

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Le fonti orali—Studi e ricerche is a new journal of oral history devoted to collecting, cataloging and interpreting oral sources. Italy has a tradition of oral history which traces its origins to the folklore and sociology studies of the last century, and has been particularly active over the last thirty years. This bulletin has the purpose of creating the preliminary basis for practitioners and scholars in different disciplines, areas of activity and regions of Italy to establish connections and increase communication. The journal further hopes to make known Italian experiences in oral history and to provide regular information on international events and research. Subscription information can be obtained from Istituto piemontese di Scienze Economiche e Sociali "Antonio Gramsci," Via Cernaia, 14, 10122 Torino, Italy.

The International Congress of Historians of the Labor Movement (Internationale Tagung der Historiker der Arbeiterbewegung—"ITH") will take place September 14-18, 1982 in Linz, Austria. The conference's themes are 1) Clerical, liberal, and employer-dependent labor movements until World War II with special emphasis on the trade unions, and 2) Lexical aids for the study of labor movement history. Simultaneous translations into English and French will be provided during the conference. Historians and specialists from Europe and overseas are invited to attend and present papers. Registration for the conference is being handled by *Internationale Tagung der Historiker der Arbeiterbewegung*, Wipplingerstrasse 8, A-1010 Vienna, Austria, no later than June 1, 1982. Papers to be presented must be received by the ITH by May 15, 1982, so that there is enough time to have the papers mimeographed and distributed to all participants before the September conference.

Employee Relations, published five times per year, is a major publication providing practical help and guidance to all those involved in improving the way work is done and the way people work together. It aims to facilitate means for those involved in the management of organizations, from shop floor workers to top level executives, to share and compare ways in which their employment conditions can be improved; also examined are the changing content and meaning of work and the ways in which rewards and conditions are negotiated. Current or upcoming articles include "Worker Directors on the Board: Four Case Studies," by Elizabeth Chell, and "Work in America: A Comparison of Industrial and Municipal Worker Attitudes," by Neal Herrick. Subscription information is available from MCB Publications, P.O. Box 10812, Birmingham, AL 35201.

The Marine Workers Historic Association, a group dedicated to locating maritime workers of the 1920s and 30s and recording their memories, has met in New York to mark the second anniversary of the organization. "It is about time we had our own oral history recorded," says Bill Bailey, a former seaman and member of ILWU Longshore Local 10 in San Francisco. "Today there are men sailing the ships, enjoying some of the best conditions available, and yet many of them have no idea what conditions were like in the past." Those wishing to join the group can do so by writing for an application from E. Palazzi, Secretary-Treasurer, 10 Mitchell Place, New York, NY 10017.

The Public Archives of Canada, recognizing the important role of the labour movement in Canadian society, has an ongoing programme to collect records of national significance created by people in the labour movement. In 1970, the Canadian Labour Congress deposited its historical records including those of its predecessors, the Trades and Labor Congress and the Canadian Congress of Labour. Large collections have been received from the national offices of such major unions as the United Steelworkers of America, the Canadian Union of Public Employees, the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport, and General Workers, the Canadian Food and Allied Workers, the International Association of Machinists and the United Transportation Union. Organizations such as the Jewish Labor Committee, the Labour College of Canada and the Canadian Railway Labour Association have also placed historical records in the Public Archives. Among the individuals whose personal papers are in the national archives are union leaders Madeleine Parent and R. Kent Rowley and labour lawyers J.L. Cohen and Jacob Finkelman. For information about Public Archives collections, or about the donation of records, contact Labour Archives Coordinator, Public Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N3.

The Fourth Annual North American Labor History Conference will be held October 14-16, 1982 at Wayne State University, Detroit. The Program Committee is currently soliciting proposals for papers and sessions. The 1982 Conference will have a varied program, reflecting the diverse interests of labor and social historians. The Program Committee is particularly interested in soliciting proposals relating to the role of women in the labor movement, public employee unionism, work structures, and labor and ethnicity, as well as sessions dealing with other aspects of labor history. The Conference will also encourage a program reflecting broad geographical settings, and is open to proposals involving the labor history of areas overseas as well as of the United States and Canada. Those with program and session proposals should communicate them to Professor Robert H. Zieger, Department of History, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202; (313) 577-2525. Past experience indicates that those proposals which outline a full session (normally two papers and a commentator) stand the best chance of acceptance.

The papers of Eugene and Peggy Dennis represent an important new addition to the archival collections on the history of American radicalism at the State

Historical Society of Wisconsin. The collection spans a fifty-five year period, 1926 to date—thirty-five years of the couple's political work together as Communist Party activists and, since the death of Eugene Dennis, the twenty years in which Mrs. Dennis has continued her independent political activities. The file on the years Eugene and Peggy Dennis spent in Wisconsin may be of particular interest to anyone wanting to explore the activities of Communists in the rank-and-file movement which helped form the CIO in the 1930s. Also included in the collection are clippings, personal notes, and correspondence on the 1949 trial and conviction of Eugene Dennis and ten of his colleagues under the Smith Act. For information write George Cutlip, Office of Public Information, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53706.

The twenty-eighth "Westdeutsche Kurzfilmtage" is being held in Oberhausen, West Germany on the 19th-24th of April, 1982 and is featuring the retrospective, "Miners and the Cinema." This subject matter seems highly appropriate, as Oberhausen itself is a mining city. West Germany's main industrial region, the Ruhr area in which Oberhausen is situated, was the subject of another retrospective four years ago, and the films featured in the current festival treat miners and mining communities in Great Britain, Belgium, France, the United States (Pennsylvania), the Soviet Union, and Poland (Silesia), as well as Japan and Bolivia. In conjunction with the festival, a book with articles on the filming of mining communities will be published and a three-part seminar on "Miners and the Cinema" will take place during the "Kurzfilmtage." Though this notice appears too late for readers to consider attending, the films, seminar and accompanying book are an event which merits announcement, albeit after the fact. Those interested in more information about the festival can write to "28. Westdeutschen Kurzfilmtage, Grillostrasse 34, 4200 Oberhausen 1, Bundesrepublik Deutschland."

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