

NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

T.S. Ashton Prize

The T.S. Ashton Prize, established with funds given by the late Professor T.S. Ashton, is awarded for an essay by a young scholar (under the age of thirty-five at the time of submission) on any subject within the general field of economic and social history.

The prize is £ 150 and will be awarded every two years. The prize essay will be published in the *Economic History Review*.

The essay must be a work of original research, not hitherto published, and one which has not been awarded any other prize. It must not exceed 8,000 words in length. Anyone intending to submit work for consideration for the prize should first obtain details of the conditions of entry from the Editors, *Economic History Review*, School of Economic and Social Studies, University of East Anglia, Norwich, NR4 7TJ. Entries for the 1987-1988 prize can be submitted at any time up to 1 January 1989.

E.S.R.C. Research Grants

The British Economic and Social Research Council (formerly the Social Science Research Council) is interested in receiving applications for grants in support of research projects in economic and social history. Grants are made to U.K. universities, colleges, or established non-profit research institutes but not to individuals. Applicants not on the staff of one of these may apply provided one such institution sponsors the application. Not only large-scale projects are supported: requests for modest sums are equally welcome.

Applications for under £ 30,000 may be submitted at any time. Closing dates for larger sums and for Personal Research Grants are 15 January and 15 August. Copies of the (omnibus) Research Proposal form and the explanatory booklet are available from all U.K. university and polytechnic registrar's departments or from the E.S.R.C. (160 Great Portland Street, London W1).

Intending applicants are invited to seek advice from the secretariat of the E.S.R.C. Committee to which the topic of the project seems most relevant.

Berkshire Prizes

The Berkshire Conference of Women Historians will award its annual prizes for the best book and the best article on any historical subject written by an American woman and published during 1987. Submissions for the book award should be sent to: Amy Hackett and Harriet Alonso, 473 Westminister Road, Brooklyn, NY 11218, and for the article award to: Toby L. Ditz, Department of History, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD 21218. Three copies of the book or two copies of the article are required. Deadline for submission is February 1, 1988.

Linz Conference

Since 1965 international conferences on the history of the workers' movement have been held at Linz (Austria). The last one was from 8 to 11 September 1987; the participants included researchers from Asia, Africa, America and Europe.

The Austrian Ministry of Science and Research has now decided to drastically reduce the annual subsidy for the conferences, from 90.000 Schilling to 40.000 Schilling. Representatives of institutes and organizations from 25 countries have protested against this measure in a resolution which was carried unanimously. They point out that the 'Linz Conference' has world-wide fame and "has won an increasing measure of support in Third World countries, matched by hardly any other institute in Austria." The resolution asks the Minister "to maintain the already relatively low state subsidy at the 1986 level, in view of the exceptionally economic management of our research community." Despite these problems preparations for the next Linz Conference (September 1988) are going ahead as usual. There will be two themes on the agenda: (i) the formation of the working class (during the first phase of industrialization) and (ii) the workers' movement and ecology. Requests for information should be addressed to: International Conference of Historians of the Labour Movement (ITH), Altes Rathaus, Wipplingerstrasse 8, 1010 Vienna, Austria (tel: 43-210-63 07 31).

IALHI

The International Association of Labour History Institutions (IALHI), which recently held its eighteenth annual meeting in Bonn, has become an important international meeting point for archives, museums and research institutes specializing in labour history. Affiliated to it are almost 100 institutes from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Israel, Japan, USA, Venezuela and fifteen West European countries. A directory of all these institutes, with information on the archives kept there, current activities, etc. is available from AMSAB, Bagatenastraat 174, 9000 Ghent, Belgium. A short while ago the first issue of the IALHI *International Newsletter*, produced by Maurizio degl'Innocenti and Francesca Gori, was also published. It can be ordered from: Schweizerisches Sozialarchiv, Stadelhofferstrasse 12, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland. The 1988 annual meeting will take place in September of that year in Zurich at the Schweizerisches Sozialarchiv. The 1989 annual meeting will be held in Amsterdam, at the International Institute of Social History.

Social History of Penal Systems

The tenth International Congress on Criminology will be held in Hamburg, Federal Republic of Germany, 4-9 September, 1988. One of the seven fields of interest is "Socio-historical studies of Crime and the Penal System". The congress languages are German, French, Spanish and English. Further in-

formation can be obtained from: HMC Congress Organization, 10th International Congress on Criminology, P.O. Box 30 24 80, D-2000 Hamburg 36, FRG. Tel: (040) - 35 69 22 42.

History of Real Wages

The Belgian Centre of Contemporary Social History is organizing an international colloquium on "Real Wages in historical and comparative perspective (18th - 20th centuries)". The colloquium will be held at the University of Brussels (VUB) on 18-19 March, 1988. Papers will be presented by L.D. Schwarz (Birmingham), H. van der Wee (Leuven), P. Bairoch (Geneva), N. Crafts (Leeds), V. Zamagni (Bologna), D. van der Veen (Utrecht) and E. Mandel (Brussels). An international panel of distinguished colleagues will be commenting the papers. Further information can be obtained at the Centre of Contemporary Social History, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Room 5 B 421, Pleinlaan 2, B-1050 Brussel (Belgium), Tel: 32-2-641 26 70.

Australian-Canadian Conference on Labour History

The Australian Society for the Study of Labour History and the Committee on Canadian Labour History are jointly sponsoring a conference to be held in Sydney, Australia, 12-16 December 1988. Conference themes are: (1) Survey of current preoccupations: the editors of *Labour/Le Travail* and *Labour History*; (2) Aboriginal Peoples; (3) Gender and the Working Class; (4) Work Relations in Colonial Times; (5) Employer Strategies and Worker Response, 1850-1930; (6) The Role of the State, 1860-1930; (7) Depression and the Second World War; (8) Labour and the Post-War World; (9) The Crisis of Social Democracy: the political economies of Canada and Australia, and the current state of labour movements; (10) Whose history? Workshops on sources and methods in labour history.

Interested parties should contact either Dr Gregory S. Kealey, Committee on Canadian Labour History, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St John's Nfld, A1C 5S7, Canada or Society for the Study of Labour History, University of New South Wales, Sydney NSW 2006, Australia.

Popular Education in Giolitti's Italy

The Istituto Socialista di Studi Storici is making preparations for a seminar on "Socialismo, istruzione e cultura nell'età giolittiana", to be held in Reggio Emilia in the spring of 1988. The provisional program consists of a general review of historical research on the central theme, followed by regional and local studies. There will also be at least one contribution on the "problems and perspectives" of research. Requests for further information should be addressed to Giuseppe Muzzi, ISSS, Via Ricasoli 49, 50122 Firenze, Italy.

War Enthusiasm

The Universities of Groningen (Netherlands) and Oldenburg (Federal Republic of Germany) and the International Institute of Social History will organize a conference on 'war enthusiasm' from 12-15 October 1988. The central theme will be: (1) justifications for war; (2) remembrance of past wars, as expressed through monuments, songs, toys, films etc.; (3) glorification of death; (4) mechanisms which strengthen emotional sympathy for war. The conference will be multi-disciplinary and will cover the period from the First World War to the present Iran-Iraq conflict. The organizers require short papers dealing with a conference theme or sub-theme. If these are of significant quality, they will be bundled and published. Requests for further information should be addressed to Dr Herman de Lange, Polemologisch Instituut, Heresingel 13, 9711 ER Groningen, The Netherlands, or to Professor Gottfried Mergner, Westerstrasse 7, D-2900 Oldenburg, Federal Republic of Germany.

Social Science History Association Meeting

The Social Science History Association will hold its thirteenth annual meeting November 3-6, 1988 at the Bismark hotel in Chicago. Final proposals for individual papers or entire sessions should be sent by February 15, 1988, to Caroline B. Brettell, Family and Community History Center, The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton, Chicago, IL 60610 USA (Tel. 312 943 9090, Ext. 316).

Workshops Warwick Centre for the Study of Social History

The Centre for the Study of Social History of the University of Warwick will hold two one-day workshops in the first half of 1988: "The Catholics and Irish in Britain 1890-1939" (24 March 1988), and "Education and the People: New Perspectives on the Liberal Tradition in Adult Education" (13 May 1988). Requests for further information should be addressed to Dr A. Mason, Director of Studies, Centre for the Study of Social History, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL England (Tel. 0203-523 523, Ext. 2314).