

EDITOR'S REMARKS

Ira Katznelson will leave the New School for Columbia University this fall. There he will have a joint appointment in Political Science and History. In view of the many new challenges he will face at his new post, he will step down as co-editor of *ILWCH* but remain an active member of the Editorial Board. Ira's tenure as co-editor has coincided with *ILWCH*'s move to the New School, with the advent of its publication by Cambridge University Press, and with the constitution of a geographically-centered, highly interactive Editorial Board as well as a Board of Consulting Editors who better reflect our national and international constituencies. He has been central to the open and challenging intellectual climate and to the comradely and tolerant relationship among our team that have prevailed during the past four years.

This marks the tenth year since *ILWCH* ceased to be a journal of reviews and took on its present form. In anticipation of this anniversary the Editorial Board decided to take stock not only of where the journal has been and is going but also of labor and working-class history in general. Ira Katznelson agreed to write a provocative paper on problems to be faced in the future, which was distributed to the board members and discussed in a symposium at our editorial offices. The main part of this issue consists of a revised and more scholarly version of that paper and its critiques. Unavoidably, some of the sparkle and sting have been excised in the process of a more formal presentation, but I think that our readers will be impressed with the diversity of orientation and level of conviction offered by Ira and his critics.

In view of Ira's departure from the co-editorship, the board has elected Louise Tilly to replace him. We look forward to benefiting from the talents and commitment for which she is so well known throughout the profession. Two additional members joined the Editorial Board in the spring of 1994: Barbara Weinstein of SUNY, Stony Brook, and Stephen Kotkin of Princeton University will be advisors on Latin America and Russia, respectively.

Finally, not so long ago, many believed that the prospects for young historians and social scientists would be excellent in the late 1990s. Unfortunately, the employment situation has become even worse. With this in mind, we want to recommit ourselves to publishing the work of younger scholars. But, we must urge them not to send manuscripts unannounced. Please write to us giving a brief summary of the work you want to submit, and we promise a very rapid reply.

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