

System and Sojourners in the Canadian North, 1885-1910," and by George Pozzetta: "Italians and the Tampa General Strike of 1910." In a session on "Women and the Work Experience," Jean Scarpaci presented a paper on "Angela Bambace: Union Activist and Labor Leader," while Colomba Furio examined the relationship between family roles and union activism in "Italian Immigrant Women and Unionization of New York's Garment Industry." A third session included "Italian American Radicals and the Rhode Island Labor Movement 1905-1930" by Paul Buhle.

A second theme of conference papers was working class residential areas and neighborhoods. In a session "Housing and Occupational Patterns," Gary Mormino pointed to the importance of homeownership in the emergence of a stable ethnic enclave. A second session on "Working Class Neighborhood" included papers by Phyllis Martinelli on San Francisco, by Rose Ann Rabiola on Chicago's Bridgeport area and by William Simons on Bloomfield.

Since the majority of Italian immigrants were workers for many years after their arrival in this country, papers such as those given at this conference fall into the category of the history of working class experiences. Nevertheless, the papers pointed to noticeable diversity in the experiences of Italian immigrant workers in different parts of the country and at different periods of time. The conference might have benefited from a general overview of the differentiation and interaction of class-determined and ethnic-determined experiences in the creation of working class identity and behavior.

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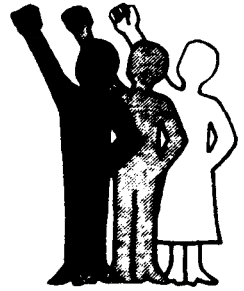
### **NETWORK ON WORKERS AND INDUSTRIALIZATION MEETING**

Members of the Network on Workers and Industrialization gathered for their annual meeting at the Social Science History Association Convention in Columbus, Ohio, October 1978. (It will be recalled that the meeting was held in Columbus after the Association's Executive Board decided not to schedule a Chicago meeting because of the ERA boycott, a position the Network had urged it to adopt.) Network Convenor (Chair) David Montgomery of the University of Pittsburgh, who was instrumental in establishing the vitality of the group, resigned his post because of his new editorship of *ILWCH*. Charles Stephenson (SUNY Brockport) was then elected to succeed Montgomery. All members of the Steering Committee, including Montgomery and Stephenson, Michael Hanagan (Vanderbilt University), Elizabeth Pleck (University of

Michigan), and Thomas Dublin (University of California, San Diego) were elected to new terms. The membership decided to expand the Steering Committee and added Ron Aminzade (University of Wisconsin [Sociology]) and Bruce Laurie (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) as regular members and Bo Öhngren (Uppsala University) as Corresponding Member, and voted to add one more member at the discretion of the Steering Committee. Joan Scott (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) subsequently agreed to join the committee. Discussion on several matters followed. It was announced that the Network was sponsoring a special issue of the SSHA's journal, *Social Science History* (Spring 1979), which would be edited by Hanagan and Stephenson. The question of the availability of modest funding for the Network's operation was raised and the group decided to request a voluntary contribution of \$2 from each member, and to investigate other functions which might offer a small financial return. It also was suggested that the Network consider organizing a film-showing at the 1979 New York AHA Convention. Aminzade was designated to look into the question and formulate suggestions to the Steering Committee. Two Network functions were announced: the March, 1979 Conference on Working Class History at SUNY Brockport (co-sponsored by the Network and Brockport's Department of History) and the Network's reception scheduled for the April OAH Convention in New Orleans in honor of members of regional, state, and local labor history associations and labor history projects and archives. Possible panels for the SSHA Convention in Cambridge in November, 1979 were suggested (and since have been formulated). A discussion of the role of the political orientation of contemporary scholarly organizations followed. Shortly thereafter, the membership, feeling stimulated by the discussion and satisfied with the on-going vitality of the Network, adjourned the annual meeting.

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# newsletter of international labour studies



## Aims

1. The Newsletter of International Labor Studies (NILS) will serve to facilitate an exchange of information among scholars concerned primarily with the working class of Latin America, Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and the Middle East. The Newsletter will identify and describe work in progress, include requests for information and provide summaries of meetings, conferences and publications in the field.

2. NILS will serve to link the struggles between workers in the three continents as well as between these and those of workers in the rest of the world. The activities of workers in the industrialized capitalist or industrializing communist countries will be examined insofar as they have a bearing on workers internationally.

3. NILS will be particularly concerned with the developments in the areas of transnational capital, the international division of labor, labor conditions and struggles in third world countries and international migration.

4. NILS will include news or studies on international and regional labor organizations (ILO, ICFTU, AALC, AIFLD, OATUU, CLAT, the International Trade Secretaries, etc.) which bear on worker struggles at the periphery.

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- Publication Notes*: shorter and usually uncritical comments on books and articles.
- Publication News*: short descriptions or publicity items with available data.
- Audio-Visual Aids*: film, tape-and-slide, artwork, photo work, records, etc., that can communicate research and theory to the masses.

*Research Resources*: documentation centers, information agencies, bibliographic services, archival material, etc.

*Events and Developments*: conferences, workshops, appointments and movements of individual researchers, etc.

*Organizations and Projects*: the current and planned activities of research institutes, trade unions and action committees.

*Periodicals*: mention of journals specializing on labor, or journal 'special issues' on labor.

*NILS News*: the development of the Newsletter itself, proposals for the future, new coordinators or correspondents, etc.

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