

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Committee on Historical Studies of the Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research sponsors a number of activities which will be of interest to *ILWCH* readers. It holds regular proseminars to which faculty and advanced graduate students from other institutions are welcome as fully participating members. Each proseminar involves a number of graduate students and faculty members, lasts several years, acquires its own research materials, and provides informal practical training and advice to its less-experienced members. The proseminars take up large but well-defined historical themes. Two proseminars have been meeting in 1986–87: one led by Richard Bensel and Charles Tilly is examining state formation and collective action; the other, an outgrowth of an earlier proseminar on class formation, focuses on inequality. More information about the graduate program and the proseminars may be obtained by writing to: Committee on Historical Studies, New School for Social Research, 65 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003.

In cooperation with the New School's Center for Studies of Social Change, Historical Studies also sponsors several workshops each semester and "Think, then Drink"—occasional seminars on work in progress held on Friday afternoons (4–5:30), followed by conversation and cash-bar refreshment (5:30–6:30). Since its inception in 1985, "Think, then Drink" has heard several presentations of interest to historians of the working class; future seminars should prove to be of equal interest. Those who wish to be added to the mailing list for this year's program or want to drop in on "Think, then Drink" should write to the Center for Studies of Social Change, New School for Social Research, 64 University Place, New York, NY 10003, or call (212) 741-5312.

The Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs at the Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University has announced the extension of the Kaiser Travel Program, which provides financial support of up to \$700 to scholars who wish to travel to the library to pursue their research. The program aims particularly at aiding doctoral candidates and junior faculty members who might be deterred by the cost of travel from visiting the library. For information and application forms, contact Philip Mason, Director, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202, (313) 577-4024.

A major addition to the Raya Dunayevskaya Collection at the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Walter P. Reuther Library is now available on microfilm. The two-reel addition updates the collection and contains several major

items from the early career of this Marxist-feminist intellectual and labor activist. For more information and order forms, contact Philip Mason, Director, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202.

The gubernatorial records of Connecticut Governor Ella Grasso, 1971–1982, are now open to researchers at the Connecticut State Library. In addition to official papers and correspondence, the records contain an enormous number of letters from constituents on a number of issues. These records should prove a valuable resource to scholars interested in Connecticut state politics and public opinion during the 1970s. For further information, contact the Archives, History, and Genealogy Unit, Connecticut State Library, 231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106, (203) 566-3692.

Three reference works on U.S. working-class history have been published recently. *Labor in America: A Historical Bibliography*, Clio Bibliography Series, no. 18 (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio Information Services, 1985) contains 2,865 abstracts of articles written between 1973 and 1983 about U.S. workers and their movements. These abstracts were drawn from ABC-Clio's enormous history database, which covers 2,000 journals published in 90 countries. The bibliography is divided into several chronological sections, which are subdivided by topic. The *Biographical Dictionary of American Labor*, edited by Gary M. Fink (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1985) is a revised and expanded edition of the *Biographical Dictionary of American Labor Leaders*, originally published in 1984. It contains over seven hundred short biographies of U.S. labor leaders and appendixes which list leaders by their union, religious, and political affiliation, place of birth, formal education, and political office held. *Something in Common—An IWW Bibliography*, compiled by Dione Miles (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1986) is a comprehensive listing of works by and about the Industrial Workers of the World. Its listings include published and unpublished scholarly works; government documents and publications; IWW newspapers and pamphlets; and dramatic, poetic, and fictional accounts of the One Big Union.

The Autobiography of the Working Class, vol. 1: 1790–1900, edited by John Burnett, David Vincent, and David Mayall (New York: New York University Press, 1984) is a useful resource for historians of the British working class. It lists over one thousand autobiographies, diaries, and reminiscences of British workers. Annotations include bibliographical information; data on the family life, occupations, and religious, recreational, and political activities of the author; and comments on the character and quality of the autobiography.

The Seventh Berkshire Conference on the History of Women will be held at Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts on June 19–21, 1987. For registration and further information contact Ms. Jean Proctor, Berkshire Conference, Women's Study Program, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA 02121, (617) 235-0320.