

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Southern Labor Studies Association is seeking proposals for presentation at the Southern Labor History Conference in the spring of 1980. The Conference will again bring together trade unionists, academicians, and others interested in the rise and development of organized labor in the South. The Association seeks to promote an interest in the Southern worker, to achieve a better understanding of labor's activities in the region from Texas to Maryland, and to encourage the preservation and use of the historical materials of union activity.

The program committee invites all persons to suggest sessions involving panel discussion, formal papers, or any other type of presentation relating to Southern Labor. Topics might include labor law and labor lawyers, women in the labor movement, blacks and labor, and labor and politics. The program committee will not be limiting its considerations to papers or other presentations on the above subjects, but will be making selections for the program based on the merits of the proposals themselves. Proposals must be submitted by September 15, 1979. Send proposals, or requests for further information, to: Dr. Leslie S. Hough, Secretary-Treasurer, Southern Labor Studies Association, Urban Life 1028, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Internationale Tagung der Historiker der Arbeiterbewegung (ITH). The 15th International Conference of Historians of the Workers' Movement will meet in Vienna from September 11 to September 15, 1979. Two topics are scheduled for discussion:

1) World social and political changes at the end of the First World War and the workers' movement (c. 1917-1920).

2) Problems of the critical use of sources in the scholarly publication of the collected works of personalities of the labor movement.

Papers must be submitted by May 15. For more detailed information and for invitations write to: ITH, Altes Rathaus, Wipplingerstrasse 8, A-1010 Wien, Österreich (AUSTRIA).

The **Canadian Ethnic Studies Association** will hold its Biennial Conference in Vancouver, B.C. on October 11-13, 1979. The Conference theme,

Ethnicity, Power and Politics in Canada, will attempt to explore the participation of Canadian ethnic groups in the political process of the country from Confederation to the present. For further information, contact: Jorgen Dahlie, Program Chairman, 1979 CESA Conference, Department of Educational Foundations, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia V6T 1W5.

The Fourth Atlantic Canada Studies Conference will be held in Halifax in April 1980 and the Conference organizers are soliciting suggestions for the program. Offers of specific papers should be accompanied by a brief description of the projected focus and interpretation. In particular, they invite suggestions for papers on social change and economic development in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries which focus on such themes as industrialization, resource development, political economy, class and community life, social movements, and culture and ideology. Offers and suggestions should be sent in before Summer 1979. All enquiries should be addressed to: Judith Fingard, Department of History, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 3J5.

Denmark's Resistance Press. Studies of Denmark during the second World War are frequently hampered by the relative inaccessibility of documentary material. Understandably, this is particularly true of the underground press, which represents an essential historical and political source as a day-by-day picture of life in occupied Denmark. To help solve this problem, Antiquariat R. Levin & Co. ApS. is reprinting, in its entirety, the most important underground publication, *Information*.

Information was more than a newspaper. From August 1943 until Denmark's liberation in May 1945, *Information* was the daily news service which provided information for all underground newspapers in Denmark. Its speed and accuracy were unique in occupied Europe. *Information's* material was of such importance and reliability that its stories were frequently relayed to London by the underground radio and rebroadcast by the B.B.C. the same day they happened. *Information's* "fresh news from the other side of the front" played an important role in Allied psychological warfare and helped create special sympathy for Denmark in Great Britain. *Information* was also extensive. In twenty-one illegal months its five-man staff produced four million words. The present edition is expected to consist of 18 volumes of ca. 224 pages which will appear during the next 36 months. Due to the nature of the material, two additional volumes of separate name and place indices containing 25,000 references will represent a valuable tool for researchers.

The editors of the present edition, working in collaboration with the Danish Royal Library and the Museum of the Danish Underground, have succeeded in assembling a nearly complete edition of *Information*. Since the

initial publication date is unknown and since *Information* was printed in only 12 copies during its first three months, some early gaps remain. The present edition is being printed in inverse chronological order in the hope that missing copies can be located and added in proof. Further information may be obtained from the publishers, Antikvariat Richard Levin & Co ApS. Dannebrogsgade 1. 1600 København V.

Benjamin Barkas Papers. The Urban Archives Center at Temple University has finished processing the papers and records of Dr. Benjamin W. Barkas, chairman of the Labor Education Association and Adult Education Specialist for the School District of Philadelphia. This extensive collection illuminates the history of labor education in Philadelphia since the New Deal, the Philadelphia Labor College in the 1920s, the continuing education programs of the public schools for union members and others, and Barkas' interests as a professional educator, trade unionist, and community organizer for the period 1920 to 1970, total 50 cubic feet.

Samuel Gompers Papers. A project to collect and publish the papers of Samuel Gompers (1850-1924) is underway at the University of Maryland and Pace University. It is funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. All the collected documents will be published in a comprehensive microfilm edition; the most significant papers will appear in a twelve to fifteen volume printed edition.

Gompers' papers are scattered throughout the country. Major collections are to be found at the AFL-CIO, the Library of Congress, the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, and the New York Public Library. The project has discovered smaller collections in many other repositories. The editors would welcome information regarding any letters to, from, or about Samuel Gompers. Address correspondence to Stuart B. Kaufman, History Department, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742.

CRHMSS. Issue number two of the *Bulletin du Centre de recherches des mouvements sociaux et du syndicalisme (CRHMSS)* has appeared and is available from the CRHMSS, 9 rue Mahler, 75004 Paris. It contains, in addition to accounts of the activities of the Center itself, several extensive and important reports. One of them describes the conference at Mexico City, February 27 to March 3, 1978, at which the International Association of Centers for the Historical and Social Study of the Workers' Movement was established. The delegates in attendance represented research centers and historical societies in Italy, Ireland, Poland, the USSR, Bulgaria, the United States, Spain, the German Democratic Republic, France, and Mexico. Suarez Gaona, director of the Center of Historical and Social Studies of the Mexican

Workers' Movement (CEHSMO) was elected president of the bureau of the International Association. Its vice-presidents are John Swift, Janusz Goliebowski, Francesco Rettura, and Philip S. Foner.

Another report is an 80-page listing of memoirs and studies in French working-class history, or related to that field, which appeared in 1977-78. There is also a thorough survey of French trade union archives for the period 1944-1948. Those of the CGT, the CGT-FO, and the CFDT are discussed. Finally, there is a report on the survey of the activities of the national union of school teachers during the 1930's.

International Labor History Conference. The Department of History and the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs at Wayne State University will sponsor an international conference on labor history October 18-20, 1979. According to the present, tentative arrangements, the program will include eight sessions and a keynote address by President Douglas Fraser of the United Auto Workers. The sessions will be as follows:

1. Innovative Techniques and Teaching in Labor History. A panel of George Coleman (Wayne State), Donald Haynes (Macomb County Public Schools), Charles Hyde (Wayne State), and Harold Stock (Wayne State).

2. American Workingmen and Nineteenth-Century Politics. Papers by Alexander Saxton (UCLA), and David Montgomery (University of Pittsburgh). Comment by Eric Foner (CCNY).

3. Whither the UAW? Two Views. Speakers, Bert Cochran and Victor Reuther.

4. Sources in Labor History: Two Collection Programs. Papers by Philip P. Mason (Wayne State) and Wilfred Smith (Dominion Archivist, Canada). Comment by Sidney Fine (University of Michigan).

5. Bluecollar Arts. Presentation by Tom Wayman (Vancouver, B.C.)

6. Canadian Workingmen and Twentieth-Century Politics. Papers by Terry Copp (Sir Wilfred Laurier) and Irving Abella (York). Comment by Kenneth V. McNaught (Toronto).

7. French Workers and Nineteenth-Century Politics. Papers by William Sewell (Institute for Advanced Study) and Joan Scott (North Carolina). Comment by John Merriman (Yale).

8. American Work Regimes. Papers by John H.M. Laslett (UCLA) and Leslie Woodcock Tentler (Michigan, Dearborn). Comment by Louise Tilly (Michigan).

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