only one copy in the United States) De altera vita. This paper does not deal exhaustively with Lucas' view of the heretics, but rather with one peculiar aspect of it, namely, his attempted identification of the heretics with Jews. It is suggested that Lucas' anti-Semitism, rather unusual in Spain at that time, which is evidenced also in his Chronicon, may be derived in part from his heroes St. Isidore of Seville and St. Martin of Leon. Finally, a careful analysis of the Jewish and non-Jewish sources leads to the conclusion that there was no "Jewish influence" on Cathar-Albigensian doctrine, as erroneously maintained by numerous writers.

"'Iron Furnace' or New Homeland: Castilian and Aragonese Jewish Exiles in Navarre (1492-1498)," Benjamin R. Gampel, Columbia University

DECEMBER MEETING: Los Angeles

The AARHMS Program, to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, is scheduled for the Corsican Room of the Biltmore Hotel at Los Angeles on Tuesday, December 29, 1981, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. A business meeting will follow the program. The amended program follows:

MILITARY AND RELIGIOUS ORDERS OF THE IBERIAN PENINSULA, Paul Freedman,
Vanderbilt University, Presiding

"Joachim and Joachism in the Iberian Peninsula: The Present State of Research," E. Randolph Daniel, University of Kentucky

"Ramon Lull on the Road: The Problem of the Marginal Orders," John Dagenais, University of Illinois

Comment: Thomas N. Bisson, University of California, Berkeley

REVIEW: En la España medieval. Estudios dedicados al Professor D. Julio González. Edited by Miguel Angel Ladero Quesada. Madrid. Universidad Complutense. 1980. Pp. 619.

All students of medieval Castilian and Leonese history are greatly indebted to Professor Julio González, whose studies and documentary collections for the reigns of Fernando II, Alfonso IX, Alfonso VIII, and Fernando III, constitute a monumental contribution to the history of the century from 1157 to 1252. Thirty-five professors in Spanish universities joined together to offer this volume in homage to their distinguished colleague. The essays range over all fields of political, institutional, economic, social and religious history, and convey a notion of the breadth and depth of contemporary Spanish historical scholarship. In this brief space, I cannot comment on individual essays, except to note that some are more substantial and thought provoking than others. Among those I found particularly interesting were Collantes de Terán Sánchez's essay on the formation of the Sevillian guilds, whose origin he finds in the thirteenth century, although the development of their structure was a very slow process. Amando Represa Rodríguez has a brief essay on the formation of the city of Palencia in the eleventh to thirteenth centuries, while Emilio Mitre Fernández summarized the status of the institutions of government in the time of Enrique III. Mention might also be made of Sánchez Herrero's study of the bishops of Cadiz from the thirteenth to the fifteenth centuries and González Jiménez's essay on large estates in Andalusia in the thirteenth century. The variety of essays is considerable and attractive and I would commend the collection to readers of this newsletter and suggest that it find a place in our college and university libraries.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

In order to compile a bibliography of titles in English relating to medieval Spanish history, it would be helpful if everyone who has published books or articles pertinent to the subject would send an accurate listing to Joseph F. O'Callaghan, Director of Medieval Studies, Fordham University, New York, New York 10458.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEETINGS

1. Professor Norman Roth requests that anyone planning an edition or with any special knowledge of the following contact him: Diego de Valera (15th century), "Al mundo," and "Tratado de providencia contra fortuna" (B.N. Ms. 19158 and 1341). His address is: Department of Hebrew and Semitic Studies, 1358 Van Hise Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53706.
2. The Third Medieval Forum of Plymouth State College announces its meeting for April 16-17, 1982. Persons desiring to present papers may submit proposals before December 1, 1981 to: Professor Manuel Marquez-Sterling, Plymouth State College, Plymouth, New Hampshire 03264.

3. The Central Renaissance Conference announces its 1982 meeting for Wichita State University on March 25-27. Information requests and paper proposals (before December 1, 1981) should be directed to: J. K. Sowards, Department of History, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas 67208.
4. Hotel Reservations for the AHA meeting may be made by writing: AHA Housing Bureau, P. O. Box 71608, Los Angeles, CA 90071. Space is available at the Bonaventure (\$42/\$52), Biltmore (\$33/\$43), and Mayflower (\$30/\$40).
5. ACLS Travel Grant Deadlines: March-June meetings (November 1); July-October meetings (March 1); November-February meetings (July 1). Applications are available from: Travel Grant Office, American Council of Learned Societies, 800 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022.
6. Archon Books is currently interested in book-length manuscripts in all areas of historical research. Address correspondence to: Archon Books, P. O. Box 4327, 995 Sherman Avenue, Hamden, CT 06514.

REMINDER

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