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NOTICE

Meeting in September in Philadelphia, again in Chicago in December.

The Executive Committee program will meet at Bryn Mawr Pa. during the Economic History Association meetings. There they will decide on future plans and prepare for the expanded meeting of the full membership in December in Chicago at the AHA meetings.

News in Labor History

Grants-in-aid offered

The Sidney Hillman Foundation Incorporated, has announced a series of activities of interest to students of American labor history and sociology. It includes limited scholarship grants, grants-in-aid, prize awards, and lecture sponsorship. More information can be had by writing their New York offices. A more detailed inquiry is being made by the BULLETIN.

Research Material Needed

Graduate student David R. Weimer, 5127 East Twin Lakes Blvd, Minneapolis 22, Minnesota is at work on his thesis, "Mythology in the AFL." (see Work-in-Progress) He is placing the first want-ad in the BULLETIN (no charge to members) and requests songs, reprints of speeches, cartoons, posters, handbills, etc., on the AFL, chiefly in the pre-1914 period. He is interested in the attitudes of the national officers toward capitalists, child labor, clergymen, foreigners, socialists, intellectuals, "scabs," unionists, Gompers himself, the union label, strikes, America, and so on. He is willing to pay "reasonable prices for usable, salable items."

Wisconsin Activities

At the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Director Clifford Lord is guiding a most interesting project. Following in the steps of John R. Commons, Mr. Lord is

gathering documentary material on the history of labor in Wisconsin. With the official blessings of the AFL, the CIO and the independent unions, the Historical Society is gathering the written records and files of unions in the state. They have many minute books, correspondence files, contracts and other non-current union data. In addition, they have the letters and papers of labor leaders and have tape recordings of the voices of extant old timers. The project is still in the gathering-material stage. A Newsletter is issued, periodically to keep interest alive. The idea is to add to the great store of data held in the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Univ. of Wisconsin, left from the Commons Associates days.

Frances Perkins

At the University of Illinois, retired Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins was resident lecturer at the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations. She stayed for six weeks giving seminars, lectures, and meeting informally with staff and students.

The National Archives

The National Archives in Washington, D.C. has microfilmed the valuable reports of the U.S. Commission on Industrial Relations for 1916. The reports are a comprehensive study of labor conditions for the period, and the complete

microfilm set can be purchased for \$75. More details will be forthcoming.

Labor Periodicals

The N.Y. State School of Labor and Industrial Relations at Cornell University has completed its compilation of American Labor Periodicals. Running over 300 mimeographed pages, the list includes all the labor newspapers held by American libraries. Proceedings etc., are not included. The editor of this project, Mr. Bernard G. Naas, Assistant librarian at the Cornell school, says that the purpose of the project is to encourage libraries to swap their regional holdings in order to permit each region to achieve depth in the labor papers of their area. E.g., if a midwestern library has the complete file of labor paper of a particular county in California, and a California library has a file of Indiana papers, arrangements can be made to swap. The exchange period will continue for about a year, then the revised list will be published by Cornell, according to geographical location. About twenty libraries are at present cooperating, including the U.S. Department of Labor Library.

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The editor expresses his thanks to Rev. Henry J. Brown, of Catholic Univ. and John P. Hall, of

Boucher, the other two members pro-
tem. of the Editorial Committee,
for assisting them with this pub-
lication. Also thanks to Ralph
McCoy, Librarian for the Univ. of
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Industrial Relations for his con-
genial assistance.

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10. To assist in securing grants
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2. To assist in the dissemina-
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3. To serve as a clearing house
for research workers and their
activities.
4. To help students working in
the field to become acquaint-
ed with one another's work,
especially when they are
working in related areas.
5. To encourage publication of
work in the field.
6. To publicize deposits of
archival material, manu-
scripts, files of informa-
tion, etc., on labor history.
7. To make known the work-in-
progress of our members.
8. To work with other historical
societies in arranging pro-
grams and meetings.

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EDITORIAL

The Present Situation

Peering from behind the printed pages of volume I of most any American history text is an anonymous man. A docile figure, a "horny-handed son of toil," he stands in a doorway on a quiet street, lined with elms, his brawny arms with rolled sleeves akimbo protruding from a stained leather apron. But with the second semester and volume II, students see the muscle-bound journeyman mechanic transformed into a "roused giant," violently striking against Gould's railroad chain, demanding the eight hour day, and proclaiming the coming of producer's cooperatives to cleanse the economic system of predatory capitalists. By the time the instructor reaches the 1930's (if indeed he ever does!) the transformation of the American worker (text version) is complete. He is emerged from the trampdom of the Wobblies and the openshop twenties and is a full blown urban rowdy, hanging wild-eyed from an auto factory in Detroit enjoying a sitdown strike binge by yelling intimate remarks to passers by.

Much is being done to render this bloodless figure into a man of human passions with aspirations not unlike others of his time. But before the wage earner and his leaders can emerge from their historical anonymity, there remains much more digging to be done. Before we can adequately appraise the place of the worker in American life, more inquiry must be made and the results published.

Because of the vastness of labor history in both time and space, the going is slow. The "gaps in our knowledge" are large and numerous. To know more of the worker, his problems and his manner of solving them would be a large contribution to our understanding of American social and economic history.

The principal purpose of the Bulletin is to act as a clearing house for students in the field of labor history. (See insert on Aims.) When the LABOR HISTORIANS

held their initial meeting in Lexington, Kentucky, at the MVHA sessions in May, they unanimously expressed their desire to have a liason with one another; and true to the academic tradition, they heartily disagreed on the method of their affiliation. There are many ways to conduct our informal group. We could follow the example of the American Historical Association and meet annually or twice yearly, publish a Journal, work under a constitution which can provide for officers, dues, and formal organization.

Or, we can offer Plan Two. This suggests adoption of the model developed by the American Studies Association. Fortunate in having a publication to begin with, they have grown nicely. The ASA have a formal organization with regional affiliates. Their purpose is to advocate American Studies curricula on the various campuses, and to further the study of American culture in its entirety. There are elements in their plan of value to us, especially the idea of regional sub-groups organizing and being affiliated with a parent group.

A third plan is suggested by the Railroad historians known as the Lexington Group, a lusty aggregation of devotees of the iron hoss. They keep organization and dues to a minimum and concentrate on issuing a mimeographed newsletter on the subject close to their hearts. They meet in conjunction with a few of the larger academic organizations, and are an intimate yet serious group.

Your editor feels that we can be eclectic and still be original. There are many interprises we can profitably entertain, but there must be a priority established to keep our lines statagically intact. Overextension means doom for new, undermanned organizations in academic circles.

At the top of the priority list for the time being is the Bulletin--the coordinatng link which can hold us together for the present until we feel in position to strike out into other activities, including expanding the Bulletin itself. There can be little question that we can dignify our present little sheet with clear faced neartype on a

more durable paper, and a more artistic format. And soon we can begin to include original pieces by our people.

Organizationally, we can be models of simplicity. Certainly we can for an interim period until the membership has made its desires known. I propose two overlapping committees to direct our activities for the immediate future.

1. Editorial Committee: a three man committee with the Editor as chairman. The Editor should also serve on the other committee.
2. Steering Committee (or Executive Committee): a three man committee, including the Editor, whose function is to pass on suggestions for expansions and changes, make arrangements for sessions with the major historical associations, etc.,

Matters of large import should be submitted to the membership for referendum and Vox Populi will decide the matter. Since practically the only expense of the organization will be the Bulletin, the Editorial Committee can be keeper of the coin.

At the moment, we are operating with an eight man Executive Committee, pro tempore, informally installed at Lexington. This group can form the nucleus of the two new committees until further plans are decided upon, probably in Chicago in December at the American Historical Association meeting.

Those among you interested in organizational and constitutional matters might give the suggestions above your thought. Your considered opinion would be appreciated. A composite of the thinking of the membership will be offered in our next issue. IA.

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Ph.D. Dissertations and other work-in-progress in the history of labor.

- Alexander, Joseph "The Labor Movement in New York City from 1800-1935, with Special Reference to 1900-1935; A study in the Growth of Organized Labor." New York Univ. Ph.D. Thesis. (Mailing address unknown)
- Arky, Louis H. "Origins of the American Labor Movement. Philadelphia 1826-1836." Univ. of Illinois.
- Arnold, Delbert D. "The CIO's Role in American Politics, 1936-1948." Univ. of Maryland. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Ayer, High M. "Indiana Labor During World War II." Indiana Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Balfe, Richard G. "Charles Patrick Neill: Labor Economist and Social Worker. Notre Dame. Ph.D. Thesis
- Behen, David M. "Labor Movement in Chicago, 1874-96." Univ. of Chicago Ph.D. Thesis (completed.)
- Berman, Hyman "The Era of the Protocol: a Chapter in the History of Int. Ladies Garment Workers Union, 1910-16." Columbia Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Blum, Albert A. "Labor Communism: A Study of the Civil War in the Ladies Garment Workers Union." Columbia Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Bornet, Vaughn D. "Politics and Labor in the 1920's." Stanford Univ.

- Burbank, David T. "The St. Louis General Strike of 1877" Address: 14 North Kings Highway, St. Louis 8, Mo.
- Cain, Leonard "The Irish Labor Movement." Catholic Univ. Ph.D. Thesis
- Calderhead, Wm. "The Norristown (Pa.) Labor Movement." Univ. of Pennsylvania. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Cornell, Robt. J. "A History of the Anthracite Coal Strike of 1902." Catholic Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Costello, Lawrence "The Labor Movement in New York City, 1861-73." Columbia Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Crupi, Dominick "The Anthracite Coal Strike, 1901-02." Univ. of Wisconsin. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Crystal, Pearl "Teachers Unions in New York City, 1916-48 Teachers Union, Teachers Guild." Columbia Univ. Ph.D. Thesis
- Daney, Walter F. "A History of the American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada." Lehigh Univ. Ph.D. Thesis
- Dunbar, John L. "History of the Coal Mine Workers of W. Va." Columbia Univ. Ph.D. Thesis
- Erickson, Charlotte "Recruitment of European Immigrant Labor by American Industry, 1860-85." Cornell Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Evans, Frank B. "The Great Railway Strike of 1877." Pennsylvania State Coll. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Fenton, Edwin "Italian Immigrants in the American Labor Movement." Harvard Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Garbati, Irving "The New Unionism: A Study of British Trade Unionism in Transition." Columbia Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Gearty, Rev. Patrick "Economic Thought of Monsignor John A. Ryan." Catholic Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Ginger, Ray "Biography of Clarence Darrow." Western Reserve Univ.
- Graf, Robt. J. "Nineteenth Century Labor Thought." Purdue Univ.
- Green, Mother M. "National Civic Federation and Organized Labor." Catholic Univ. M.A. Thesis.

- prob, Gerald N. "The American Labor Movement, 1865-1914. North-western Univ.
- putman, Herbert G. "The Depression of 1873 and the Railroad Strike of 1877." Univ. of Wisconsin. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Madden, Henry "Labor Disturbances in Western Pennsylvania, 1872-90." Univ. of Pennsylvania. Ph.D. Thesis. (Mailing address unknown).
- Lafeman, Henrietta "Alexander McDonald, Labor Member of Parliament." Univ. of Chicago. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Ball, John P. "The Gentle Craft. The Narrative of Yankee Shoemakers." Ph.D. Thesis completed. Now at Goucher Coll., Balto., Md.
- Giggins, Rev. Geo. "Voluntarism in the AFL." Catholic Univ. Ph.D. Thesis. Address: Natl Catholic Welfare Confr., Washington, D.C.
- Hudson, Harriet D. "John H. Walker: Mine Leader and President of the Illinois State Federation of Labor. 1900-30." Univ. of Illinois.
- Hunter, Wilbur H. "Mechanics and Merchants: The Struggle for Community Leadership in Baltimore in the Jeffersonian Era." Johns Hopkins Ph.D. Thesis.
- Ames, Edward T. "Political Activities of the Knights of Labor." Harvard Univ. Ph.D. Thesis. Address: Mills College, California.
- Kemmerer, Don L. "The Knights of Labor." Univ. of Illinois.
- Larson, Marc "Political Thought of American Trade Unions, 1906-18." Washburn Univ., Kansas.
- Kennedy, Douglas R. "Life of Richard T. Ely." Univ. of Wisconsin. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Merrick, Eugene E. "Theodore Roosevelt and Labor." Univ. of Wisconsin. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Auritz, Hyman "The Socialists and the Trade Union Movement, 1865-1914." Columbia Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Leiby, James R. "Biography of Carroll D. Wright." Harvard Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.

- Mackin, Rev. Joseph "Legislative History of the Union Shop." Catholic Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Madel, Bernard "Abolition of Slavery and the Labor Movement." Western Reserve Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Manges, Frances "Employment of Women in Colonial Philadelphia." Univ. of Pennsylvania. Ph.D. Thesis. (Mailing address unknown).
- Mattson, Bernard B. "Radicalism in the U.S. 1787-1800." Univ. of Chicago. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Montavon, Paul A. "Economic Thought of John Mitchell." Catholic Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Morris, James O. "The AFL, 1933-1952." Univ. of Michigan. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Mullady, Thomas M. "Life of John Mitchell." Address: 518 Dryden Rd., Ithaca, N.Y.
- McDonagh, Rev. Thos. "Some Aspects of Roman Catholic Attitude Toward the American Labor Movement, 1900-14." Ph.D. Thesis completed. Address: Notre Dame Univ.
- McGovern, Geo. S. "Colorado Coal Strike of 1913-14." Northwestern Univ. Ph.D. Thesis. Address: Dakota Wesleyan Univ., Mitchell, S.D.
- McHale, Sister Loretta "Reforms Advocated by the Knights of Labor Under Master Workman T.V. Powderly." Catholic Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.
- McKee, Delber L. "The AFL and International Relations, 1886-1950." Stanford Univ. Ph.D. Address: Westminster Coll., Pa.
- McMurray, Donald L. "The Great Burlington Railroad Strike of 1888." Address: Box 207, Dryden, N.Y.
- Palmer, John L. "British Policy and the Labor Movement in Malaya." Cornell Univ. Ph.D. (Mailing address unknown).
- Poirer, Philip P. "British Socialist and Labor Propaganda in the Eighteen Nineties." Harvard Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Ricker, Ralph R. "The Greenback Movement in Pennsylvania, 1865-1880." Lebanon Valley Coll. Ph.D. Thesis.

- Rischin, Moses "The Jewish Labor Movement in New York City, 1870-1914," Harvard Univ. Ph.D. Thesis. Address: Brooklyn College, N.Y.
- Schaeffer, Justin K. "German Labor under National Socialism." Columbia Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Small, Milton "Biography of Robert Schilling." Univ. of Wisconsin Ph.D. Thesis.
- Somma, Nicholas "The Knights of Labor and Chinese Exclusion." Catholic Univ. Ph.D. Thesis (completed). Address: 3007 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va.
- Stevenson, Geo. K. "Railroad Labor." Emory & Henry Coll., Va.
- Vance, M. M. "Labor Movement and Intellectual History." Florida State Univ., Tallahassee, Fla.
- Walsh, Richard "The Charleston, S.C., Mechanics' Society." Univ. of So. Carolina, Ph.D.
- Weimer, David R. "Mythology in the AFL, 1881-1924." Ph.D. Thesis. Univ. of Minnesota. Address: 5127 E. Twin Lakes Blvd., Minneapolis 22, Minn.
- Yearley, Clifton K., Jr. "British Men and Ideas in the American Trade Union Movement." Johns Hopkins Univ. Ph.D. Thesis.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1953-54

The assessment for the 1953-54 year will be \$1.00. There are no dues attached to belonging to THE LABOR HISTORIANS, but each year members will be assessed in accordance with the needs of the organization. The first year will doubtless be the all-time high for membership assessment.

Below are the names of those who have paid their first year's fee. Each of you is urged to mail your application blank (see enclosed) to the editor with your fee and the names, addresses and fields of interest of people known to you who might want to join. Charter members include:

- * Aaron I. Abell, Notre Dame
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See You at the C. Hilton

Those planning to come to Chicago for the AHA meetings are reminded that The Labor Historians are meeting informally at the Conrad Hilton Hotel on Tuesday, Dec. 29. The room number will be announced, so watch the Hilton bulletin board.

This may be an excellent chance to talk professional business with colleagues you have never had a chance to meet. And it will give the Exec. Committee an opportunity to discuss weighty matters of our organization.

Your editor would like to meet you all personally.

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Our Last Meeting

Present at our Bryn Mawr Exec. Comm. meeting last Sept. were: John Hall (Goucher), Rev. Henry J. Browne (Catholic U.), Ray Ginger (W. Reserve), and Lou Arky (U. of Illinois).

Two main problems were discussed. (1) Expansion of our Bulletin and (2) Promoting labor history programs at the larger Historical Assn. meetings.

Prospects for expansion of the Bulletin are not encouraging at this time. Yet the Comm. felt we ought to begin thinking about a more substantial publication, one that might accommodate articles, selected reviews and generally being of service to working labor historians.

The problem is financial. This year our Bulletin was reduced to 3 issues due to shortage of funds. This much can be said about the future: despite costs, we can continue on a 4-times-a-year basis with our present format. It means that stenographic
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work formerly hired out must be done by the ed. And that's a good reason why the Bulletin will eventually be located at a cooperating university where two or more of us can join to do the work it requires.

We have taken the initiative by contacting other historical associations with a view to cooperating with them in promoting labor history programs. We are making it known to program chairmen and editors that we can help them locate specialists in our field. Our files contain the names, addresses and work-in-progress of a few hundred active historians. Both these matters will be again discussed in Chicago this month.

Wants Greek Labor Material

Prof. Jim Dertouzos of the Rutgers Univ. (New Brunswick, N.J.) Inst. of Mgt. & Labor Relations, is interested in information on the modern Greek labor movement. He wants to contact others working in this area.

Vol. I, No. 1, Sold out

Please, no more requests for the Bulletin's first issue. It sold out.

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News from Ntl Archives

Paul Lewinson, able Chrm. of the Committee on Labor Union Archives of the Society of Amer. Archivists, reports that his committee is going to attempt a union list of labor archives in the U.S. The project is still in the works.

More news later. Mr. Lewinson is with the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Also from Ntl Archives. They have issued Preliminary Inventories on many of their vast files. New titles include: "War Labor Policies Board," (#4), and "Maritime Labor Board," (#20). Scheduled Inventory for near future is "National War Labor and Wage Stabilization Board, World War II."

U. of Ill. Labor Biblio.

Just published is the History of Labor and Unionism in the U.S., a most useful bibliography of books (not articles). Published by the U. of Illinois Inst. of Labor & Industrial Relations, it sells for one dollar. Since it is a mimeo job printed on one side only, it is a must for students as it permits copious annotation for one's personal use. Supply is limited so order soon.

Crearer's Ely Coll. to Detroit

Detroit Public Library announces that in expanding its labor holdings it has purchased the John Crearer Lib.'s labor collection, one of the six best in U.S. (Others are Dept. of Labor, L.C., N.Y. Public, Johns Hopkins, and Wisc. State Lib.). Core of this coll. is

R.T. Ely's library and the Dutch Scholar, C.V. Gerritson, of Amsterdam's library.

Catholic U's Archives

One of the country's most specialized Ms depositories from the point of view of Amer. labor history is the Dept. of Archives & Ms of the Catholic U. of America, Washington, D.C. Materials include Terence V. Powderly's Papers which amount virtually to the extant archives of the Knights of Labor. Also, there are the John Mitchell Papers which are the personal files alluded to in the Elsie Gluck volume as being in the hands of Mitchell's secretary, Miss Elizabeth Morris. Finally, there are the John Hayes Papers (at which Norman Ware had a glance), the last K. of L. chief. Available too are Monsignor John A. Ryan's papers. Formerly Prof. of Industrial Ethics at C.U.A., this friend of labor's files are strongest from 1925-45.

LC has John P. Frey Coll.

John P. Frey, retired editor and labor leader, has presented his personal papers - a collection of some five thousand pieces - to the Library of Congress. They contain info concerning his long connection with the AFL, his various activities in the labor movt, and his twenty-four years as editor of the International Moulders Journal.

The papers disclose Frey's relations

with Samuel Gompers and other labor leaders in the U.S. and foreign countries; his service as labor adviser and expert on the U.S. delegation to the Intl Economic Conference in Geneva in 1927; his membership on other Govt committees and delegations having to do with such subjects as scientific mgt and labor, labor standards, and vocational training; and the part he played before and during World War II in ironing out labor controversies, especially in shipyards. For the last mentioned work, Frey was awarded the President's Certificate of Merit.

Students of economic and labor history are expected to find the Frey papers a valuable source of info. The papers will be in LC Ms Div.

Thesis Biblio at U. of Cal.

A number of MA and PhD dissertations are included in the 1951-52 list of Industrial Relations Theses and Dissertations, the 3d annual edition. Issued by the Inst. of Industrial Relations at the Univ. of California, copies may be had at \$.50.

Needs Jewish Labor Info.

Morris U. Schappes, 94 Hamilton Place, N.Y. 31, author of A Documentary History of the Jews in U.S., is working on Vol. II,

from 1875 to present. He intends to include much material on Jews in the labor movt and requires leads to, or copies of, references to Jewish labor, texts of speeches, articles, cartoons, poems, newspaper reports, minutes of meetings, correspondence of individuals or of unions, co-ops, political groups, fraternal organizations, etc., for the period since 1875. He would also like to have material generally reflecting attitudes toward Jews, anti-Semitic or otherwise.

Progress Report

The Exec. Comm. expresses its collective thanks for the generous response you have made. We sent out 200 copies of Vol. I, No. 1, and have received about sixty dollars. As mail order advertisers will testify, that's a heartening response. But, in order to break even, we will need at least fifty more memberships. Otherwise, someone will be paying out of pocket.

The motivating idea behind the Labor Historians Bulletin is that of service to students working in the field. We'd like to make the Bulletin a regularly published paper. We'd like to expand it, and we'd like to promote labor history generally by acting as a medium to bring ideas and projects together that need being brought together. Our members include scholars teaching and researching

in many areas: social, economic and political history, in sociology, political science and economics. We have writers, journalists, editors, labor people and just plain interested people. All are interested in the writing and teaching about the labor movt in its relation to American life.

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The Bulletin depends on your comment, ideas and interest. If you have news or info of interest to the labor history fraternity, communicate them to the editor. Your ideas, etc., will get a hearing.

Work-In-Progress

Here is the second installment of Work-In-Progress. Again we stress that this is not a complete listing of Ph.D. or M.A. dissertations in the works, and those of you who can add to the list are invited to do so. If plans go through, we plan to issue a yearly supplement bringing the list up to date. A major source of information will be your communications. Sixty-seven listings were published in Vol. I, No. 1.

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Plan Gathering at Madison

If you expect to be in Madison, Wis., for the MVHA meeting April 22-24, check the bulletin board at the HQ for announcements of our group meeting.

From now on, we'll try to meet informally at the two larger meetings, AHA and MVHA, and talk things over in some place of "relaxed atmosphere." We hope to see you there.

Dues Now Payable for '54

The Chicago meeting voted to make all dues payable from January. Please mail your dollar for 1954 and keep us solvent.

Seventeen Attend Last Confab

Chicago's Xmas meeting at the Hilton was well attended. Members held lively discussions on matters of interest to labor historians. Suggestions were made to improve the coverage of the Bulletin, and it was decided to offer our services to some of the major historical associations for programs. With the amount of interest and writing in the field of labor history, it seems likely that some instructive sessions might be arranged.

It was definitely agreed to meet twice yearly under the most informal arrangements to exchange views and tend to the organization's business.

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Some debate was held over the proper disposition of labor archives. On pp.4-5 appears the position of Rev. Henry Browne. Robert Cornell of St. Norbert College, Wis., was chosen record. secy., to keep a record of our discussions.

Article Going Begging?

According to some editors, writers on labor history can have space in their journals if they submit their Ms. Material will be considered by: Journal of Economic History (at Univ. of Penna.); Industrial and Labor Relations Review (at Cornell); Explorations in Entrepreneurial History (at Harvard), and the Milwaukee County Hist. Messenger (Milwaukee, and pert. to local items).

The above list simply includes those whose editors have informed us that they would like to receive work being done by members. There are many others glad to obtain labor history Ms.

U. of Ill. Labor Fiction

Ralph McCoy, librarian of the Inst. of Labor & Indus. Rels. at the U. of Ill., is compiling an annotated biblio of American industrial labor fiction. Those interested are invited to

send their names and they will be circularized with a preliminary list which they may annotate. It will be published on same mimeo format as the last Labor History Biblio (at \$1. and still available).

Back Issues Available

Our first issue has been reprinted and is available to members who didn't receive it. We'll try to keep open stock on all issues.

Canadian Labor

The Canadian Dept. of Labour, at Ottawa, has microfilms of 164 Canadian labour journals and newspapers. A list of these titles may be obtained from the Dept.'s library.

Note: While relations between our two countries are still amicable, we suggest that the spelling of labo(u)r be standardized, to keep printers sane, if nothing else.

From Archivists' Society

Paul Lewinson, Chrm. of the Comm. on Trade Union Archives, Society of American Archivists, is concerned with the same problem that confronted our members at the Chicago meeting. His organization wants to locate depositories of labor material in an effort to compile a complete printed checklist. Such an undertaking would be a boon to labor historians.

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Members of the Labor Historians are invited to cooperate in the project to discover and list source material on labor in conjunction with the Society of American Archivists.

The Society hopes to encourage the preservation of such records thru this effort, and to make known the various holdings.

They have found that among all data pertaining to the labor movt., the records of org. labor are the least known to be available.

According to the Society, Federal Govt. labor records are well in hand at the Ntl. Archives in Washington, but info is needed about five other categories of labor records: (1) Those among State archives, e.g., State Labor Lepts., Labor Commissioners; (2) Private corporations such as Firestone, Ford, Westinghouse; (3) Archives in educational institutions and libraries; (4) Family records in private hands, espec. of labor leaders and people close to labor; (5) Records maintained by unions.

Knowledge of such collections or records, Ms., etc., should be communicated to Mr. Lewinson, Ntl Archives, Wash. 25. A union checklist of labor materials is most desirable.

Andrew Furuseth: Seamen's U.

Those interested in the org. of sailors are directed to Silas B. Axtell, 15 Moore St., N.Y.4. Mr. Axtell was a friend and lawyer for Andy Furuseth, organizer of one of America's first seamen's unions: Sailor's Union of the Pacific, org. in Calif. in '85.

Furuseth was born at Ronedal, Norway, in 1854, and led a naval life. He knew what it was to hide for his life as a result of his organizing activities. In '97 he had a test case on the 13th Amendment's validity to seamen taken to the U.S. Supreme Court. The vote was 7 to 1 against the seamen. Furuseth is best known for being a force behind the LaFollette Seamen's Act of 1915.

Mr. Axtell is a well known proctor in admiralty and will cooperate with any serious student interested in this aspect of labor hist.

British Labor Sources

Those planning to be in England might be interested in some sources of English labo(u)r history since 1870. London has the richest collections. The Labour Party has a small library where students may work, and the Fabians have a library of unpubl. Ms. available to researchers. Records of the Labour Representation League and the London I.L.P. are at the London School of Economics.

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Also, there are the pamphlet and newspaper collections bequeathed by the Webbs and Edward Pease. The Webbs have their diaries and corres. there too, but, sorry, not yet for use.

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Labor Unions: Keep Your Records

Ed. Note: The last meeting of our group produced a discussion on the question of the proper disposition of the records of labor organizations. One section felt that the proper resting for labor's files is the large institutional library with its trained staff and facilities for cataloging and shelving in fireproofed areas. Others strongly argue that labor orgs. ought to follow the example of older companies, e.g., who, after permitting their records to fall into limbo, finally set out to rectify their past by an intensive search for their records. Here follows the views of Rev. Henry J. Browne, Archivist of the Catholic U. of America, an advocate of urging unions to institute their own archives.

Among labor's most valuable possessions, if indeed they still have them, are their noncurrent records. But the way labor's old paper is often kept, one would hardly think it was capable of being dignified into source material and footnotes. Unions ought to be urged to assume the responsibility of keeping, preserving and making available to serious students the records of their past. In establishing their own archives, labor would be performing a service to itself and to historians as well.

Labor ought to consider the relative neglect of unions in the nineteenth century. Records then were so seldom preserved that little advance has been made on two early works of quality, the histories of Commons and associates and Norman Ware's. With so little new material, little could be added.

Indifference to the past has marked many social movements. Temperance societies, peace and reform groups, have more often than not permitted their office files to aid scrap paper drives. But in many cases these were timely movements without the continuity which the labor movement possesses.

In a few instances, papers of leading figures have been preserved.

The Gompers and Powderly papers are available. Yet the Library of Congress itself has only the papers of one labor figure, John P. Frey. The two leading labor orgs. have begun to take an interest in their history and have the beginnings of fine archival collections, but they need the assistance of trained archivists in establishing permanent files to which scholars may come and work. International unions such as the United Mine Workers and the Int'l Ladies Garment Workers have become aware of their history and are anxious to have their contributions to American life documented.

Labor organizations can undertake with pride the establishment of private libraries of their own records and related materials. By being their own archivists, they can do the job more thoroughly and with greater accuracy than can some institutional library, designated as depository for labor's old records simply because it is close by. To supplement its records, unions can, with small expenditure, get the transcribed voices of their ex-tant leaders (and rank-and-file) who can discourse on the important aspects of their active union lives. The Wisconsin Historical Society is doing this on a statewide scale, with the cooperation of unions there.

Should the proposal of the Soc. of American Archivists come about (see pp. 2-3), and a master Union Checklist of labor materials is compiled, labor groups would have an excellent opportunity to evaluate their noncurrent files and consider their proper disposition. Certainly, the Society, in cooperation with other interested parties such as the Labor Historians, could offer professional assistance to unions in establishing libraries or archives of their own.

It is hoped that historically minded unionists consider the importance of making their records available and lend a hand in projects to assist them. Probably they'd not only enjoy it, but they'd learn a few things about their union and its history in the process.

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WORK-IN-PROGRESS

Another installment of research in progress including M.A. and Ph.D. theses, books and other projects in the field of labor and allied history. We depend largely upon your application forms and correspondence for our sources. The advantages of having your project publicized need not be enumerated here.

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The Editor's Corner...

How do you feel about the subject of an American Labor Party, one on the order of the British? Prof. Marc Karson, Washburn Municipal Univ., Topeka, Kansas, is among those who would like to have one. Mr. K. has studied under Harold Laski at the London School of Economics and Political Science and has written an interesting piece stating his views. Granting the difficulties in the way of a Labor Party, Karson insists that our present party system offers working people no positive help. The Demos, he says, altho claiming to be the party of labor, have too many diverse groups to cater to,

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AHA Plans Labor Session

The American Historical Assn plans a session on Labor History this year at its meetings in New York, to be held between Xmas and New Yrs Day. The session will feature papers centering on the early years of the AFL, and will hear papers by Delber McKee of Westminster College, Pa., and Bernard Mandel, Cleveland, Ohio. Commentators on the papers will be Rev. Henry Browne of Catholic Univ. of Amer., and John Hall of Goucher Coll.

We hope you can make the meetings this year and attend the sessions. The Labor Historians are behind this particular session and we are sure you'll find the papers interesting.

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and labor must always settle for weak compromise. The Repubs, on the other hand, never have claimed to be the voice of labor. "The tragedy of trade unionism's political pressure method...consists of voting against a candidate who can be absolutely depended upon in Congress to do its bidding." Karson argues that instead of resorting to hypercaution, labor leaders ought to consider the past failures of labor in politics and to draw upon labor history as a guide. Among the "don'ts" Karson includes are relying upon doctrinaire socialist ideas, dated theorists and misjudging the psychology of the American people.

The Wisconsin school of labor philosophers comes under scrutiny from Mr. Karson. Their adaptation to the capitalist environment idea, he writes, has engendered a determinist philosophy among their followers. The Wisc. school, he says, "holds that because American business is powerful and often hostile to trade unionism, the latter should not offend it by establishing its own labor party.

When should the new party organize? In time for the next presidential election, says Prof. Karson. His unpublished article is up for publi-

And after the discussion, why not make arrangements to meet more of the members? The group plans to lunch that day and we'd like to have you along. See the program of the AHR for exact time and place of session.

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cation and can be obtained from the author...that's how we got ours.

An interesting letter here from San Francisco, home of Archie Green, ship carpenter and grad. of the Univ. of California, class of '39. The fact that Mr. G. choose to become a workin man is worthy of mention in an era when the college grad usually takes a low paying "prestige" position.

Mr. Green likes to read labor history but confesses that he is weary of historical theory. "I don't want to read another theoretical, statistical, polemical dissertation on collective bargaining. I vote on my contract once a year, and complain about it the rest, but I don't want to read about it! I want to read about Peter McGuire who rode the rods to organize the carpenters, and why his spirit no longer lives in our brotherhood."

Good point. If labor is ever to become an articulate force and nat'l prime mover, it must build upon a base of idealism and inspiration. When men

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are workaday drones seeking material gain sans any goal save "wage consciousness," they cease to be fit members of the human race.

Probably, well written labor history which can tell the story to a wide, popular audience can make Mr. Bluecollar proud to be identified with his past. History offers a sense of belonging, a feeling that man belongs to a civilization which has been and will continue, and to which he is making a contribution. Mr. Green lives at 224 Caselli Av., San Francisco 14, Calif.

We are happy to announce an Exchange Membership with an honored band of specialists, the Lexington Group. In case you're among the uninitiated, this tight band of scholars' principal interest is railroad history.

We like the idea upon which the Lexington Group is based and commend it to our own members. Organized some eleven years ago in the city in Kentucky whose name it bears, the charter members met in a room where beverages are served to the eligible. The small group meets a few times a year at the principal historical Assn meetings, and publishes a splendid newsletter. It keeps members informed of one

another's duties and circularizes news of note in the field of railroading.

Appended to the present issue of the Lex. newsletter is an excellent eleven page mimeo article, a paper read at one of their sessions (MVHA), by Julius Grodinsky, Wharton School (U of Penn) on the fabulous Jay Gould.

Aside from being professionally helpful, the Lexington Group is a social organization whose members enjoy their own mutual company, and therefore don't have to resort to "business meetings" as a *raison d'etre*. Anyway, our best to Dick Overton, sec'y of the group (now on leave in Vt.) and to a long association with his organization.

Of Polls and Things

Despite the host of critics it has, poll or survey taking is large business. Not a few works have recently been published getting union attitudes, mostly by the questionnaire method. One of their critics is Prof. Lindsay Rodgers of Columbia University.

Taking apart a recent book on the political parties in the J1. 20 number of Reporter, Rodgers, in a nicely titled review, "Statistical Proof of the Obvious," questions the author's authenticity in determining how many voters of Jewish faith voted for whom in the last presidential sweepstakes. It seems
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that the author concluded that the Jewish vote went to Mr. Stevenson by 1.6 million to only .6 million for the General. What bothered reviewer Rodgers was how the author discovered how many of the ethnic group voted for the candidates? The sampling technique, as it is known, in this instance depended upon those "in conflict," (the "don't knows" to you laymen), and in the final analysis to get the Jewish vote percentages, the author had to rely on about seventeen persons!

However, small samples offered no problem to the pollster, for when the sample is too small for "reliability," they resort to "interpolation." Well, we historians oughtn't by hypercritical...we indulge in a bit of interpolation (and maybe some extrapolation ... too?) ourselves.

Mr. Edward N. Saveth, editor of the forthcoming volume, Understanding the American Past has an abiding interest in the (agonizing) reappraisal of the nineteenth century fortune builders, formerly known as Robber Barons.

In a preview article in the NY Times Bookreview section for JL. 4, Saveth tells of the shift in approach from the old Gustavus Meyers-

Henry D. Lloyd approach to the school of Prof. Alan Nevins, Columbia, who views the men of seven figures (digits as making a "creative response to their era."

There are a few things which can stand some clearing up re our now romantic millionaires.. They should not be lumped in one group. Some were speculators and manipulators of stock and other people's property, barely keeping within the loose confines of corporation law. Others did manufacture products of need to an industrial economy, and made employment and stability.

And we are interested to see how the entrepreneurial historians, in reevaluating the accomplishments of the titans of finance, appraise the labor practices and policies of their historical subjects. Possibly taking old labor-practices skeletons from their mansion closets is now old hat, yet, as historians we have no need to turn our heads from the obvious and fail to realize that sweatshops and the parvenu went together; and that the social benevolence of the millionaires came in the atonement period of their careers. It could be either that our historical memories are not long enough or that the Foundations have learned that historians have their price....

Help Wanted:

Dr. Sam'l Bernstein, an editor of the well established marxian quarterly, Science & Society, is now at work on a full length treatment of the First International in America. He'd like to uncover all possible materials on his subject and invites members to clue him in on unpublished papers. All info to him at 30 E. 20th St., N.Y. 3, will be gratefully returned.

Eighty Yrs. with the Same Union:

If eighty years with the same union isn't the record, we hope the claimant will step forward. Louis De Witt, 100 years old, has been with Local 16 of the Chicago, International Typographical Union since '74.

Thanks from the Editor:

We'd like to thank most gratefully five members of our organization for accepting the chore of doing some clerical work for us on their own time. They've typed out lists, typed cards, and all the rest of the dirty work connected with getting this sheet out. Any more volunteers would be helpful. The fivesome who have done their share include John Hall, Goucher, Vic Hoffman, Valpariso

Coll., Ind., Dave Behen, Knox Coll., Galesburg, Ill., Geo. Stevenson, Emory & Henry, Va., and David Burbank, St. Louis, Mo.

Financial Report:

As a result of the most stringent economics, we are in the black. Actually, if you call having about ten dollars on deposit with the Busey First National Bank, Urbana, Illinois, solvent, we qualify.

We refuse to make any "appeals" to members arrears in dues, altho we have more such delinquents than the GAR. However, it's worth observing that we'll stay in our nonprofit business so long as support warrants. No tickoo, no washee from here out. So pay up to stay on the mailing list.

Letters to the Editor:

Last issue we included the views of one of our founding fathers, Rev. Henry Browne, Catholic Univ. Amer. Fr. Browne is Archivist there and put forth the idea that unions ought to be their own archivists, establishing archival libraries and holdings of their own. One important reason for this would be to engender esprit de corps and historical awareness among the unions. But Mrs. Lee Eckert, Records Librarian, N.Y. State

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School of Industrial & Labor Relations, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, N. Y. thinks otherwise. She writes: "Father Browne raises some questions. Ideally, unions should assume responsibility for preserving their papers, and making them available for research. But, with the exception of some of the larger internationals, continuity of leadership is not notable. At grass roots level, leadership and membership is constantly changing, records are lost or discarded. These groups have contributed much to the labor movt., however, and their papers are worthy of preservation.

The volume of papers for many of these unions is seldom sufficient to keep an archivist full time. And, large turnover in the staffs of labor orgs would present problems in training and maintaining an archive that established libraries don't have to face.

Who is to assume the responsibility for many of the records which remain in a union leader's home? Do they properly belong in the office files of the union? If so, who is to make certain they are placed there? If not, who is to preserve them?"

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Social Security's 20th Anniversary

Professor Edwin E. Witte suggested that we should note that the 20th Anniversary of the signing of the Social Security Act occurred on August 14, 1955. Special numbers of various publications have appeared containing items of historical interest.

Social Security Bulletin, August 1955, issued by the Social Security Administration, entitled "Anniversary Issue--The Social Security Act: The First Twenty Years." Included in this issue are "References on the Origin and Development of Social Security in the United States," "Significant Events, 1935-1955" (statistical data). As the titles of the articles referred to suggest, much of this issue of the Social Security Bulletin is historical in character.

Employment Security Review, August 1955, issued by the Bureau of Employment Security of the U.S. Department of Labor--entire issue entitled "Twenty Years of Unemployment Insurance in the U.S.A., 1935-1955." Again this publication is historical, as well as descriptive of the present status of unemployment insurance and the United States Employment Service.

Children, published by the Children's Bureau

of the U.S. Social Security Administration--entire issue for July-August 1955 entitled "A Twenty Year Perspective on Services to Children: Developments in Child Health and Welfare Services Since the Passage of the Social Security Act."

In addition to the above, many union journals have printed articles on the anniversary. The UAW-CIO put on a radio and television show on August 14, 1955 at which the principal speaker was Arthur J. Altmeyer - long the Social Security Administrator.

A special observance was held in Washington by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The principal speakers were Secretary Folsom and Professor Witte. The Social Security Administration has distributed copies of the speeches to all the regional offices. They will be published in the Social Security Bulletin.
Labor and the New Deal

Members of the faculty of the Institute of

Labor and Industrial Relations, University of Illinois, and of the Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin, are jointly preparing a series of interpretative essays on "Labor and the New Deal." The volume is not intended to be a full-blown history of labor in the New Deal period, but is designed simply to provide some insights into selected aspects on the basis of fifteen years of perspective. Each essay will emphasize elements in the previous backgrounds to indicate the historical continuity of the New Deal period; each will also assess some of the implications and consequences of developments during the 1930's for the period up to date.

The contributors include Elizabeth Brandeis, Selig Perlman, Reed Tripp, Edwin E. Witte, and Edwin Young, for Wisconsin; Milton Derber, Murray Edelman, Robben W. Fleming, Phillips L. Gannan, Bernard Karsh, and Richard C. Ilcock, from Illinois.

Milton Derber is acting editor. The manuscripts are expected to be completed by the end of this year.

The Editor's Corner

With this issue, Cornell assumes responsibility for publishing the Labor Historians' Bulletin, since Mr. Arky has moved to Florida, the following paragraph, from our letter to you of August 30th, tentatively outlines the policy which we hope to be able to follow. Your comments, corrections, or additions will be appreciated.

The purpose of the Labor Historians' Bulletin is to serve as a medium for the exchange of ideas and information on current developments in the field of labor history and union administration. It is not intended as a substitute for the original articles, but rather to serve as a clearinghouse for getting and giving information about what is being done. No critical evaluation of the project listed will be made or implied through the inclusion

or exclusion of any item. Articles will be selected on the basis of their usefulness to subscribers and limitations of space.

As you can see, we have broadened the coverage to include labor union government and administration. The Bulletin will continue as a quarterly. In 1956 it will appear during the Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.

Many of you did not reply to the letter which we sent so that we have no way of knowing whether we have your correct address. If you have overlooked this, will you please return the card which was enclosed so that we can bring the mailing list up to date.

Since this is a new venture for us, we will need your cooperation and suggestions in order that the Bulletin may serve you. Please send questions

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The Editor's Corner

The annual meeting of the American Historical Association is being held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C., December 28-30. The Labor Historians will have an informal meeting sometime during the convention. Check the bulletin board near the registration desk for the time and place.

As the second issue of "The Bulletin" is being made up, your editor finds many questions which she would like to talk over with you. Will you come to Washington with some answers to the following?

Are there any special features which you would like to include?

Is the arrangement of the bibliography a useful one?

Shall we include the page for you to keep us up to date? (We do need more information from you.)

Will you please let us know of others who might be interested?

Records of Trade Unions

The Trade Union Committee of the Society of American Archivists is still working on a listing of the papers of labor leaders and labor groups in the United States. The work is progressing very slowly, because many of the questionnaires have not been returned. If you know of any historical society or library that has papers, would you encourage them to send a listing to:

Paul Lewinson
c/o National Archives
Washington, D. C.

Philip Taft's History of the A.F.L.

Professor Taft is working on a history of the A.F.L. up to the death of Samuel Gompers. It is in no sense an official history, nor was it commissioned by the AFL as the article in Business Week of July 16th inferred. However, Professor Taft is already well along in the writing stage and it should be appearing soon.

New York Waterfront Study

The New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University is undertaking a research study of certain phases of waterfront labor relations problems in New York. The School hopes to obtain the information necessary to make a comprehensive study of the labor market including an analysis of employment and unemployment among longshoremen, sources of new entrants into the labor market and current and prospective demands for labor. Eventually the study may include productivity, accidents and union management relations in handling disputes. The study is being directed by Professor Vernon H. Jensen.

Arthur Goldberg's Book on the Merger

For those of you who are looking forward to this, we understand that publication will be delayed.

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A NEW STAGE OF GROWTH

The consensus of the group which met at the American Historical Association meetings in Washington was clearly that the time has come for the Labor Historians to move on to another stage in its development. The purpose of this note to the members is to suggest some of the reasons for this.

Labor history has been developed largely by economic historians, so much so that any mention of labor generally connotes economics in the minds of publishers and even of historians. The work of the economists has gone far in setting down the record of the growth of unions and to some extent the trend of labor-management relations. But the labor movement is by no means merely an economic phenomenon, and it is urgent that other points of view be called on to make use of other aspects of labor history. Labor has contributed for centuries to the intellectual and the social history of this country in ways which have

never been adequately explored.

The most important task of the Labor Historians is to provide a continuing seminar for everyone working in this field, be they economists, or historians with institutional, intellectual or sociological interests. Now that the "Bulletin" has found a good home and its technical problems are, for the most part, solved, the need is to work out a more effective organization in support of the "Bulletin", arrange for more frequent and more fruitful contacts among members, and reach out for more members in areas which have not yet been tapped, especially in the labor movement itself. The fact that our membership compares well with some of the established special interest groups among historians (and that without the help of institutional memberships) is evidence enough of the interest in the idea. Cornell cannot be expected to provide everything for the "Bulletin." The length of the lists of work in progress shows that if scholars are encouraged to

send more information about what they are doing, there need never be any shortage of material for the "Bulletin," even without attempting publication of formal articles.

An organization which provides a center for correspondence and a clearinghouse for ideas will help members feel that they are part of an active and creative group. Its business should be primarily with the membership and with the problem of relating them to the "Bulletin," but the members must help. If we can start this at the Pittsburgh meeting, we can say that the Labor Historians has taken a giant step forward.

The ad interim committee
John Philip Hall
Rev. Henry J. Browne

From the Editor's Corner

The Labor Historians met on Friday, December 30, 1955, in Washington D. C. John Hall and Father Browne were elected as an interim committee to arrange a meeting and program to be held with the

Mississippi Valley Historical Association. Arrangements have been made to meet in the Ditheridge Room in the Webster Hall Hotel in Pittsburgh on Friday morning, April 20, 1956. Flyers at the registration desk will contain additional instructions. The committee has suggested the following agenda.

1. Election of officers: president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, executive committee (four). The ad interim committee will offer a slate; nominations from floor welcome.
2. Constitution or bylaws. Selection of committee to prepare draft.
3. Discussion of special problems, such as:
Dues; annual meeting; relations with Cornell; recruitment of members; special classes of membership; policy on arranging programs of papers on labor history. (The ad interim committee will offer proposals on each of these matters, but it is hoped that other proposals will be offered by members.)

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THE PAPERS OF PHILIP MURRAY

by

The Rev. Henry J. Browne

The history of American labor is only coming "out of the woods"--or perhaps it should be called the forest--of primary source materials. The personal file of labor leaders and the official unpublished records of union organizations are finding their place. Increasingly, the new labor history is showing, in its footnotes, references not alone to proceedings, reports and newspapers, but also to minutes and correspondence files. Even an occasional historical society has begun to seek out such materials for manuscript collections, which were long centered on the closer-to-colonial or at least on more "socially acceptable" personal papers. That much has undoubtedly been lost forever is brought home especially when one searches for manuscript sources in the period of Siney or Sylvis. The more recent record is receiving better attention, perhaps, in part, because of the neglect of the earlier.

For the period of the expansion of industrial unionism, the personal files of Philip Murray are important historical sources. Happily, the United Steelworkers of America preserved them and on January 5th of this year presented them to the Department of Archives and Manuscripts of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., where they are to be cared for and made accessible to scholars.

These Murray Papers consist of 115 standard document cases of correspondence, which is arranged by year (dating from 1943 to 1953 and alphabetically

thereunder. At the beginning of each year are the files of each of the districts of the Steelworkers. There are, in addition, the expected intercommunications with the various departments of Murray's own union and of the C.I.O., as well as much "ephemeral" material prepared in mimeographed or printed form which is common to modern files and yet is so often completely lost in "weeding." The papers include documents on the settlement of contracts with steel companies and files on governmental relationships - for example, with the W.L.R.B. There are likewise rank-and-file reactions and, from the general public, comments of praise and blame particularly on the occasion of strikes. An additional series, supplementary to those files, consists of 96 scrapbooks of news clippings on all aspects of American labor from a vast cross-section of the press (including Pegler) dating from 1936.

It is a commonplace for the archivist or curator of manuscripts, and for the observant historian, that different men leave different reflections of themselves in their papers. In the very same depository with the Murray Papers there are verbose letterbooks of Powderly and the personal papers of John Mitchell, so ordered by a devoted secretary as to keep every trace of him for posterity. Murray's, by contrast, as even a preliminary study shows, are coldly organizational. They portray little of Murray's own mind apart from the public expression of it in the texts of speeches and publications. Consequently, the study of them would always have to be made in close conjunction with the perusal of other documents, such as the files of various departments of the Steelworkers, as well as those of the old C.I.O. The ravages of telephonic communication on the historical record of the labor movement of our time becomes increasingly

time becomes increasingly apparent. Perhaps some union will be convinced of the wisdom - even if it must be learned from business - of an oral history program to preserve its past more fully.

The Philip Murray Papers are accessible to bona fide scholars. The donor and curator have agreed to reserve the right of clearance of researchers due to the very recent character of the materials.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Labor Historians Group met in the Ditheridge Room of the Webster Hall Hotel in Pittsburgh on Friday, April 20, 1956. The meeting was called to order by the Reverend Henry J. Browne, of the ad interim committee. He opened the meeting with a short history of the group's first meeting in a hotel room, and paid tribute to Louis Arky for his loyalty and constructive work in editing the "Bulletin." He also explained that, at a meeting in Washington D.C. in December 1955, the ad interim committee was elected to make recommendations on reorganization. Father Browne then presented the following slate of officers:

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Since there were no nominations from the floor, a motion to elect the above slate unanimously was carried. Professor John Hall took the chair in the absence of Professor Morris.

A discussion of the "Bulletin," its content, format, and finances followed. Miss Eckert reported that the N.Y. S. School of Industrial and Labor Relations was glad to assume responsibility for publishing it. As of April 1, 1956, the "Bulletin" had been sent to a list of 115 people 78 of whom had paid \$1. This had been used to help defray publishing and mailing costs. Actual costs could not be secured since they were not separated from other school publications, but it is obvious that \$1.00 does not cover the expense involved. Present plans call for changing from mimeographed to printed issues as soon as the subscriptions reach 200.

It was suggested that an editor who is a labor historian be elected. It would be his responsibility

to secure additional information, such as articles, book reviews, news items and notes. Cornell would then be responsible for the bibliography and the mechanics of editing, publishing, and collecting the funds. A motion to this effect was passed, the editor to be chosen by the Executive Board.

A motion to raise the dues to \$2 in order to provide funds for arranging programs and other incidentals was amended to include \$10 contributory membership and carried. One dollar will still go toward the "Bulletin," the other to be used for other expenses.

After a discussion on the advantages of meeting with the AHA or the IWA it was voted that the annual meeting of the group be held in December with the AHA. The Executive Board was empowered to make the necessary arrangements with AHA and to plan a program for the meeting. The Board was to assume responsibility for arranging other opportunities for the group to get together informally.

The question of a constitution for the group was brought up. Some of the group felt that a constitution would make it a more formal organization than they wanted. It was pointed out that in many states a constitution was necessary in order to collect dues. A motion that the Executive Board appoint a Committee on By-Laws to draft a constitution which would preserve the essential services was carried.

The following people were present and each one gave a short description of what he is doing

currently.

Edward E. Fear, University of Pittsburgh.

George Raivick, Fund for the Republic.

John L. Shover, Ohio State University.

Walter Goodman.

James L. Stephens.

Joseph G. Rayback, Pennsylvania State
University.

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Technology.

Edward T. James.

Delber McKee, Westminster College.

Hugh Cleland, University of Pittsburgh.

D. L. McMurray, Elmira College.

The meeting was adjourned.

American Labor Union Periodicals: A Guide to
Their Location.

A guide to the files of American labor union periodicals in twenty large library collections will become available July 30, 1956. Sponsored by the Committee of University Industrial Relations Librarians, this compilation of over 1,700 current and non-current labor union periodicals of the United States and Canada will be published by the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell.

In addition to basic bibliographical information about each publication, a record of the holdings of the cooperating libraries which have the title is given in volume and years. Negative microfilm holdings are indicated to show the availability

of microfilm copy and to avoid needless duplication by libraries engaged in microfilming labor union periodicals.

In order to increase its usefulness, the guide is separated into two parts. Part I includes the periodicals of the federations, the national and international unions and their locals. All periodicals of a union are listed in one alphabet under the name of that union. Extensive cross references are used to interrelated titles and unions as well as to show the many variations in union names. Some information relating to the organizational changes of unions during the period 1942-1954 is given. Part II lists the publications of regional organizations by state and then by city. Separate title indexes for each part include all known title variants.

American Labor Union Periodicals should provide much needed information for labor organizations, industrial concerns, and researchers in the field of industrial relations.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Val Lorvin of the University of Chicago reports that he found a surprisingly warm interest in American labor history when he lectured at the University of Lyon in France last year. The paper which he gave at the Society for French Historical Studies at the University of Pennsylvania in February on "Reflections on the History of Two Labor Movements: France and U.S." will be published later.

An article by Vaughn Davis Bornet in the Autumn issue of The Historian (pp. 1-24) entitled "The New Labor History: A Challenge for American Historians" describes the American Federation of Labor Archives, and some other rich labor resources, and calls on historians to write a new labor history.

Harold Wilensky's "The Staff Expert: A Study of the Intelligence Function in American Trade Unions" will be published by the Free Press.

From Colston E. Warne at Amherst College comes an announcement of the publication of The Pullman Boycott of 1894: The Problem of Federal Intervention. Problems in American Civilization: Readings Selected by the Department of American Studies, Amherst College. Edited with an Introduction by Colston E. Warne. (Boston: D. C. Heath, 1955)

Hugh Cleland of the Department of History of the University of Pittsburgh writes that he is working on, "Communism and Anti-Communism in the Electrical Workers Union - A Case Study of a Key Local, Local 601 of Westinghouse in East Pittsburgh, Pa."

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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR ARCHIVES

by
Philip Taft

It is easy to exaggerate the importance of the material in the archives of the American Federation of Labor for general American labor history, but for an understanding of the A. F. of L. the archives are indispensable. The basic materials are the letters of Gompers, perhaps 25 thousand copies of letters written between 1886 and 1924. The letters of Frank Morrison, who served as secretary for almost forty years are of some interest. The correspondence of William Green are very likely necessary for understanding the Federation in the period in which he served as its head. There are also letters giving the vote and opinions of members of the Executive Council on issues that were presented to them by mail between the meetings of the Council. In addition letters from individuals and

heads of unions are available, mostly on microfilm. There are a few documents, such as the statements presented to Congressional committees or appeals on behalf of a cause or organization.

The minutes of the Executive Council are not available to the public, unless the parts have been published either by the American Federationist or in pamphlet form. Several dozen books of clippings dealing with the activity of the Federation and its heads are also available. The records of the various service departments are also part of the archives.

A study of the A. F. of L. or any aspect of its activity would require consultation of some or all of the material. Research workers would not find their task too easy. Officers' letters are arranged chronologically and not by subject matter, although on issues involving a given union, the material dealing with that organization

archives do not contain a tremendous wealth of material on the general labor movement. Having worked on the fourth volume of Common's history, I believe that the traditional sources utilized by scholars are adequate for most purposes and that one can easily exaggerate the significance of a letter or document carrying the signature of an important participant in given events. The A. F. of L. archives will, in my opinion, yield no material which will call for a basic revision of opinions held by scholars in the field. For adequate understanding of the A. F. of L. they are naturally invaluable.

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Philip Taft received his Ph.D. at Wisconsin and has served as a Special Economist to the Wisconsin State Industrial Commission. He also served on the Social Security Board and the public panel of Region I, U.L.B. His latest published

book is "Economics and Problems of Labor." He is currently working on a history of the A. F. of L.

NEWS AID NOTES

A note from Robert V. Bruce in the History Department at Boston University asks for news from anyone who is interested in the origins, cause and effect of the railroad strikes and riots of 1877 for a book which he is writing.

Delber L. McKee writes that "The Unionization of Florida Cigarmakers and the Coming of the War with Spain," is an outstanding article by John C. Appel in the Hispanic American Historical Review for February, 1956.

Helmut Hirsch of Roosevelt College calls our attention to his book, "Denker und Kaempfer: Gesammelte Beitrage Zuir Geschichte der Arbeiterbewegung."

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THE LABOR HISTORY COLLECTION AT THE
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

Alice E. Smith

In the fall of 1955 a California writer published an article entitled, "The New Labor History: A Challenge for American Historians."* Whatever may have been the reaction of historians to Dr. Bornet's pirited challenge, there is no doubt about its effect on custodians of records. Archival establishments, libraries, and historical societies have risen to the occasion and are scouring their states and communities for unpublished records on what is, to most of them a new development in record collecting.

For the State Historical Society of Wisconsin the idea is neither novel nor new. A full half century ago Professor John R. Commons and a corps of associates established on the first floor of the Society's building in Madison the American

* Vaughn D. Bornet, in The Historian, 18: 1-24
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Bureau of Industrial Research. The labor records collected under that far-sighted program, the men and women trained in the labor field, and the volumes produced under its inspiration firmly established the leadership of Wisconsin's university and state historical society in the field of labor history.

Since the early work of Commons and his associates the collecting program has sometimes lagged, but it has never completely dropped. Within the past few years, however, it has taken a decided spurt. Funds from a Rockefeller Foundation grant in 1950, matched by a contribution from the Wisconsin Federation of Labor set a new collecting program in motion. A man was put on the road to explain the program to locals and central bodies within the state, to collect records, and tape record interviews. The drive met with varied responses. Some labor unions, proud of their achievements, were pleased to have the opportunity of placing their papers where they would be fitted into the larger story of the history of labor in the United States. Others

hesitated: their records had been lost or destroyed; their officers were uncertain of their authority to let papers out of their hands; numerous locals wanted time to consider the matter.

But as time went on, some of these fears were quieted. Minute books, financial records, membership lists, files of correspondence, and other types of records began to stack up on the Society's manuscript shelves. Invitations to address meetings arrived, unsolicited; "leads" to the possible location of long-forgotten records began to multiply.

Today the collection of organized labor material numbers around 600 volumes and more than 300 boxes of unbound papers. The contents range from Central Committee records of the International Workingmen's Association in the early 1870's collected by Dr. Commons to proceedings of Wisconsin locals in the 1950's. These original records supplement correspondence of industrial and political leaders, pamphlets and other ephemeral material, and

what is considered to be the finest library of labor newspapers and periodicals in the country.

Detailed listings are uninteresting, as are figures of cubic footage of records, but whether expressed in terms of space, weight, or content, the figures are impressive. The services of a special labor collector were discontinued at the end of a year and a half, but the work he started did not come to an end. The Society's field service is still pursuing the leads he accumulated, and locals that have had time to think things over continue to add their records to the central depository collection.

Besides the nation-wide collections made in early years and the state and local collections acquired more recently, the Society has obtained possession of two important sets of labor records.

One is a collection of material of four early labor schools and on the work of the National Committee for Extension of Labor Education. It includes records of the earliest experiments in residential schools for workers in the east, beginning as

early as 1921. The material is of great interest to students of the labor movement since those schools helped train union leaders and opened the way for establishing similar schools as well as serving as a laboratory for development of teaching techniques in this field. The collection was presented to the Society by the American Labor Education Service and Miss Hilda W. Smith of West Park, New York. Miss Smith, who has herself done notable pioneer work in the field of labor education, supervised the organization of the collection before it was sent to Wisconsin.

The other collection is a large mass of original records of the American Federation of Labor from the national headquarters in Washington, D. C. As records are organized and microfilmed for a security copy, the originals are forwarded to Madison. This collection now numbering over a hundred packing cases, has not yet been arranged for use.

Each such collection gives added weight to the claim of Professor Selig Perlman of the University's

Department of Economics that "Madison is the country's most noted center of study of the history of labor."

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE
BOARD OF THE LABOR HISTORIANS GROUP

The Executive Board of the Labor Historians' Group met at the Men's Faculty Club of Columbia University on January 5, 1957. President Richard Morris presided. Messrs. Carman, Hall, James, Christie, the Rev. Henry Browne and Miss Eckert were present.

Mr. James presented a draft of the constitution which he had been asked to prepare for discussion. Several changes resulted. It was decided that the Executive Board be given the power to fix dues rather than include them in the constitution. The Editor and ex-presidents were made members of the Executive Board, which was empowered to receive money and make disbursements. Quite a long debate followed on the best method of introducing amendments and resolutions so that all the members could participate, in view of the relatively small attendance at meetings. The constitution was adopted with a resolution that it

would be in effect until the next biennial meeting when it could be formally adopted by the membership.

The question of the "Bulletin" was raised. Mr. Hall had explored costs for printing and found that it would amount to about \$800 per year for a 12 page quarterly. He proposed that we raise the dues to \$4.00 per year immediately and that the "Bulletin" would be printed in 1958. He also suggested that perhaps we could secure funds for promotion and printing until we were better established from a foundation, a union or the U.S. Department of Labor. Professor Carman volunteered to talk to the Carnegie Foundation, Professor Morris will talk to Emerson Andrews of the Library Foundation. This raised the question of whether we would need to be incorporated and Professor Hall was appointed a committee of one to get the information and if necessary the papers of incorporation drawn up.

Miss Eckert raised the question of whether enough material was available to print twelve pages of a bulletin. Mr. Hall and Mr. Christie thought

that one reason they were unable to get articles for the "Bulletin" was because it was mimeographed and printing would eliminate this hurdle.

Professor Konvitz at Cornell had suggested to Professor Morris that it might be possible to include a page of news and notes of the Labor Historians in the Industrial and Labor Relations Review and reprints sent to the members. This was discussed and left to Professor Morris and Miss Eckert to explore further.

Professor Morris will explore the possibilities of having a labor history program at the American Historical Association meetings next year, failing this he will arrange a luncheon or a social affair during which the necessary business could be disposed of.

The meeting was adjourned.

NEWS AND NOTES

Roger Mayhall writes that he is at work on a magazine article entitled "The A.F. of L. and its Attacks on the House of Representatives, 1902-1910."

Professor Val R. Lorwin of the University of Chicago has been appointed by the American Historical Association as its correspondent for the study of social structures by the Commission on the History of Social Movements and Social Structures of the International Committee of Historical Sciences. Georges Bourgin of France is chairman of the Commission.

Personnel, a journal of the American Management Association has a feature section of Industrial Relations Research in Universities in its September, 1956 issue.

Materials on the Bryn Mawr Summer School for Women in Industry (1921-1939), the Hudson Shore School (1939-1959), Barnard Summer School for Workers (1927-1934) and the Vineyard Shore Workers School, (1927-1933) have been given to the Wisconsin State Historical Society by Miss Hilda Smith and the American Labor Education Service. Miss Coit of ALES writes that they should be extremely useful in any study of Workers Education in the U. S. A duplicate set of certain of the

materials will be presented to the Institute of Management and Labor Relations, Rutgers University.

The Birth Place of Letter Carriers Association

appears in the September 1956 issue of the "Historical Messenger" of the Milwaukee County Historical Society. It is a story of the formation and early days of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

"Railroad Strikers in Court" by Elwin W. Sigmund appeared in the Summer 1956 issue of the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society.

Francis Gates, of the Labor Collection of the University of California is working on a reference guide for labor historians which will be a bibliography of directories, aids in locating files, bibliographies, handbooks and guides to special collections. The University of California has printed a guide to its collections in response to the request of the Trade Union Committee of the Society of American Archivists. It is available on inter-library loan since a limited number of copies were printed. Mr. Gates would welcome

copy of any other guides which should be included in his bibliography.

The Labor-Management Documentation Center at Cornell has also issued a guide to its records which is available on request.

DISSERTATIONS AND THESES

Labor Conditions and Problems

Akers, Lilialyce Sink. "The Level of Accomodation Between Organized Religion and Organized Labor in an Industrial Community." Kentucky (Ph.D.)

Collins, John, Joseph. "Longshoremen in the Port of New York." New School (M)

Karsh, Bernard. "The Labor Strike in A Small Community A Study of Industrial Conflict." Chicago. (Ph.D.)

Lilienthal, Daisy M. "The Meaning of Unionism: A Study in Prespectives." Chicago. (Ph.D.)

Oko, Dorothy Kuhn. "Symbols and Slogans in the American Labor Movement." New School. (M)

O'Rourke, Walter Br. "A Critical Evaluation of the Scanlon Labor-Management Co-operation Plan." Catholic. (D.P.)

Parker, Seymour. "Union Participation A Study in Culture and Personality." Cornell. (Ph.D.)

Phillips, William. "Some Factors in the Changing Position of the Negro in the Labor Force, 1940-1950" Chicago. (D.P.)

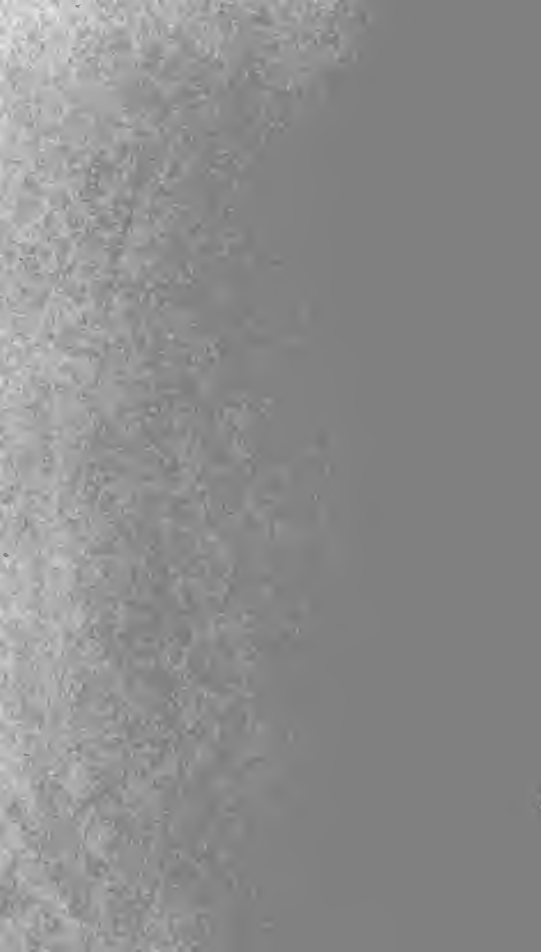
Sugeno, Florence Toshiko. "The Chicago Labor Force 1910-1950." Chicago. (M)

Labor Organizations

- Blough, Margaret. "A Study of the Current Role of Organized Labor as a Pressure Group in the Political System of an Urban Community." Chicago. (D.P.)
- Bradford, Alvin Priestly. "The Tactics and Methods of Labor Organizing: The Role of Agitation in the Development of Social Movement." Chicago. (Ph.D.)
- Calof, Judith. "Trade Unions and the American Creed: A study in the Process of Legitimation." New School. (M)
- Dansereau, Harry K. "Relationship Between the Sentiments of Union Members and the Latent and Manifest Functions of a Union Local." Michigan State. (D.P.)
- Goldstein, Bernard. "Unions Among Professional Engineers: A Case Study." Chicago. (D.P.)
- Griswold, William J. "The Obligation to Join a Union in the Light of Catholic Social Principles." Catholic. (M)
- Mott, Vincent V. "Local No. 9, John Wanamaker Employees Independent Union: An Analysis in the Field of Industrial Sociology." Fordham. (D.P.)
- Wagner, Helmut R. "Social and Religious Outlooks of a Young Labor Elite." New School. (Ph.D.)
- Walters, Elinor Bloch. "Office Workers and Their Unions." Chicago. (M)
- Watson, Roy Ernest Love. "The Nova Scotia Teachers' Union: A Study in the Sociology of Formal Organizations." Toronto. (D.P.)

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THE LABOR-MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTATION CENTER
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The Labor-Management Documentation Center is relatively new, having been established in 1950, and as its name implies, contains documents and papers relating to both industry and labor.

The collection is divided rather loosely into current documents and historical material. Unions, companies, associations, governmental agencies, educational institutions, and arbitration and mediation boards contribute to the current files and an effort is made to collect comparable foreign documents.

The labor collection is composed of all types of union documents, proceedings, journals, constitutions, educational and research pamphlets in fact, anything which a union publishes and is willing to give, finds its way into our files. Newspaper clippings and items about a union but published by other agencies are also included. Other labor organizations, such as the American Labor Education Service and the League for Industrial

Democracy are represented, too.

While the current files are used primarily as resource material by students and faculty and practitioners in the field, in time they should become a rich source of historical material.

The historical collection is at present, largely in the field of social security, containing the papers of such men as John B. Andrews and Abraham Epstein in the field of social security and in arbitration, Paul Abelson, Willard Hotchkiss, Ralph Seward, Saul Wallen to name a few of the arbitrators represented.

While the Abelson collection contains his personal papers and covers his varied interests in labor relations, only case material, transcripts, exhibits and awards have been given by the other arbitrators. Included in the collection are materials from emergency and fact-finding boards such as steel and longshore. They provide a wealth of background data as well as information on the dispute itself.

Every effort is being made to expand the collection, and we are particularly anxious to secure

papers of labor leaders. If you are aware of any that might be available, Cornell would be happy to hear about them.

Although the library has not issued a printed guide to its records, there are extra copies of a mimeographed guide, which was designed for internal use, available if you are interested.

Leone W. Eckert
Records Librarian

SUPPLEMENT TO THE DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

The standard historical reference work, the Dictionary of American Biography, is currently preparing a new Supplement, to be published probably in 1958. The new volume will be confined to prominent Americans who died in the years 1936 through 1940. Several members of the labor movement are in the group.

Andrew Furseth, (1854-1938), long a leader of the seamen; author of LaFollette Seamen's Act.

Charles P. Howard (1879-1938), President of the International Typographical Union and Secretary of the original CIO.

William Hugh Johnson (1874-1937), President of the International Association of Machinists.

Santiago Iglesias (1872-1939), influential Puerto Rican leader and delegate to Congress.

James William Sullivan (1847-1933), associate of Gompers in the early AFL and a leader in the movement for the initiative and referendum.

B. Charney Vladeck. (1886-1938), a socialist, New York City Alderman, and one of the founders of the American Labor Party.

Biographical information is scanty about a few of these individuals. If any reader of the Bulletin has any special knowledge of any of them, it would be gratefully received (and, if used, duly acknowledged.) Communicate with the assistant editor of the new Supplement, Edward T. James, at the Dictionary offices, 535 West 115th Street, New York 27, New York.

Edward James

NEWS AND NOTES

David J. Burbank writes that his monograph on the St. Louis general strike of 1877, one of the episodes of the nation-wide railroad strike of July 1877, is now available on microcards. It is a complete history and analysis of the first American general strike and the cards, equivalent to a 400 page printed book, may be obtained from Mr. Burbank at 14 North Kingshighway, St. Louis 8, Missouri.

Leone W. Eckert of Cornell University has been appointed chairman of the Society of American Archivists Trade Union Committee. This committee you will remember, is working on a union listing of the location of labor papers. If you find any in your research, will you please drop her a line so that they may be included in the list and thus aid other researchers.

Robert Christie has left Lafayette University to become Acting Director of the Bureau of Program Evaluation for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Val Lorwin has been appointed Professor of History at the University of Oregon.

A notice from the Rand School of Social Science announces that they are now associated with the Tamiment Institute in reorganizing and expanding the Meyer London Memorial Library. Work is now under way rearranging and bringing the collection up to date. One of its important labor collections is that of Eugene V. Debs. The library will also resume publication of the "Index to Labor Articles."

Professor Taulman A. Miller of the University of Indiana is continuing a study about Powers Hapgood and the American labor movement based on the manuscript collection in the university library.

Professor Joel Siedman, Chairman, Social Sciences The College, University of Chicago, is giving the Sidner Hillman Lectures at Cornell. His topic is "Democracy in the Labor Movement" and the three lectures are entitled "The Problem of Union Democracy," "Factors Affecting Union Democracy" and "The Conditions of Union Democracy." These will be printed by the School of Industrial and Labor Relations in its bulletin series.

Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor under President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the first woman cabinet member is a visiting lecturer at the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations for the spring term. Miss Perkins has been lecturing in classes in social security and public administration and with Professor Alice Cook is giving a course, Labor and the Government, 1930-1956.

NEW FORMAT

From the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting reported in the last issue of the "Bulletin." you will remember that discussions and explorations were under way with Cornell, to include a labor history article and "News and Notes" in the Industrial and Labor Relations Review. Beginning with the October issue of the Review, this will be done. Reprints of the article, "News and Notes" and the pertinent sections of the "Recent Publications" list in the Review will be put together and sent to the Historians. John Hall, your new editor will be

responsible for the labor history articles. "News and Notes" should be sent to the "Bulletin" at Cornell. Deadline for the October issue of the "Review" is June 15th.

NEW BOOKS

Aldwin, G. B. B. "Beyond Nationalization: The Labor Problems of the British Coal." Harvard University Press. 324 pp. \$6.

Barbash, Jack. "The Practice of Unionism." (1st ed.) New York Harper. (1956) 465 pp. \$5.

Bayer, Richard Owen, and Herbert Montfort Morais. "Labor's Untold Story." Cameron Associates, 1956. 402 pp. \$4.75.

A survey of the struggles of American workingmen and women for a better life.

Burnstein, Irving, (and others). "Emergency Disputes and National Policy." Industrial Relations Research Association, Harper. 271 pp. \$3.50.

Analysis of some of the key questions related to industry wide stoppages.

Chenoy, Ely. "Automobile Workers and the American Dream. Doubleday. 139 pp. \$3.

A source for material for discussion of the causes of industrial unrest.

Christie, Robert A. "Empire in Wood: A History of the Carpenters Union." N.Y. State School of Industrial and Labor Relations, 1956. xvii, 356 pp. \$4.50.

A history of the Carpenters Union.

De Mille, George E. "Man at Work in God's World."
1956. Longmans. 205 pp. \$3.50.

Addresses and discussions of a congress of
clergy and laymen which sought a better
understanding between church and worker.

Edwards, Frank. "My First 10,000,000 Sponsors."
New York. Ballantine Books. (1956) 185 pp.
\$2.

Fitzgerald, Mark James. "Britain Views Our
Industrial Relations." University of Notre
Dame Press. 221 pp. \$4.25.

Analysis of the reports of the British Union
Management Teams visiting America between
1948 and 1953.

Foner, Philip S. "History of the Labor Movement
in the U.S. Volume II. New York: Inter-
national Publishers, 1956. 480 pp. \$5.

A political history.

Gilman, Glendell W. "Human Relations in the
Industrial Southeast." University of South
Carolina Press, 1956. 327 pp. \$5.

Goldberg, Arthur J. "AFL-CIO: Labor United."
New York, McGraw-Hill, 1956. 319 pp. \$5.

Graubard, Stephen R. "British Labor and the
Russian Revolution, 1917-1924." (Harvard
Historical Monographs, 30). Cambridge,
Harvard University Press, 1956. 305 pp. \$5.50

Gulick, Charles Adams. "History and Theories of
Working Class Movements." University of
California. Bureau of Business and Economic
Research. Berkely 4, California. 364 pp.
\$4.50.

A select bibliography.

Holbrook, Stewart H. "The Rocky Mountain Revolution (1st ed.) New York, Holt, 1956. 318 pp. \$3.95.

A story of one of the goons of the Western Federation of Miners.

Johannessen, Edward. "The Hawaiian Labor Movement; A Brief History." Boston, Bruce Humphries. (1956) 181 pp. \$3.75.

Kelly, Richard. "Nine Lives for Labor." Frederick A. Praeger, Inc., 1956. 183 pp. \$3.

Memorial volume to nine staff members of the Textile Workers Union.

Kornhauser, Arthur, Harold L. Sheppard and Albert J. Mayer; New York University Books, 1956. 352 pp. \$5.

An intimate account of how the Detroit members of the United Automobile Workers voted in 1952.

Kuhn, Alfred. "Labor: Institutions and Economics." New York. Rinehart, 1956. 616 pp. \$6.50.

Levenson, Edward. "Labor on the March." University Books. 326 pp. \$3.50.

A reprint.

Upset Seymour Martin, Martin A. Trow and James S. Coleman. Glencoe: Free Press, 1956. 455 pp. \$7.50.

Indicates how political processes with the ITU are maintained by internal and external organizational pressures.

McMurry, Donald L. "Great Burlington Strike of 1888." Harvard University Press, 1956. 377 pp. \$6.

A detailed account of the strike.

Nadworny, Milton Joseph. "Scientific Management and the Unions, 1900-1932." Harvard University Press. 187 pp. \$3.75.

The reasoning behind the fight against scientific management.

Nelson, James. "Mine Workers, District 50." 1955. Banner Books, 158 pp. \$3.50.

The story of the Gas, Coke and Chemical Unions of Massachusetts and their growth into a national union.

Reid, John H. S. "Origins of the British Labour Party." University of Minnesota Press. 258 p. \$4.50.

Survey of conditions which led to the formation of the Labour Party and its parliamentary record.

Roberts, Benjamin Charles. "Trade Union Government and Administration in Great Britain." Harvard University Press. 570 pp. \$6.

Outline of organization, conditions of membership, financing and facilities for research of British trade unions.

Schevenels, Walter. "Forty-Five Years; A Historical Precipitate." With forward by W. M. Citrine. Brussels. (1956) 442 pp.

Sullivan, William Arnold. "Industrial Workers in Pennsylvania, 1800-1840." Harrisburg, Penn. Historical and Museum Commission. 254p. \$3.25.

Sweeney, Vincent D. "The United Steelworkers of America: Twenty Years Later, 1936-1956." (n.p. 1956) 239 p.

A history of the Steelworkers.

Thompson, Fred. "The I.W.W., Its First Fifty Years, (1905-1955." Industrial Workers of the World. 203 pp. \$3.

Covers the accomplishments and defeats of fifty years.

U.S. Department of Labor. "The American Workers Fact Book, 1956." Washington, 1956. 433 pp.

Ulman, Lloyd. "The Rise of the National Trade Union." Cambridge: Harvard University Press. 1955, xix, 639 pp. \$9.50.

The rise of the national union in economic and organizational terms.

Youtsler, James S. "Labor's Wage Policies in the 20th Century." New York, Twayne Publications for Skidmore College, 1956. pp. 344. \$5.

A re-examination of trade union wage demands and of the institutional factors which have influenced their formulation.

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THE A. F. OF L. IN THE TIME OF GOMPERS

The A. F. of L. in the Time of Gompers, by Philip Taft. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1957. 509, pp. \$6.75.

Since the word got around that Philip Taft was working on a new history of the A. F. of L., based on a thorough use of the archives of that organization, students of labor history have been eagerly awaiting the result. When expectations are raised so high, some must be disappointed, but it is unlikely that anyone will be tempted to say that Mr. Taft has let us down.

Mr. Taft is an economist, trained in the Commons-Perlman school of economic interpretation of labor history. This interpretation, for a variety of reasons, has been under criticism by some historians. But if anybody expects either a full-dress defense of the Commons-Perlman thesis, or any substantial revision of it, he will not find it in this book. Occasionally, Mr. Taft gives somewhat more weight to political, ideological, or

"tendency of the times" influences than the volumes of the Commons History of Labour do, (e.g., pp. 257-259) but the differences are never fundamental.

The strength of this book is not in any interpretation or reinterpretation of American labor history, but in its very thorough documentation of familiar ground. More than half of its twenty-nine chapters deal with special topics, problems of policy and administration which the federation had to contend with at various times. Struggles with the Knights of Labor and the Socialists, shorter hours, dual unionism, the evolution of departments, jurisdictional quarrels, and many other matters are described in considerable detail.

Almost without exception, Professor Taft concludes that Gompers and the A. F. of L. did about as well as could be expected with their problems. The criticisms emanating from Socialists, industrial unionists, and others he dismisses as unproved or

unproveable, and he usually does this by the use of substantial arguments. This is not to say that he gives a blanket indorsement to either Gompers or the A. F. of L., but that he finds them weak in the means to carry out good intentions rather than in the intentions or motives themselves. The historian is always limited by the necessity of reporting things as they were and it is risky, at best, to speculate about how things might have gone better. But it seems to this reviewer that the emphasis on what was "possible" as an answer to critics of Gompers can lead to some dubious conclusions.

The clearest example of this is Mr. Taft's argument (p. 202) that Gompers' ambiguous policy on the question of craft vs. industrial organization; postponing a decision until the time was "ripe"; if followed by his successors, might have prevented the C.I.O. split. There was no split fifty years ago, to be sure; since there was no organization of the large industries. The experience of the steel

strikes of 1901, 1909 and 1919, does not demonstrate that workers could not be organized, but that organization could not be maintained by the unions as they were then constituted. Was the maintenance of unity worth a generation's delay in creating a general labor movement worthy of the name? If Professor Taft can extend the "might-have-been" technique to suggesting that Gompers might have prevented the split of the thirties, then others can reasonably speculate that the policy of "solving structural problems on a practical basis" was a tragic failure of leadership. The practicality of Gompers was worthy of respect, but it was not always as "practical" as he thought.

Mr. Taft describes policy through the examination of many specific cases, allowing cumulative evidence to speak for itself. Chapters do not end with summary statements or generalizations, but usually with the winding up of the last example discussed. Summary and discussion are confined to the introductory chapter. Though that chapter is

well done, it would have been helpful to have more summary statements throughout the book. And Mr. Taft might even have added to our pleasure and profit by some theorizing about his facts without harming his work. With or without generalizations he has given us a superb survey of the history of the A. F. of L. from its founding to 1924 which is authoritative and a valuable supplement to his earlier work with Selig Perlman, covering much of the same ground. It is more (and, within its assumptions, better) of the same. Certainly, it is indispensable to labor historians.

The publisher should be spanked for the many typographical errors which deface an otherwise handsome book.

John Philip Hall
University of Baltimore

BOOKS AVAILABLE

Some of the older publications in the field of labor history of the University of Wisconsin Press are now

being sold off at reduced prices. This will probably be the last chance for historians to get these books direct from the publisher. Items of interest to our members include:

Studies of Social Sciences and History:

19. Brown, Ray Andrews. "The Administration of Workmen's Compensation by the Industrial Commission of Wisconsin." 1933. 88 pp.....50

Economics and Political Science Series:

- Vol. 1, #3. Meyer, Balthasar H. "A History of the Northern Securities Case." 1906.....60
- Vol. 2, #1. Schaffner, Margaret A. "The Labor Contract from Individual to Collective Bargaining." 1907.....50
- Vol. 3, #1. Rastall, Benjamin M. "The Labor History of the Cripple Creek District. 1908.....50
- Vol. 5, #2. Mangold, George B. "The Labor Argument in the American Protective Tariff Discussion." 1908.....35
- Vol. 7, #1. Lescohier, D. D. "The Knights of St. Crispin." 1910.....40
- Vol. 7, #3. Deibler, Frederick S. "The Amalgamated Wood Workers' International Union of America. 1912.....25
- Vol. 8, #3. Speek, Peter A. "The Single Tax and the Labor Movement." 1917.....25

Send orders, with check (no postage charges) to the Exchange Section, Memorial Library, University of Wisconsin, Madison 6, Wisconsin.

FALL ISSUE

We presume that you are all busy making news and notes this summer and will deluge the editor for the next issue. Deadline for the fall issue is September 15th, so let us hear from you.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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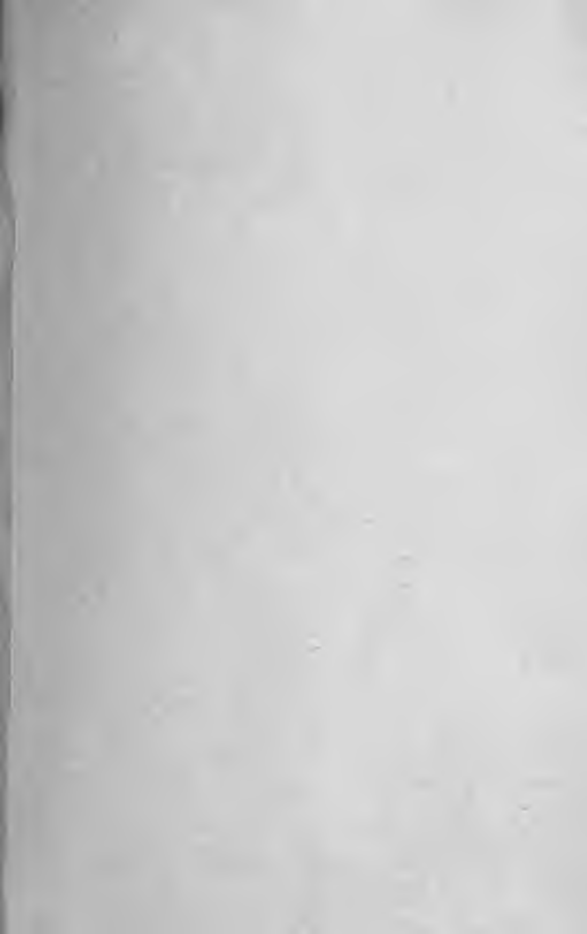
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Add here any information about the possible topics, sources of material, work in progress, etc. that you think appropriate for inclusion in the Bulletin.







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ANNUAL MEETING

President Morris has scheduled a meeting of the Labor Historians at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association at the Statler Hotel in New York City, December 29th at 4 p.m. A notice on the bulletin board will list the room assignment. We hope that as many as possible will be there.

LEXINGTON GROUP

Labor Historians interested in railroad labor will find the newsletter of the Lexington Group contains helpful information about railroad sources. They are currently revising their mailing list and would be glad to add your name. Dues are sixteen (16) three cent stamps (48 cents in all). Address your requests to Howard F. Bennett, Secretary

Lexington Group, Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois.

SIDNEY HILLMAN LECTURES

Professor Philip Taft of the Department of Economics, Brown University, delivered the Sidney Hillman lectures at Cornell University this fall. He gave three lectures the week of November 4, under the general title, "Corruption and Racketeering in the Labor Movement."

This was the fourth series of lectures sponsored by the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations under a grant from the Sidney Hillman Foundation, created to honor the memory of the late president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

Professor Taft's first lecture was entitled, "A Backward Glance," The other two lectures in the series were, "Where Corruption and Racket-

eering Thrive," and "Remedies and their Limits." The three lectures will be published in the near future by the Industrial and Labor Relations School.

NEWS AND NOTES

Edwin E. Witte, professor emeritus of the University of Wisconsin, and a visiting professor at Michigan State this year is at work on a comprehensive history of social security in the U.S.

A study of damage suits against unions has been completed under the direction of Milton Konvitz at the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell. The study was concerned both with the extent of such suits, particularly since the passage of the Taft-Hartley Act, and with the severity of the judgments in those cases in which an award was made against the union. Margaret Rosenzweig and Elizabeth Landis were staff members on this project, funds

for which were supplied by the AFL-CIO.

The Foundation on Employee Health, Medical Care and Welfare is a joint labor-management venture of the International Association of Machinists and U.S. Industries, Inc. The Foundation's Study No. 1, "Problems and Solutions of Health and Welfare Programs" is a guide book to help labor and management in buying insurance benefits.

Archie Green of San Francisco is compiling a check list of I.W.O. song books and their location for the use of labor historians and and folk singers.

Hugh Cleland writes that his dissertation "The Political History of a Local Union, Local 601 of the CIO Electrical Workers Union" is at Western Reserve. The University of Pittsburgh Press will publish it in revised form, but no date has been set.

"Hoosier Labor During the Second World War," by Hugh M. Ayer, a doctoral dissertation at Indiana University, is now completed and has been forwarded to the Ann Arbor Microfilming Center. Papers of the National War Labor Board and the War Manpower Commission, located in the National Archives, constitute the major sources upon which the work is based. Eventually it is to be published as a portion of the Indiana War History Commission's ten-volume history of Indiana during World War II.

William Sullivan has completed the research and is engaged in writing an article on the 1913 Copper Strike in Northern Michigan, one of the longest and bitterest strikes in the state's history.

Professor Maurice F. Neufeld of the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations is compiling a "Select Bibliography of American History" which he hopes to have ready for publication in January, 1958.

NEW BOOKS

Florence C. Thorne, the former Research Director for the AFL has written "Samuel Gompers, American Statesman," which was published by the Philosophical Library in New York.

"The Communist Party vs. the CIO; A Study of Power Politics" was written by Max H. Kampalman and published by Praeger.

The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees is sponsoring the publication of "Maintenance of Way Employment on U. S. Railroads," by William Haber.

"The Teamsters Union," by Robert D. Leiter is a study of the economic impact of the union and is published by Bookman Associates.

"Labor Union Monopoly," by Donald R. Richberg has been issued by H. Regnery Co.

Russell & Russell have revised Paul F. Brissenden's, "The I.W.O. A Study of American Syndicalism."

"Yearbook of the International Free Trade Union Movement, 1957-1958," aims to make available historical and current information on the ICFTU, its affiliates in 88 countries and the 19 International Trade Secretariats affiliated with it. The data was compiled from questionnaires sent out by the ICFTU, so that some unions which failed to answer are omitted, but it is still a great advance over previous information. It was published by Lincoln-Praeger International Yearbook Publishing Co., Ltd. in London.

Adolph Stummthal of Roosevelt University is the editor of a new series of Studies in International Labor to be published by the Cornell University Press. The first volume is by Stuart M. Jamieson, of the University of British Columbia, "Industrial Relations in Canada." The opening chapter provides a brief description of the economic and social setting and the main geographic political, and cultural forces

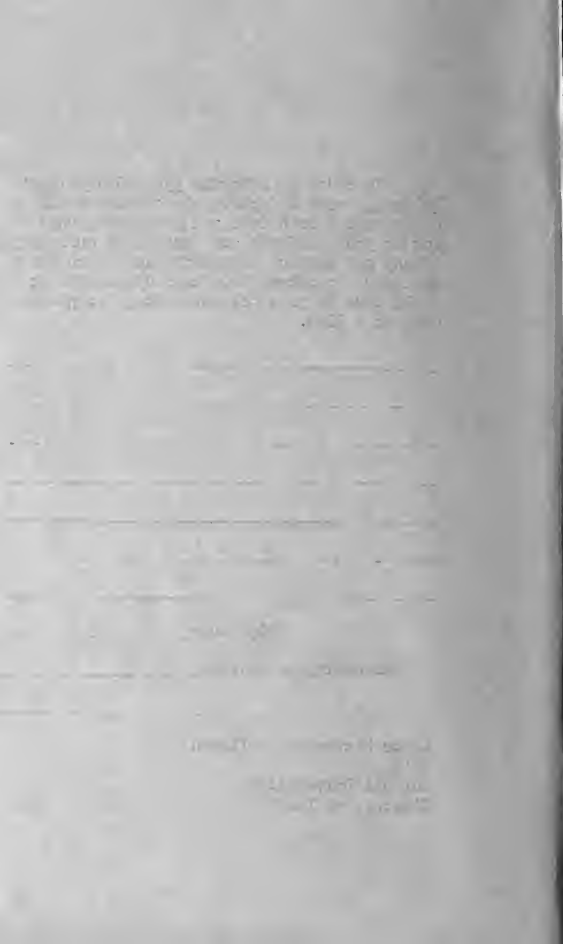
which have shaped labor-employer relations in Canada. The next two chapters deal with the origin and growth of the trade union movement in Canada, its present composition, administrative structure, goals and policies, and its relationship with trade unionism in the United States. Industrial conflict in Canada, as measured by the size and frequency of strikes and lockouts, and the various legislative attempts to regulate collective bargaining and industrial disputes are described in the concluding chapter.

In order to make the Labor Historians'
Bulletin more effective the editors would
appreciate a note from you describing what
you or your students are working on currently.
If any new sources of information which might
be useful to others have been discovered we
would like to pass the word along, so please
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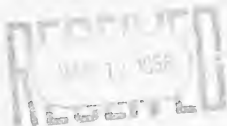
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CONSTITUTION OF THE LABOR HISTORIANS

I. The name of this organization shall be The Labor Historians.

II. Its object shall be to promote study and research in labor history.

III. There shall be two classes of members--regular and contributing; dues shall be fixed by the Executive Board.

IV. The officers of the organization shall be a President, a Vice President, an Executive Secretary and an Executive Board consisting of the foregoing officers, all past presidents, and four other members. These officers shall be elected at the regular biennial meeting of the organization and shall hold office for two years, or until their successors are duly elected. An Editor of Publications shall be elected by the Executive Board, if not a member, he shall serve as a member of the Board.

V. Regular meetings of the Labor Historians

shall be held every second year in December, in connection with the meetings of the American Historical Association, unless the Executive Board shall set a different time and place. Such other sessions shall be held as the Executive Board may arrange, preferably in connection with meetings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association or the Economic History Association, with at least one session held in each alternate year when the regular biennial meeting is not scheduled.

VI. The Executive Board shall have responsibility for arranging programs, publications, financial matters, and all other matters not herein provided for. The Executive Secretary shall receive money and make disbursements, subject to the regulations of the Executive Board.

VII. Amendments to this constitution may be initiated by any member in good standing, shall be circulated to the membership by the Executive Secretary three months before the biennial meeting; they shall be approved by a two-thirds vote

of all members present and voting at the biennial meeting. All resolutions to be considered by the biennial meeting must be proposed by at least ten members and must be approved by the Executive Board as being pertinent to the purposes of the organization set forth in Article Two of this constitution.

VIII. This constitution is in effect from January 5, 1957, subject to ratification at the next biennial meeting of the Labor Historians. (Ratified in this form by biennial membership meeting, December 29, 1957.)

MINUTES OF THE BIENNIAL MEETING

The biennial business meeting of the Labor Historians was held in the Boston Room of the Hotel Statler in New York City on December 30, 1957. In the absence of the President, Richard Morris, who was unable to attend because of a fractured leg, Vice-President John Hall presided.

The first item on the agenda was the adoption of a constitution. The draft constitution approved by the Executive Board was presented to the meeting, and its adoption was moved.

Each section was read and discussion took place at only two points, it was proposed to amend Section II to give the membership a chance to approve any dues increase, but in the discussion which followed it was pointed out that this might mean that two years would elapse before the dues could be raised, so the amendment was withdrawn.

The question of whether the Editor should be appointed or elected was raised. It was finally decided that he should be chosen by the Executive Board. The motion to adopt the constitution was then carried.

The nominating committee, consisting of Harry Carman, Ray Ginger, and Edward James reported that they felt the present officers* should be renominated. There being no other nominations, each officer was elected by a unanimous ballot.

The Executive Secretary reported that as of December 1, 1957 there were 76 paid up subscriptions to the Bulletin, 28 renewals due and a balance of \$105 in the bank. Miss Eckert explained that one dollar of the subscription price was retained and the other dollar turned over to Cornell to cover out of pocket costs.

* See back page of the Bulletin.

Concern was expressed over the drop in circulation since our last meeting. Present policy is to send two notices when a subscription expires, and it was suggested that three or more notices be sent in the future.

Mr. Hall, as Editor, reported that two articles which he had sent to the Industrial and Labor Relations Review had been returned for revision and that very little in the way of news items had been sent to him. It had been agreed that the Review would publish articles submitted by the labor historians, and reprints of these articles would be included in the Bulletin.

During the discussion following his report, Mr. Hall submitted the following figures covering the rate of printing 350 copies of a bulletin similar to Agricultural History. The figures cover the cost of printing, binding, wrapping and mailing.

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12 pages	\$ 702	12 pages	\$ 690
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20 pages	\$1050	20 pages	\$1074

It was moved and carried that the Executive Board be empowered to do whatever was practicable toward printing the "Bulletin" and that it should also try to build up the membership.

It was suggested that the basic function of the Bulletin should be to keep the members informed about the research in progress, books and articles which have been published, and completed theses and dissertations. It might also contain book reviews and articles.

The meeting was adjourned.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Doubleday & Co. have asked us to remind you of National Library Week, March 16-22, 1958.

The National Book Committee is sponsoring National Library Week, March 16-22, 1958. This is an enormous program to make people word-conscious

and reading—conscious for at least one week of the year. It's actually "National Reading Week," but we're calling it National Library Week so that it will embrace books, magazines, and newspapers. All major monthlies and weeklies will carry articles revolving around the rewards of reading. We hope that you will do your part to feature National Library Week.

The following paragraphs are quoted from a release entitled "The Aims of National Library Week," by Marchette Chute.

"Certainly the people of the United States have plenty of time for reading. We have cut the sixty-hour work week to forty hours. We have invented electrical appliances that replace a great deal of manual labor. We have lengthened the life span. The opportunity exists, and the leisure, but the American people have not yet learned what can be done with it.

It is to help them learn that National Library Week has come into being. Its purpose is to encourage the people of the United States to do more reading, and its theme for the year is "Wake Up and Read!" We cannot afford a country of lazy minds and the boredom that comes from knowing little and caring less. We cannot afford a nation of non-readers.

The first emphasis of Library Week will be on the libraries of the United States, to make our fortunate citizens realize the value of this vast, free treasure that is spread out over the land, and to help them learn how to use it at full capacity. But from this beginning the activities of Library Week will reach out in many directions. It will focus attention on the vital importance of the school library, the college library, the home library.

NEWS AND NOTES

Robert V. Bruce writes that he has a Guggenheim Fellowship for 1957-1958 to complete his book on the Great Strike of 1877.

Catholic University Press has published Father Robert J. Cornell's The Anthracite Coal Strike of 1902.

Russell and Russell, Inc. are publishing Commons' Documentary History of American Industrial Society. It will include new prefaces by Henry David, Joseph Dorfman and Richard Morris of Columbia, Louis Filler of Antioch and George R. Taylor of Amherst. Prepublication price is \$100, list price \$125.

Michael Harrington, staff writer from the Fund for the Republic is writing a study of the ACTU Faction in the U.E.

C. Clyde Jones and Donald L. Kemmerer have published locally a new text

American Economic History. They hope to have it out nationally in the spring of 1959.

Printers and Technology, A History of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union, by Elizabeth Faulkner Baker was published by Columbia University Press.

Daniel Bell, Labor Editor of Fortune magazine and Lecturer in Sociology at Columbia University, and William M. Goldsmith, Instructor of Political Science at Hunter College, are at work on a study of The Impact of Communism in the American Labor Movement. The overall focus will set the problem in its historical context, and attempt to establish answers to a series of significant questions:

1. How the Communists determine their labor strategy;
2. How they dominated unions by means of small groups;
3. How they trained cadres;

4. How they maintained liaison with the Communist Party;
5. What tensions developed;
6. Why Communist union leaders at times followed a line which differed from the Communist Party line;
7. Which unions were vulnerable to penetration and for what reasons, e.g. ethnic composition, structure of union, role or original leadership;
8. What kind of a balance sheet could be drawn up with respect to their total effort, and long term impact on the American labor movement;
9. Can their periods of success and failure be placed within the context of any larger and more significant historical, economic or ideological pattern within the American labor movement or American history during this period.

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Charles Larrowe, Labor and Industrial Relations Center, Michigan State University is currently at work on a study of the history and present status of maritime labor on the Great Lakes. Completely unionized at the turn of the century, the Lakes have been dominated by an open-shop employers' association since 1908, and are only now, under the stimulus of the impending Seaway, seeing a resurgence of unionism. Several national maritime unions were found on the Lakes, and the area presents an interesting contrast to the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

Fr. J. R. Dempsey, S. J. of the University of Wisconsin is working on "Right to Work Laws in Operation - A Study of the Court Decisions Arising Under the Law, Supplemented by Interviews with Lawyers Involved in these Cases in Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana.

Richard Overton writes that he is now writing a one-volume history of the Burlington Lines which will probably be ready about 1960. This will include a great deal of material on the strike of 1888. Brief references are also made to the strike of 1877 and the shopmen's strike in 1922.

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75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN

From every railroad in the United States and Canada, from every state in the union, from every province in the Dominion over 2,000 members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Ladies Auxiliary gathered in Onoonta, New York on September 23, 1958, to celebrate the 75th birthday of the organization.

They came to the shrine which had been established five years before in memory of those who founded the organization and those who gave their lives in the service of their country. At that time a memorial had been erected to the war dead and the Delaware and Hudson Railroad had given them Caboose No. 10, in which the first lodge was organized.

In 1883, eight men met in the caboose in utter secrecy for fear of losing their jobs, to organize the BRT. In 1958, the Delaware and

Hudson provided a special train of 16 coaches, without charge, to bring the Grand Lodge Officers and other dignitaries from an Albany meeting for the party.

This contrast was the theme of the day's celebration whether it had been intended or not. President William White of the Delaware and Hudson in his anniversary speech at Neahwa Park indicated that "the difference between labor and management of the railroads is a very small hair-line; we have the same objectives. We can't have cleavage between labor and management. We live in a perilous world...and it is fitting that we on each side of the table shall have respect for the other's opinion, for the other's integrity." He mentioned the Washington investigation of other unions and praised the railroad unions for their clean record.

A new plaque containing the names of the 37

BRT members who gave their lives in the Korean conflict was added to the memorial. A 75 year emblem was awarded Elmer Wessell, the only one of the original eight men who organized the BRT, who is still alive.

A long line of visitors passed through the Caboose Shrine during the afternoon. About half the size of a present day caboose, many were intrigued by the old fashioned system of bell and cord which was used to communicate between the engine and the caboose. The clang of the old bell lent color to the ceremonies.

An anniversary banquet in the State Armory climaxed the days activities. The list of persons at the speakers table was almost a Who's Who of Railroad Labor. Leverett Edwards, Chairman of the National Mediation Board, Howard Habermeyer of the Railroad Retirement Board and Nelson M. Bortz of the Bureau of Labor Standards were representatives

of government agencies. President White and several other officers of the Delaware and Hudson were there. President Gilbert of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen brought greetings from the other railroad unions.

Governor Averill Harriman, the banquet speaker reminded them that he too had worked for a railroad and that "there was nothing wrong with the railroad business that another 100,000 car loadings a day wouldn't take care of."

"The Oneonta Star" published special editions for the occasion as did the "Trainman News" for those who are interested in a more complete account of the day's activities.

TAMIMENT INSTITUTE CONFERENCE ON PROBLEMS
OF WRITING LABOR HISTORY

On May 12, 1958, in the Reading Room of the Library, the Tamiment Institute sponsored a day long conference devoted to an analysis and discussion of

problems of specific interest to labor historians and those working in related fields of research. The conference was presided over by Dr. Walter Galenson of the University of California (Los Angeles). Thirty labor historians, economists, and sociologists from the universities, trade unions, and government participated.

Dr. Adolph Sturmthal, Visiting Professor at Columbia University delivered a paper on problems in comparative labor research. Mr. Daniel Bell spoke on approaches to an understanding of historic trends in the evolution of the American labor movement.

The conferees devoted the major part of the sessions to discussing the need for a journal of labor history and the problems involved in its publication. A committee was created to study these problems and to report on its findings. The members of the committee are Mr. Daniel Bell, Dr. John Hall of the University of Baltimore, Dr. Richard B. Morris of Columbia University, Dr. Maurice Neufeld

of Cornell University and Dr. Philip Taft of Brown University.

NEWS AND NOTES

"The Historical Messenger" of the Milwaukee County Historical Society for March, 1958, contains an article on Henry Smith, Nestor of the Common Council. Mr. Smith was a millright by trade, but served in elective offices for thirty years, supported by the Knights of Labor and the Central Trades and Labor Council.

The Department of Archives and Manuscripts of the Catholic University of America has recently received an addition to its collection, the personal papers of Bishop Francis J. Haas, former Bishop of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Dean of the School of Social Science of the Catholic University of America from 1937 to 1943.

Bishop Haas was nationally recognized as an authority in the field of labor relations and served

extensively as an arbitrator in labor disputes;
and as a member of various public bodies dealing
with industrial relations and civil rights. Records
pertaining to his work in these fields, as well as
a considerable amount of early personal correspondence,
are among the new materials sent to the Catholic
University by Monsignor Charles W. Popell, Chancellor
of the Diocese of Grand Rapids.

This recent acquisition measures approximately
eight linear feet. The total collection of Bishop
Hass' papers now in the archives of the University
measures over forty linear feet and constitutes a
valuable source for students doing research in the
field of social history.

Bernard Mandel of Fenn College, Cleveland
Ohio writes, "I am working on a history of child-
hood in the U.S., which will include such topics
as child labor, treatment and care of dependent
children, child health, education, children's

literature, the child in the changing family, and all aspects of child care and child welfare."

Mr. Mandel's "Life and Times of Samuel Gompers" will be published this fall by the American Institute of Social Science.

Mr. Newman Jeffrey of Wayne State University is working on a Ph.D. thesis entitled "Agrarianism as a Shaping Influence on the American Labor Movement." He has been collecting and microfilming all the known holdings of the George Henry Evans papers, The Workingman's Advocate, Sentinel, Man, Radical and Young America.

Loyola University Institute of Social and Industrial Relations has issued a list of the theses of its graduates which are available in the Lewis Towers Library.

The Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association was held at the University of Pittsburgh in October. One program was devoted

to "Currents in the Labor Movement in Pennsylvania." Papers were presented by Dr. Edwin Fenton on "The Effect of Italian Immigration on the Labor Movement" and Dr. Hugh Cleland, "The Effects of Radical Groups on the Labor Movement." Emery Bacon of the United Steelworkers was the commentator for the discussion which followed. The papers will be published in Pennsylvania History.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Labor Historians will be held during the AHA meetings in Washington in December. The time and place will be posted on the bulletin board in the hotel, so please watch for it and plan to attend the meeting. Announcements will be made about the plans for a new "Journal of Labor History."

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AMERICAN LABOR UNIONS AND POLITICS, 1900-1918,
by Marc Karson. Carbondale: Southern Illinois
University Press, 1959. 358 pp.

This book is a history of such various institutions and events that it is difficult to identify the thread on which they are all strung. The title can be accepted as descriptive of the contents, only if "American labor" is taken to mean both the AFL and the IWW, and if "politics" is allowed to include: (1) the accepted two-party, pressure group, political system in the U.S.; (2) the Socialists and the Socialist Laborites, both as a party, and as a loose listing of members within the AFL and the IWW; and (3) the program of the Catholic Church as it impinged on the unions.

If, instead of attempting to treat the book as a single problem in history, one considers it instead as three separate essays, the attempt to detect consistency in viewpoints and concepts becomes less troublesome. The book falls readily into three distinct studies: the AFL and the development

of its political policy; the IWW; the Catholic Church and Labor. While the IWW essay adds nothing to existing materials, the other two include information and interpretations which merit serious consideration.

Karson's main thesis in the AFL study is that, far from having a non-partisan policy, the AFL "at its top level became an adjunct of the Democratic Party without incurring internal repudiation from its membership for its new political behavior." The evidence he adduces is convincing enough to demand a reappraisal of the accepted non-partisan interpretation.

In the second essay on the IWW it is difficult to see what Karson has added to what Brissenden, Gambs, Brooks, Parker and others have already written. Purportedly he is describing the political aspects of IWW history. But because he changes his definition of "politics" here to one approximately synonymous with "ideology" or "program," his effort

thins down to a mere retelling of IWW history in entirety.

The third essay is on the program and philosophy of the Catholic Church in respect to American labor. Most of this material appeared as an article in the ILR Review in July 1951, and represented then, as it does now, the most complete available evaluation of the Catholic program. Karson maintains that the Church was largely responsible for the success of the anti-socialist position within the AFE, and that it could exercise this powerful influence because the vast majority of the influential leaders in the AFL were loyal to the Church. In this section, however, some serious contradictions are implicit in the Karson argument. He believes that the "Militia of Christ," organized and led by Father Dietz, was the main channel for the formulation of American Catholic policy and for exerting the influence of the Church on the labor movement. Yet he reports that the "Militia" was short-lived both because Father Dietz

was so emotionally disturbed that his superiors removed him to other areas of work, and because it was never able to raise sufficient funds to lead a vigorous existence. Is the "Militia" really the key to the significance of the Church's role and influence? Did not rather the broader program, the massive concern, the persuasive marshalling of doctrinal interpretation of Father Ryan influence a small army of socially minded priests to exercise leadership on social and labor problems? The "Militia's" opposition to socialism seems hardly a broad enough base to account for the unquestionable influence and leadership of many priests of the Church in American labor affairs.

Karson's strength is in the fresh work he has done in two different directions: first, in a frequently mapped and presumably completely worked field--the history of the AFL's political policy pre-World War I; and second, in his willingness to pick up and examine the hot iron of religious influence on an important secular organization.

Each of these undertakings in its way is courageous and imaginative. That he is not altogether easy in his mind about doing either one is revealed in the introduction. There, on the first matter of the AFL, he picks a fight with Taft whose AFL in the Time of Gompers appeared while his own book was in progress. It is understandable that the experience was upsetting. Instead, however, of challenging Taft in the area which is common to them both, the AFL's political policy and acts, Karson lists six points, at least three of which lie pretty far afield, with which to quarrel with Taft. The pursuit of these rather extraneous questions on the quality of Gomper's leadership, the AFL's racialism in respect to Orientals, and its discrimination against Negroes is responsible again for blurring Karson's focus on his main thesis.

Karson's weakness is that he does not sharply define either his problem or his method. The

book jacket reports that he has had some experience in the practice of mental therapy. At a number of points he offers psychological interpretations of persons and/or events. While such a treatment of Gompers and other labor leaders could make a significant addition to our understanding of labor history, Karson's diagnoses in their contexts here are gratuitous.

It is regrettable to have to note that the book is filled with ungrammatical constructions, inconsistencies in proof-reading, misspellings, and minor misstatements. The Western Federation was not "unaffiliated with the AFL after 1897" (p. 152). The famous boycott case is not "Buck's Stove and Range" (p. 50ff) but "Bucks Stove and Range." "Business confidence and expansion" do not "rebound" (p. 65) though they may "redound" to the workers material advantage." To describe the extreme of patriotism as its "high ebb" (p.104) is to stand in need of a dictionary. To say that "service"

is given "on so many innumerable occasions" (p.255) is to stand in need of a blue pencil. Errors in German usage are almost as common as are correct references. The description of Gompers' international activity during 1917-1919 (pp. 104-113) is jumbled and in many of its dates and details incomplete or inaccurate.

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NEWS AND NOTES

A note from Ed James reminds us that he is at Radcliffe working on a new biographical dictionary which will be called "Notable American Women, 1607-1950."

Leonard Rapport tells us that his M.A. thesis at George Washington University was entitled "The United States Commission on Industrial Relations; An Episode of the Progressive Era." He is at the National Historical Publications Commission

in Washington, D. C.

John M. Stochaj, at the Newark College of Engineering writes that he is gathering information for a Ph.D. dissertation at N.Y.U. which will deal with the development and impact of the Atlantic and Gulf Coast District of the Seafarers' International Union.

Selig Perlman has an article, "America and the Jewish Labor Movement: A Case of Mutual Illumination" in the publication of the American Jewish Historical Society.

Two studies are under way as part of the Basic Issues Project of the Fund for the Republic at the University of Wisconsin. Jack Barbash is conducting a study of the government and administration of local unions, and Gerald Somers is engaged in a study of the government of the United Mine Workers. Barbash is also working on an analytical study, The Union and Society, to be published by Harper and Brothers, and an article "The Goal and Strategy of Communist Penetration in the Labor Movement," for a volume sponsored by

the Tamiment Institute. He has recently completed "The Union in the Negotiation and Administration of Health and Welfare Programs," for inclusion in the forthcoming IRRA volume; and "The Labor Movement in the United States," a pamphlet in the Public Affairs Pamphlet Series.

Scott Cutlip is engaged in a study of the evolution of the public relations function and practice in labor unions. This is part of his overall long-term project covering the history of public relations in the United States from 1900 to 1960.

The University of Illinois has purchased the economics library of Jacob Hollander.

A note from Dick Overton tells us that he will be working on a general history of the Burlington Lines after January 1, 1959. The function which he handled at the Association of American Railroads will be consolidated with the School and College Service under Dr. Thomas Sinclair.

William Green Human Relations Library

The library has opened for service at the Atran Center, 25 East 78th Street, New York 21, New York. Created by the Jewish Labor Committee with the aid of a grant from the William Green Memorial Fund, it will deal exclusively with the American trade-union movement in relation to civil rights, human rights, and American minorities. The services of the library and its collection are extended to scholars, students, and labor people throughout the country.

The collection includes material relevant to labor and human relations: emphasizing the labor movement in relation to civil rights in the community; attitudes of workers and trade-unionists on intergroup matters and related psychological factors; the labor movements handling of internal minorities and all immigrant groups in building the labor movement and the use of minority issues by employers in industrial disputes.

The "Newsletter" of the Lexington Group prints the following note which should be of interest to labor historians, too.

"The appearance of Jacob J. Kaufman's article "Government Intervention in Railroad Labor Disputes" in Current Economic Comment for August, 1958, (Vol. 20, No. 3) is significant not only for the fact that this article constitutes a superb thumbnail (seven pages) sketch of the recent and present status of administration of our railway labor laws, but also because of its excellent bibliography. Kaufman himself has been a prolific and lucid writer in this field, and attention should be drawn to the following articles and books all from his pen:

"Grievance Procedures Under the Railway Labor Act," in Southern Economic Journal, Vol. 19 (July, 1952).

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Industry." Labor Law Journal. Vol. 9,
March, 1958.

In this most recent article in Current Economic
Comment, Kaufman also draws attention to these
pertinent articles: Herbert R. Northrup, "Unfair
Labor Practice Prevention Under the Railway Labor
Act," in Industrial and Labor Relations Review
Vol. 3 (April, 1950) and F. W. Cottrell, "Death
by Dieselization: A Case Study in the Reaction
to Technological Change," in American Sociological
Review, Vol. 16 (June 1951). In view of the fact
that labor relations have played such a key role,
particularly since 1934, in railway development,
it would seem incumbent on historians to devote
more rather than less attention to this aspect of
the total situation, particularly when writing about
the last quarter century.

A letter from Melvin Kranzberg at Case
Institute of Technology in Cleveland tells of the

formation of the "Society for the History of Technology." It draws its membership from all the social sciences and proposes to publish a journal, Technology and Culture. If you are interested, get in touch with Professor Kranzberg.

Clifford Lord is now Dean of the General Studies Program at Columbia University.

The papers of retiring Senator Irving Ives have been given to the Regional History Archives at Cornell University.

The Library of Congress has received a grant of \$200,000 from the Council on Library Resources to establish a National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections.

ANNUAL MEETING

At the meeting of the Labor Historians in Washington in December, President Richard Morris announced that progress was being made toward publishing a journal devoted to labor history. Tamiment Institute will sponsor a printed publication to be called the "Journal of Labor History.

on an experimental basis. All of the details have not been worked out, but they hope to bring out the first issue near the end of 1959 or the beginning of 1960. Professor Morris asked the Labor Historians to support the new publication by submitting articles to Mr. Norman Jacobs, Tamiment Institute Library, 7 East 15th Street, New York 3, New York

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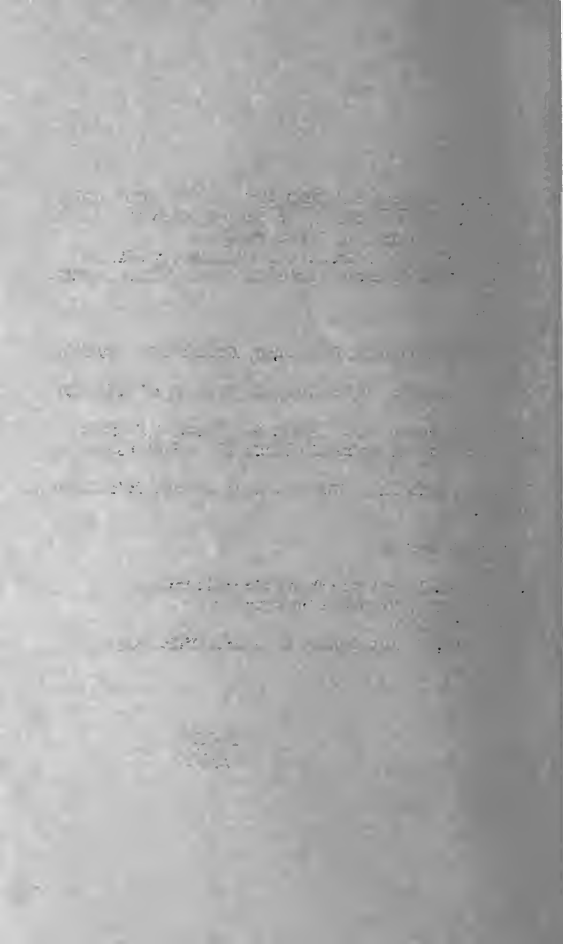
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WHERE ARE THE A.F. OF L. PAPERS

Addressing the historical profession a few years ago, Vaughn D. Bornet called for a "New Labor History" based primarily on manuscript materials (The Historian, Autumn 1955). Among the sources he particularly emphasized were the archives of the A.F. of L., especially the voluminous Central Files -- then housed in the basement of the old A. F. of L. Building -- containing incoming correspondence dating back as far as 1892. Some indication of the richness of these files may be found in another recent publication, Volume 2 of Philip Foner's History of the Labor Movement in the United States. Having been given full access to these files, as he states in his preface, Foner is able to cite and quote from innumerable letters written to Gompers in the 1890's, some of them bearing importantly, for example, on the "political programme" of 1893 and labor participation in the Populist movement and the Bryan campaign.

Many historians must have assumed, as I did on hearing that the Wisconsin State Historical Society had acquired a large collection of the A.F. of L. papers, that these were the basement files so glowingly described by Mr. Bornet and so usefully drawn on by Mr. Foner. My search for these files took me out to Madison, then back to Washington, and eventually to a dead end. The final answer, incredibly enough, is that most of this material has within the last few years been destroyed outright,

Mr. Bornet in his article refers casually to a microfilming program then in progress, in preparation for the move to the new A. F. of L. headquarters. He assumed that the files would all be filmed. Actually, only a small fraction were. The selection, it seems was made by routine clerical employees, often on the basis of haphazard sampling and on the strict principle that the only items worth filming were those that might have some current administrative value within the A.F. of L.

itself. The rest were unceremoniously tossed out and hauled away as junk.

Only late in the game apparently, was any library able to step into the picture -- in this case the Wisconsin State Historical Society. What they received was the originals of part of the material that had been selected for filming; some had already been filmed and destroyed. All that remains today, then of the "thousands of crates, letter boxes and file drawers" described by Foner, at least for the Gompers period, is three reels of microfilm in the AFL-CIO headquarters file room and 25 manuscript boxes at the Wisconsin Historical Society containing some, but not all, of the same material. (I have been through them both.) Much of this surviving material is of only marginal value. Ironically, the A.F. of L. clerks chose to preserve on film a fat file of Gompers' addresses and other biographical material, the originals of which had long since been presented to the New York Public Library. (This category accounts for at least a quarter of the

A. F. of L. Papers of the Gompers period at Wisconsin). Almost no correspondence before 1900 remains -- none of the letters from P. J. McGuire and many others that Foner cites in his recent volume. A few blocks of later correspondence with the National Civic Federation, and another on Congressional and legislative matters in the T. R. and Wilson era. On microfilm -- but not apparently at Wisconsin -- is a group of letters pertaining to the McNamara case. But a great deal else is gone for good.

There remain, of course, the Gompers (and Green) copybooks. These are still at AFL-CIO headquarters and apparently will remain there; as of November 1958, they were shelved in the stock room. It was these copybooks that formed the principal manuscript source used by Philip Taft for his recent history of the A.F. of L. Under Gompers. (Taft also had access to the minute books of the Executive Council -- the only outsider so far to be granted the privilege.) Any future student of the Gompers regime must apparently be content with this

same source, however tantalizing the glimpses of that larger file so recently destroyed.

Edward T. James
Radcliffe College

NEW PAPERS ACQUIRED BY THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The National Archives in Washington has recently added to its holdings several valued small items from the scanty existing documentation of federal labor agencies in the nineteenth century; about ninety letter-press and scrapbook volumes of correspondence, orders, circulars, forms, and other records of the predecessors of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, dating from 1884; and two letter press volumes of outgoing correspondence (the only known records except a published report) of the United States Strike Commission, appointed by President Cleveland to investigate the 1894 Pullman Strike. The National Archives already has the surviving records (two volumes of minutes) of the United States Industrial Commission of 1898-1902 and a number of

unpublished reports and studies of the United States Commission on Industrial Relations, 1912-1915.

The American Historical Review, July, 1958.

IRISH-AMERICAN ECONOMIST ON IRISH CONDITIONS

The solution to emigration will not be found in the abandonment of industrial growth, nor in negligence of the farming community, is the view of an Irish-American economist, F. J. Morrissey, Jr., in his admirable book on "Working Conditions in Ireland and their Effect on Irish Emigration."

The work is obviously the fruit of long and tedious research and is quite objective and should be read by all interested in getting an accurate picture of Ireland, as it was and as it is.

Mr. Morrissey deals with the ancient industrial and social order in Ireland and shows how industry was based on the land. Pastoralism rather than widespread tillage was favoured up to the coming of

St. Patrick. After Clontarf industrial relations comprised pasturage, tillage to supply necessities and an assortment of handicraft cottage industries.

The decline of industry and rise of emigration began with the first British invasion and the lucrative industry of the land became the export of live cattle to England. The country became agrarian as the result of English laws.

Conditions in Ireland in the nineteenth and part of the twentieth centuries are also treated by Mr. Morrissey and his reference to the state of affairs in Kerry should be of particular interest to our readers in the county and outside.

He discusses the efforts of Irish governments to solve the dual problems of industrial revival and emigration since the advent of native government and sets forth points for consideration which would better industrial relations in Ireland.

Mr. Morrissey's book is printed by the Kerryman Ltd., and is on sale price, 3 dollars.

THE PAPERS OF FATHER CHARLES OWEN RICE

The University of Pittsburgh Library has acquired the personal papers of Father Charles Owen Rice, a long-time leader of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists in the Pittsburgh Area and nationally. Father Rice was active in early organizational attempts of the CIO, especially the Steelworkers. He was also active in the fight against Communist domination of the UE and of other unions. The collection comes to eight file drawers and has been microfilmed. It includes a great deal of personal correspondence including letters of Walter Reuther, James Carey, and a number of other national labor leaders. It also contains pamphlets and articles setting forth the views of the labor encyclicals and of the ACTU, lecturers and syllabi of classes given at a Catholic Workers School, and a great deal of similar material. It contains the records of the Catholic Radical Alliance, a depression born organization which Father Rice led in the thirties.

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PUBLICATION OF THE JOURNAL

LABOR HISTORY

In May 1958, Tamiment Institute sponsored a conference of labor historians, which set up a committee to explore the need and feasibility of publishing a journal of labor history. The committee, presided over by Dr. Richard B. Morris of Columbia University, polled some seventy scholars working in the field and found overwhelming support for the proposal to launch a journal of labor history.

The Tamiment Institute agreed to underwrite the venture and to sponsor the publication of the journal in cooperation with the Society of Labor Historians.

The new scholarly journal is to be called Labor History. The acting chairman of the Editorial Committee is Dr. Richard Morris. Other members of the Committee are:

Professor Daniel Bell, Columbia University;
Professor John Hall, University of Baltimore;
Professor Walter Galenson, University of
California; Professor Maurice Neufeld, Cornell
University; Mr. Brendan Sexton, UAW Research
Director; and Professor Philip Taft, Brown
University.

Dr. Norman Jacobs, Educational Director of
the Tamiment Institute is serving as the
editorial director of the journal. The editorial
offices of the journal will be located in the
Institute.

The first issue of Labor History will
appear three times a year, starting in February 1961.
It will publish articles in the following fields: original
research in labor history; studies of specific unions
and of the impact of labor problems upon ethnic and
minority groups; broad interpretative articles on the
theory of labor history;

biographical memoirs and studies of significant trade union figures.

THE JOHN CRERAR LIBRARY

About 1950, the John Crerar Library undertook a review of its acquisitions policy to limit the collections to science, technology, and medicine. It was ascertained that there were some 275 titles of periodicals and newspapers in the Library with their scattered to complete sets.

After consideration of the question as to the best disposition of this material, it was proposed to send to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin all of the titles not included in the Society's collections. The Society had at the time a well established program for microfilming labor newspapers. This suggestion was discussed and given approval by a group of industrial librarians which met at the University of Chicago in 1951. Accordingly in the spring of 1952, some 125 titles not represented in the collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin or the University of

Wisconsin Library were sent to Madison.

Of the remaining titles, fourteen with Chicago imprints were sent to the Chicago Historical Society eight were sold to a dealer, six were retained by Crerar Library, and the remainder (mostly fragmentary sets) were discarded.

MATERIAL ON LABOR HISTORY IN THE LIBRARY ON THE
CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1. The Mary E. McDowell Papers contain a collection of correspondence between Miss McDowell and leaders of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen, during the period 1902-1916. The collection consists of about 50 letters. Miss McDowell was head resident of the University of Chicago settlement in the stockyards district in Chicago.
2. The Annals of Labor and Industry in Illinois, 1870-1940. The Illinois Writers' Project, W. P. A. late 1930's and early 1940's. "The Annls" consist of 54 file drawers of 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 sheets containing

summaries and extracts from contemporary reports in the Illinois press. The news items deal with developments in labor and industry. Three mimeographed volumes, covering the first nine months of 1890 were published during the years 1939-1941. Copies of them exist in the New York Public Library.

S A L E .

The following labor histories are available at reduced prices from the Distribution Center of the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University.

1. Jensen, Vernon H., "Hertige of Conflict: Labor Relations in the Non-ferrous Metals Industry up to 1930." 508 p. cloth, \$1.50.
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3. Two volume set of the above. paper \$2.00

4. Seidenberg, Jacob. "The Labor Injunction in New York City." 192 p. paper \$1.00:

NEWS AND NOTES

Richard A. Comfort is on the initial stages of a Ph.D. thesis at Princeton entitled "The Politics of Hamburg Labor, 1919-1924." This will be a Sociological history emphasizing the social bases of the various political parties and the political activities of the trade unions, youth groups and other working class organizations.

Irwin Nack, the author of the article on the Chicago Historical Society is writing a history of trade unionism in the American meat packing industry. He would like to hear from anyone who finds material on the packinghouse workers. On the other hand, he might be able to help anyone interested in using the Annals of Labor & Industry in Illinois.

Albert A. Blum is now at American University in the School of Business Administration. He

will be working on a book "Soldier or Worker: A Study of the Draft During World War II."

Julius Perler of Loyola University is working on "A Philosophy of the Modern American Labor Movement and Union Growth Reconsidered," (A critical analyses of the theories of union growth, and some new theories concerning the operation of the growth, factor).

Rev. John S. Smith of Catholic University is writing his Ph.D. on "Organized Labor and the Government During the Wilson Era, 1913-1921."

Reed Richardson writes: "We have received initial approval of a research grant from the University of Utah research funds to write a "History of Organized Labor in Utah." As a part of this study we are establishing a Labor Research Archive in our Library to include historical records of unions in Utah. We are receiving fine support from Utah unions in turning over their records.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
MEETING

A meeting of the association will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, April 28, 29, 30, 1960 at the Sheraton Hotel. The tentative program for the meeting is as follows:

"The Marxist Parties and the Unions." Chairman, Stow Persons, State University of Iowa.

"The Socialist Party and the Shoeworkers, Lynn, 1897-1900. John Philip Hall, Baltimore, Md.

"The Socialist Party and the Unions," Milwaukee, 1900-1912." Frederic Olson, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

"The Communist Party and the Electrical Workers, Pittsburgh, 1935-1937. Hugh Cleland, University of Pittsburgh.

Comment: Albert A. Blum, American University.
Robert A. Christie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

FROM THE SECRETARY

This will be the last issue of the "Bulletin" to come from Cornell. We are pleased, of course, that the "Bulletin" is to become a "printed journal," but it is with regret that we say "thirty" to all of you, for we have enjoyed hearing from you as well as getting to know some of you personally. With such cooperation I am sure Norman Jacobs and the new editorial board can be relied upon to produce an interesting and informative Journal of Labor History.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

A meeting of the membership in Washington last December authorized the Executive Committee to make such revisions of the dues as would cover the subscription to the new journal. The Committee therefore, recommends that the dues be raised to \$4.50. The annual subscription to the Journal of

Labor History will be \$4.00, which will leave \$.50 to cover correspondence, postage, speakers, etc. Dues will be on an annual calendar basis starting January 1, 1960 and each member will receive the year's issues of Labor History.

No meeting of the Labor Historians is planned for the forthcoming meeting of the American Historical Association in Chicago, but announcements of the new journal will be made.

The Executive Committee would also like to express its appreciation to the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell for editing and mimeographing the "Bulletin" for the last four years. Under the circumstances they have done an excellent job in keeping us informed about developments in the field of labor history and the Committee is very grateful for the School's support.

KEEP RECORDS FOR HISTORY, UNIONS TOLD

San Francisco -- The awakening interest in the

study of labor history was recognized by the AFL-CIO convention with a recommendation that unions make sure their original records and papers are made available to responsible researchers.

The convention suggested that affiliates cooperate with institutions such as historical societies, universities and public, special, and university libraries to assure the preservation of records and to arrange for their disposition when no longer current.

(From the AFL-CIO News, September 26, 1959)

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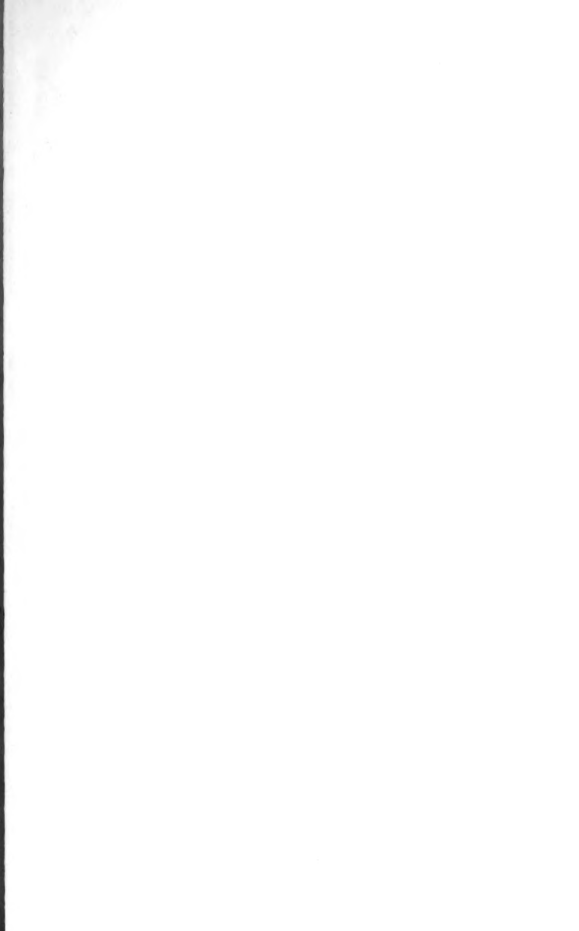
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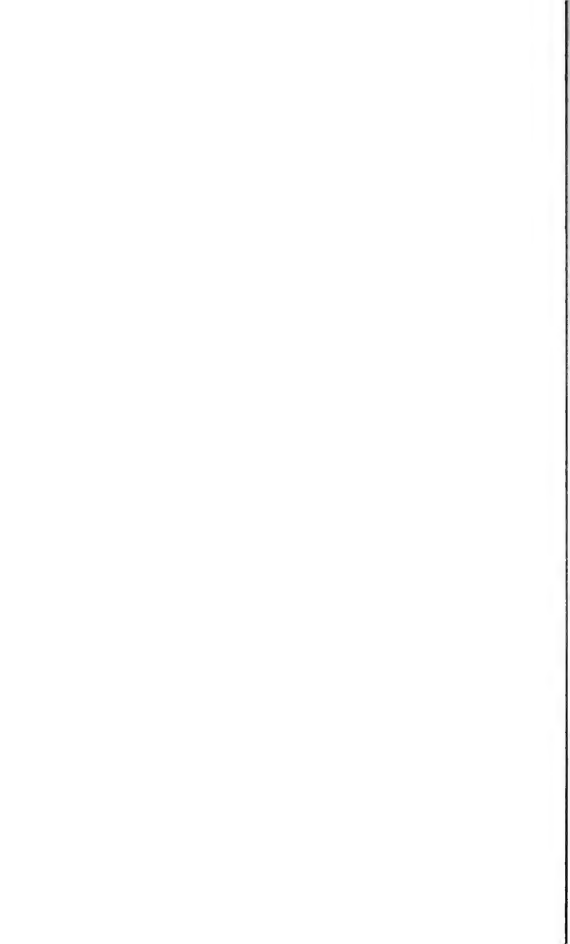
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