

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Study Group on International Labor and Working Class History will hold its meeting at the American Historical Association convention on December 28, 1980 in the Sheridan-Rockville Room from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The subject of the roundtable discussion is "The Status of Organized Labor Since World War II and the Prospects for the Future." Participants and the geographical areas they will be discussing are Michael Hanagan, France; John Higginson, Africa; Daniel James, Latin America; Nelson N. Lichtenstein, United States; and Gary Steenson, Korea.

Dictionary of American Labor Leaders. Gary M. Fink is currently revising and expanding his previously published *Dictionary of American Labor Leaders* (1973). He is accepting suggestions for additional entries and/or corrections that need to be made on existing biographical sketches. Write: Gary M. Fink, Department of History, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA 30303.

California Newsreel's Media at Work project has assembled an international collection of films centered on practical programs for increasing industrial democracy. The films are primarily concerned with problems faced by workers in the United States, and share a common theme that industrial development need not be the exclusive concern of corporate managers and government officials, but can also be affected by worker participation. Some of the most recent releases by the project include "The Detroit Model," which explores the effect of new technology and internationalization of production on auto workers. "It's Not Working" documents the attempts of steelworker locals in Youngstown, Ohio to reopen steelmills under community-worker ownership, and "The Willmar 8" covers the strike of eight women clerical workers at a Minnesota bank. The films can be rented at a cost of \$60-\$75 depending on the film. The California Newsreel office will supply a catalog without charge, and will suggest foreign film distributors to readers outside the United States on request. Write: California Newsreel, 630 Natoma Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.
Telephone: (415) 621-6196.

The Pennsylvania Labor History Society held its seventh annual conference October 3-4, 1980 in Philadelphia. The Society commemorated the 50th anniversary of the death of Mother Jones, the 75th anniversary of the founding of the IWW, and the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Workingmen's Party in Philadelphia. Recipients of the Society's Mother Jones Award for 1980 were Grace Birkel, International Ladies Garment Workers Union; Sara Fredgant, Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union of America; Julia Maietta, Pennsylvania State AFL-CIO; Min Matherson, International Ladies Garment Workers Union; and Rosemary Trump, Service Employees International Union, Local 585.

Membership and participation in PLHS activities are welcomed. Address inquiries to: Ted Kirsch, President, Pennsylvania Labor History Society; 1816 Chestnut Street; Philadelphia, PA 19103.

The International Conference of Labour History held its sixteenth annual meeting in Linz, Austria from September 9-13, 1980. The topics discussed were 1) The International Trade Unions from 1918-1939, and 2) Social Processes in the Development of the Working Class in the Nineteenth Century (Bibliography, Historiography and Methodology). The members of this association consist of organizations of the workers' movement in Austria and abroad as well as international scientific institutions and universities. They furnish considerable financial support for these meetings. The conferences are also supported by UNESCO.

The National Capital Labor History Society will be sponsoring a reception for labor history society members and labor historians at the American Historical Association convention on December 29th, 5-7 p.m. in the Maryland Suite at the Sheraton Hotel.

Dictionary of European Trade Unions. Prof. Bernard H. Moss of Auckland University is soliciting contributions to a historical dictionary of European trade unions to be published by Greenwood Press. The dictionary will consist of short essays on major trade unions, federations and confederations as well as on the general labor history of each country. Persons interested in contributing should send their name with particulars to Prof. Moss, Dept. of History, University of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland, New Zealand.

The Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Brazil) has acquired an extensive collection of anarchist and anarco-sindicalist newspapers and other publications. While the bulk of the material deals with Brazil, there are also extensive holdings (newspapers and pamphlets primarily) from other parts of South America, Italy, Spain, and Portugal. A catalog is being prepared for publication in

1981, but meanwhile the staff will attempt to respond to queries. Facilities for microfilming are precarious at present. Address: Mariza Zanatta, Head Archivist, Arquivo Edgard Leuenroth, Instituto de Filosofia e Ciências Humanas, Universidade Estadual de Campinas, 13.100 Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil.