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Senior Fellow	Dr. A. Barnard
Senior Fellow	Mr. B.D. Haig
Senior Research Fellow	Dr. R.F.D. Hutchings
Fellow	Dr. N.G. Cain
Research Fellow	Mr. F. Stevens
Visiting Fellow	Mr. G.A. Manning
Honorary Fellow	Professor G.S.L. Tucker
Research Assistants	Mrs. J. Finlayson
	Mr. I. McLean
	Miss K. Suthern

Scholars

Mr. N.B. de Marchi joined the Department during 1967 to study some problems in the history of British economic thought in the nineteenth century. Mrs. S. Bambrick continued her work on some Australian price series and had several articles accepted for publication. Mr. S. Cornish resigned his scholarship to accept a lectureship in the School of General Studies; he is now enrolled as a staff candidate. Two former scholars in the Department submitted their theses during the year and have been accepted for admission to the degree of Ph.D. They are Mr. P.G. Macarthy (whose thesis was on the Harvester Judgment) and Mr. M. Keating (the Australian Work Force). In addition, Mr. A.M.C. Waterman (post-war economic fluctuations in Australia) and Mr. T. Sheridan (history of the Amalgamated Engineering Union since 1920) have both submitted their theses and are awaiting examination.

Staff Appointments

At the end of 1967 Dr. N.G. Cain took up his appointment as Fellow; Mr. P. Troy transferred from the Department to the establishment of the Urban Research Unit. Mr. G.A. Manning, formerly Assistant General Manager of Elder Smith-Goldsbrough Mort Ltd., was a Visiting Fellow from June. Professor G.S.L. Tucker, of the School of General Studies, spent six months in the Department as Honorary Fellow. Professor Butlin was absent on study leave from April; Dr. Barnard was appointed Acting Head of Department.

Staff Research

Dr. Hutchings' work has been focussed on fluctuations in the rate of Soviet economic growth. He has also completed a study of the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of unemployment in the Soviet Union during the first Five Year Plan and continued his work on problems related to Soviet attitudes to science; an article, 'Ideological Influences on Soviet Design' has been accepted for publication. The scope of Dr. Barnard's study of Goldsbrough Mort and Co. Ltd. has been widened, by agreement, to encompass the history of the company and its antecedent firms to the time of its amalgamation with Elder Smith and Co. Ltd. in 1962. Mr. Stevens completed his field work in northern Australia and prepared papers on the use of aboriginal labour in mining. Mr. Haig was concerned primarily with the development of historical statistics of real consumption and of capital stock and with an analysis of manufacturing productivity in Australia in the inter-war period.

Other Activities

Mr. Haig was invited to address the University of Queensland Conference on Economic Policy in August; his paper will be published in the proceedings of the conference. Dr. Hutchings participated in a conference of teachers concerned with Soviet Studies held in London in April and presented papers at a number of universities in England and Germany. He also delivered a course of lectures on

Soviet economic history at the School of General Studies.

In collaboration with economic historians from the School of General Studies and members of the Urban Research Unit, the Department conducted a series of seminars on staff research. Seminars were also held at which scholars presented papers based on their work-in-progress.

Publications

- BAMBRICK, Susan 'Indexes of Average Prices of Australian Imports from the United Kingdom, 1919-20 to 1927-28', Australian Economic Papers, December 1967.
- BUTLIN, N.G. 'Economic Enquiry in Australia', Australian Economic History Review, September 1967.
- HAIG, B.D. '1938/39 National Income Estimates', Australian Economic History Review, September 1967.
- HUTCHINGS, R.F.D. 'The Ending of Unemployment in the U.S.S.R.', Soviet Studies, July 1967.
- KEATING, M.S.* 'Australian Wages, Employment and Average Earnings, 1947-48 to 1962-63', Economic Record, March 1967.
- 'Australian Work Force and Employment, 1910-11 to 1960-61', Australian Economic History Review, September 1967.
- STEVENS, F.S. 'The Role of Coloured Labour in North Australia', in I.G. Sharp and C.M. Tatz (eds), Aborigines in the Economy, Jacaranda Press.
- WATERMAN, A.M.C.* 'The Timing of Economic Fluctuations in Australia: January 1948 to December 1964', Australian Economic Papers, June 1967.