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MLA Blake & Moderns Seminar

The theme of the 1975 "Blake and Moderns" seminar at the MLA annual meeting will be "Themes and Forms of a Continuity." Papers should be brief, 6-8 pages or 15 minutes; they may be expanded for later publication. Send papers and requests for information to Annette S. Levitt, Dept. of English, Temple Univ., Philadelphia, Pa. 19122 or Robert Bertholf, Dept. of English, Kent State Univ., Kent, Ohio 44202.

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The Newsletter has just finished printing a new reproduction of Blake's America, a Prophecy. We designed it chiefly for classroom use, as its features show. It is

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3. approximately the size of the original;

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Allentuck on Fuseli

Marcia Allentuck, of the City University of New York and Wolfson College, Oxford, gave a series of lectures in March at the Tate Gallery, London, in connection with the Fuseli exhibition, mounted on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of his death. The lectures, chiefly on Fuseli as an illustrator of British poets and Fuseli's images of women, all contained new material on Blake and his relation to Fuseli in these areas. They are part of a long study of Fuseli and Blake now being prepared for the press.

New Journal

Milton and the Romantics, edited by Luther L. Scales, Jr., is a new periodical of notes and essays on relationships among Milton and the Romantics now asking for correspondence and contributions. Address inquiries to the editor at the Dept. of English, Journalism, and Philosophy, Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Ga. 30458.