

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The “**Social History of Russian Labor**” will be the theme of a conference to be held on March 26-27, 1982 under the direction of Victoria E. Bonnell and Reginald E. Zelnik at the University of California, Berkeley. The event will be sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities’ Research Conference Program, the AAASS R and D Committee, and the UC Berkeley Center for Slavic and East European Studies. Visitors are welcome.

The **UE Archives** of Hillman Library, University of Pittsburgh, has acquired the historical records of Districts 6 & 7 of the United Electrical Workers. District 6 covered Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia and is headquartered in the Pittsburgh area. The records date from the 1930s through 1960 and are about 6 linear feet in size. The records of District 7 cover the same time period. During those years District 7’s jurisdiction was Ohio and Kentucky. The records of District 7 are about 1 linear foot in size. The acquisition is part of the plan to deposit the historical records of all the UE Districts in the U.S.A. in the UE Archives.

The UE Archives has arranged and opened for use by scholars the publications series of the national records of the United Electrical Workers. Over 10,000 items are in the series, which spans a period from 1936 to 1969. The major components of the series are: mimeographed letters from the national UE, convention proceedings, officers reports, resolutions and other printed convention material, union periodicals, pamphlets, leaflets, published radio scripts, newspaper clippings, press service material and press releases. The material covers about 35 linear feet.

An interdisciplinary conference on the “Family in American Life: A Dialogue with the Community” will be held in Indianapolis on March 25-27, 1982. Papers are sought which discuss the nature and roles of American families of various ethnic and national origins; the relationship of styles of dwellings to family life; the role of research collections and museums in providing data for research on the family. Proposals between 2500 and 3000 words should be submitted as soon as possible. Submit proposals to Warren French, Conference Chair for Program Center for American Studies, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, 925 W. Michigan Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202.

“Union Women Speak: An Oral History Unit for High Schools” is a new project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, with support from the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, University of Michigan/Wayne State University. Teacher and student handbooks for a four to six week course are ready for use and workshops for students and teachers are planned. Suggestions and information on related projects are encouraged and teachers interested in testing the material should contact Eve Berton or Debi Duke, ILIR/Union Women Speak, 108 Museums Annex, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 48104. Phone: (313) 764-6395.

Histoire sociale—Social History, a journal of Canadian social history, appears twice annually. While its primary aim is to publish the work of Canadian scholars, it also welcomes contributions on major non-Canadian topics. Some representative articles are : Donald F. Davis, “The City Remodelled: the Limits of Automotive Industry Leadership in Detroit, 1910-1929,” and M.I. Finley, “Slavery and the Historians.” Subscriptions can be opened either through the Canadian Historical Association or through: Éditions de l’Université d’Ottawa, 65, avenue Hastedy, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1N 6N5.

The Council for European Studies announces the Third International CES Conference of Europeanists to be held in Washington, D.C. from April 29 to May 1, 1982. The conference will consist of a series of panels closely related to a central theme—“Periods and Cycles in Europe, Past and Present.” There will also be a limited number of other panels on topics of general interest. American, European and other scholars of Europe are invited to submit their suggestions for participants, panels and specific papers to the Program Committee by November 1, 1981. Panel and paper proposals should be accompanied by a short precis of proposed content and an abbreviated vita. Conference groups and other cooperating associations are invited to propose additional panels related to the central theme. Possible themes for panels are: Social Mobilization, Reform and Repression; “Great Awakenings”; The “Life-Cycle” of Social Movements; and Labor Unrest. Proposals for panels and paper precis should be addressed to: Conference 1982, Council for European Studies, 1404 International Affairs Building, Columbia University, New York, New York 10027.

The Gramsci Institute of Bologna, in collaboration with the Center for the Study of International Relations (CESPI) of Rome, held a conference on “Governability and Change in the United States from Carter to Reagan,” on May 20-22, 1981, at the Institute. Both in Italy and in Europe generally, serious study of the United States has increased over the last few years. The Gramsci Institute is one of a national network of cultural centers associated with the Italian Communist Party, and this conference represents the first occasion on which Communist

Party-oriented research centers have turned their attention to the American domestic scene. Alongside well-established scholars, members of a new generations of researchers from the left presented the results of their work. The conference was intended as the first major step towards establishing permanent facilities for the study of the United States at the Institute. Papers from the conference can be obtained upon request from the Director, Istituto Gramsci, 40125 Bologna, via S. Vitale, 13, Italy.

Librarians and Labor Relations: Employment Under Union Contracts, by Robert O'Reilly and Marjorie O'Reilly (Greenwood Press, 1981) discusses the complex and controversial issue of the unionization of librarians. A mixture of economics, politics and history, this book examines both the background of librarians' involvement with the labor movement and the current status of unionization of public and academic libraries. Special features that make this volume especially helpful for librarians and administrators facing unionization include: a discussion of federal civil rights legislation giving current data on workers' rights; a glossary on the language of labor relations; labor statistics for librarians; and an extended reading list.

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