

## NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**The Walter P. Reuther Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs** at Wayne State University has received another grant from the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation of Menlo Park, California, permitting awards of up to \$700 to cover travel and expenses related to research for scholars using the Archives. The grants are intended primarily to aid graduate students working on their doctoral dissertations and junior faculty needing financial assistance to pursue research projects. The Archives' holdings include the papers of nine major unions, worker and social reform organizations, and individuals active in these groups, as well as extensive material relating to urban and international affairs, social welfare organizations, women's and black history, radical movements, and civil rights. There is no deadline for submission of applications. For further information and application forms please contact Philip P. Mason, Director, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202, or call (313) 577-4024.

**The Prometheus Research Library** is a working research facility for a wide range of Marxist studies and also the principal archive of the Spartacist League of the U.S., American section of the international Spartacist tendency. Library holdings include substantial materials on the organizations inspired and led by Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Trotsky, as well as works on related topics, however remote. The PRL is open to qualified scholars needing its specialized collections. Since the Library operates on a limited schedule, researchers are required to send written requests about specific projects and for appointments. Please address all inquiries to Prometheus Research Library, Box 185, Canal Street Station, New York, NY 10013, or call (212) 966-1866.

**“An Alternative to Capitalism? Consumer Cooperatives in the Western World from 1840 to the Present.”** Two historians are organizing a conference and a volume of essays on consumer cooperatives. They invite inquiries from scholars of any geographical specialty who are working on consumer cooperatives and on cooperatives' relationship to family life, consumerism, socialist, and other working-class movements, retail trade, or the state. For further information contact Ellen Furlough, Department of History, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH 43022, (614) 427-5327; or Carl Strikwerda, Department of History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045, (913) 864-3569.

**The New York State Labor History Association** is soliciting papers for its new Occasional Paper Series. It is seeking papers of varying length: suggested maxi-

mum of forty typewritten pages. Papers will contribute to the understanding of labor, particularly as it relates to, or evolves from, work history and culture and the history and dynamics of the labor movement in New York State. The Association's goal is to present papers reflecting the highest standards of scholarship that address a broad academic and nonacademic audience. To this end, it seeks papers that adopt a clear, straightforward, and jargon-free style and use that style to present and elaborate on issues and events of interest to a broad, informed, and engaged readership. Call Dr. Robert Wechsler (President), (212) 873-6000, ex. 359.