

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

CARL FREMONT BRAND (1892 -1981)

Carl Fremont Brand was born in Greenfield, Indiana on October 8, 1892. He received his baccalaureate degree from the University of Indiana in 1915, the first of his family to attend college. He was awarded an M.A. degree from Indiana in 1916, an M.A. from Harvard in 1918, and a Harvard Ph.D. in 1923.

His teaching career began at Hammond, Indiana High School where he taught for one year. In 1919 he was an Instructor in History at Smith College, and then for three years held a similar position at the University of Michigan. In 1924 he came to Stanford University as an Assistant Professor to teach English History, becoming an Associate Professor in 1930 and a Professor in 1940. For thirty-four years Carl Brand brought English History alive for thousands of Stanford students, and when he retired in 1958 he took great pride in the fact that he had taught at Stanford for half of the University's existence.

Carl Brand was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the American Historical Association, and of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association. In 1949 he served as President of the latter organization after having been its Secretary and Treasurer for many years.

He was an important scholar in the field of Labor Party history. He knew Britain well and had close contacts particularly with the London School of Economics and met there the notable figures of the time, such as Harold Laski. Dr. Brand was born one year before the meeting in Bradford, England which began the Independent Labor Party: he spent much of his professional career recording and analyzing the history of its progeny, the Labor Party. He was the central figure in creating the British Labor Collection in the Hoover Institution, the best repository of material about the movement in this Country, and was responsible for directing many students to its valuable resources. For that, as for much else, generations of scholars are in his debt.

Even more important, he made highly significant scholarly contributions to the History of the Labor Party. His two books had the rare distinction of being both trail-blazers and standard works. In 1941 he published **British Labor's Rise to Power**. Then in 1964 his definitive study appeared: **The British Labor Party**. It was reissued, with an introduction by Richard Lyman, in 1974. He also wrote, among many articles in various learned journals, a series on the British post-war general elections in the **South Atlantic Quarterly**. His writing showed a keen awareness of both the political story, and its social implications. The scholarly world was fortunate to have such a perceptive interpreter of this new force in British society. His death on March 21, 1981 at the age of 88 deprived the world of scholarship of a man who was not only a true scholar, but a gentleman and a friend to all who knew him. He had, at the time of his passing, been a Professor Emeritus for 23 years.

It is not enough, however, to remember Carl Brand's educational, scholarly, and literary career. He was also a fine human being. He never lost the folksy, small-town qualities of his native Greenfield, Indiana, where he lived for the first 18 years of his life. Bonn in the same town as James Whitcomb Riley, he shared with that well-known and popular Hoosier poet a love

of the common people, and an interest in all whom he met. As an unmarried Professor he conducted the then still popular "Grand Tours of the Continent" for Stanford undergraduates. Those young men who were privileged to go with him had their travels enriched by his lectures and continuing comments about the great sights and treasures of Europe. Indeed, these students had the best of two worlds: the historical and intellectual stimulus of travel sharpened by this universal scholar, as well as the exciting experiences of mixing with other peoples in an era when this opportunity was still relatively rare.

As a family man—Nan Alwida Surface and Carl Brand were married in 1930—he and his wife continued these friendly qualities. They frequently opened their home to students and friends. They did many things together, collecting fine oriental rugs, traveling extensively, entertaining congenial groups at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and developing and maintaining a lovely garden reminiscent of English gardens he knew and loved so well. During and after World War II Nan and Carl Brand collected and shipped 1,600 22-pound "Bundles for Britain" to hundreds of families representing all walks of British life—farmers, miners, clergymen, shopkeepers, widows, and union members. He delighted in sharing the letters of appreciation he received with the students, faculty, and friends who helped collect the food, clothing, and other essentials which were so scarce in wartime Britain.

Carl Brand was kind, generous, fair, and courageous. He never left any doubt as to where he stood and what he believed. His death was a loss to historical scholarship and learning, and his passing has left a great void in the lives of those who knew and loved him.

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