



PHS ELECTION RESULTS

Welcome Scott Bills, our newly elected President, and welcome Linda Schott, our newly elected Vice President. As well, congratulations to our new North American Board Members: Joyce Blackwell-Johnson, Blanche Wiesen Cook, Roger Chickering, Dee Garrison, Charles Howlett, Kathleen Kennedy, and Susan Zeiger. We have seven rather than six incoming board members because of close election results. New officers and board members begin their terms in January. And thanks to all the PHS members who agreed to run for the North American Board. There is plenty of work to do for our group. We need everyone's enthusiasm, creative ideas, and support!

REMINDER: PHS BUSINESS MEETING AT THE AHA

Please plan to attend the PHS business meeting this year at the AHA. Note that PHS has a new room assignment (correctly printed in the AHA program, p. 64). We will gather bright and early at 7:45 a.m. on Friday, January 8, at the Shoreham Hotel's

Council Room. A light breakfast will be served, and the meeting will run until 9:15.

Peace History Panel At AHA

A panel organized by Christy Jo Snider of Purdue University will examine the historic peace movements in the context of the evolving system of transnational social movements that has evolved in the twentieth century. This is AHA Panel # 139, Sunday, January 10, 1998, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

"The Influence of Nongovernmental Organizations on World Politics, 1920-1945." Chair: Charles Chatfield (Wittenberg University)

Papers: "The Powers and the Public: Controlling Arms Trading through the League of Nations" (NGOs and small nation decision making), David R. Stone, Yale University (presently Hamilton College)

"The YWCA and U.S. Missionary Women's Roles in Opposing 'Unequal' Treaties with China, 1925-1935," Karen K. Garner, Florida International University

"Gender and the Invention of Transnational Nongovernmental Organizations," Christy Jo

Comment: Ralph B. Levering,
Davidson College

**DEBENEDETTI PRIZE FOR
1997-1998**

PHS will award the Charles DeBenedetti Prize in Peace History to the author or authors of an outstanding journal article published in English in 1997 or 1998. Articles may focus on the history of peace movements, the response of individuals to peace and war issues, the relationship between peace and other reform movements, gender issues in warfare and peace-making, comparative analyses, and quantitative studies. The prize includes a cash award of \$500.

The committee wishes to emphasize that there is still time to nominate a paper for the prize--yours or someone else's! Submissions to date, though excellent in quality, have been fewer in number than we would like. Please tell friends and colleagues about this opportunity, and if possible, post this announcement or send it to appropriate discussion groups or organizations.

The submission deadline is February 1, 1999. Articles should be submitted in triplicate to Susan Zeiger, Chair, PHS DeBenedetti Prize Committee, Regis College, 235 Wellesley Street, Weston, MA 02193. (617)768-7434.

Just a reminder that PHS, in conjunction with the International Peace Bureau, is hosting a symposium at the HAP meeting in The Hague, May 11-16. Those wishing to find out more about the HAP conference can consult the HAP website: <www.haguepeace.org> Those seeking further information about the PHS/IPB Symposium can contact Frances Early, the convener (see address on final page of newsletter).

**ICHS UPDATE: PHS ROUNDTABLE
PROPOSAL**

I am sorry to have to report that the proposal PHS submitted for consideration as a roundtable under the theme "Visions of Peace" has not been accepted for the Oslo 2000 conference. Worse, it appears now that our proposal, "The Impact of Gender, Class, Race and Ethnicity on the Peace Argument," organized by Sandi Cooper, was never even seriously considered. I am still trying to find out what went wrong with the process of session selection, but in the meantime, at Sandi's request, I am publishing her letter (below) to the head of ICHS, François Bedarida, in this issue of *PHS News*. I share Sandi's frustration and anger over such cavalier treatment and will report more fully on this matter at our annual meeting at the AHA in January.

Frances Early

*Sandi Cooper's Letter
of October 29, 1998*

Dear Professor Bedarida:

I apologize for not attempting to write this in French but I fear that my anger will overwhelm my grammar.

At the request of the Peace History Society (an international organization), I organized a panel proposal for the Oslo conference, in good faith, following the regulations and deadlines published in various U.S. sources, including *Perspectives*, the newsletter of the American Historical Association. I consulted with the U. S. representative to the international organizing committee, Prof. Renate Bridenthal.

Evidently, even before my proposal was received, someone in Europe had decided to accept the proposal by Prof. Karl Holl for the peace session.

Consider this letter, please, a statement of outrage and a request for reconsideration. Not only have I wasted many hours fashioning this proposal-- which embraces an up to date issue that has become a central feature of modern academic discourse--but I misled a number of scholars from a variety of nations into believing that we had a fair chance at being heard. Evidently Prof. Holl's proposal was accepted well before the deadline, even before I managed to put my packet in the mail to Prof. Bridenthal.

This kind of procedure hardly inspires confidence. As one who has participated in 1985 and 1995 in previous meetings of the International, I have to state that no earlier organizing committee observed such sloppy and self-serving procedures and no earlier panel proponent was as humiliated and embarrassed before his/her co-panelists as I have been.

The fact, also, that your commission accepted a proposal by the individual who was supposed to represent us all is particularly questionable. And that it was accepted well before deadlines to enable a fair review of all possibilities stretches believability beyond acceptability.

Yours,

Sandi E. Cooper
Professor of History
College of Staten Island and
The Graduate School - CUNY

A CALL FOR STORIES ABOUT PEACEMAKERS

We are currently searching for stories about individual acts of heroism in the interest of peace. These individuals and their attempts to resolve conflicts will be presented in the television documentary, *The Wounded Dove*. The heroic peace endeavors they performed may be successes or failures. What is important is that, in one way or another, they tried to put an end to violence. The conflict can range from a world war to a minor internal incident long forgotten in

twentieth-century history. The peacemaker may be a famous personality or an unknown and unheralded person who stepped out of an ordinary life and tried to make a difference.

The key attribute in choosing these individuals and their stories is whether or not a person, be it a man, woman or child, took an initiative and their reputation, fortune or life in the pursuit of peace. Those who stood on the street corner and preached against war, protested publicly or signed petitions are to be admired as well. But this documentary is focused on those who took a risk and made an effort to stop or prevent violent conflict.

The series is aimed at a wide, international television audience. Therefore, great importance is placed on the heroism of these acts as well as the necessity of these stories to have a beginning, middle and end. In addition, information about the existence and availability of visual material would be greatly appreciated.

The Wounded Dove: The Quest for Peace in the 20th Century is scheduled for broadcast before the Millennium in the U.S., Canada and a number of European countries.

Stories can be sent to one of OAH Call for Proposals Prof. Bruce Laurie (<laurie@history.umass.edu>), Program Committee co-chair for the April 2000 session of the Organization of American Historians, has written PHS officers asking for panel propos-

als from our members. Since the OAH has never before solicited us directly, this would be an excellent opportunity to heighten our visibility within that organization—especially given the cold shoulder we have repeatedly gotten from the AHA. The OAH Program Committee is especially interested in exploring the internationalization of U.S. history and views of the U.S. from beyond its borders. Also, the group invites papers on how recent trends of globalization and multiculturalism have reshaped the conceptualization of the American experience. Please send copies of any panel proposals to our incoming president, Scott Bills (<SBills@sfasu.edu>), so that PHS officers will be able to track the OAH's response to our peace studies agenda. Scott is already planning a panel that might deal with globalization and comparative modes of colonization.

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**NORWEGIAN NOBEL INSTITUTE
FELLOWSHIPS, 2000-2001**

The Norwegian Nobel Institute will award a limited number of fellowships in its guest researcher program for the spring terms of 2000 and 2001. The fellowships are for scholars of any nationality in history, social sciences, and international law. Both senior fellowships (for distinguished scholars with a substantial record of publication in her/his fields) and general fellowships (for scholars in the earlier stages of their post-doctoral careers) are available.

Stipends will be given in accordance with the individual needs of the approved applicants and the availability of funds. The Institute will also cover travel expenses, office equipment, and the purchase of specific research materials for the Nobel Institute Library. Fellows must be free to devote full time to study and writing and will be expected to spend most of the time at the Institute.

In the years 2000 and 2001 the research program of the Norwegian Nobel Institute will emphasize two topics. They are (1) general theories about war and peace, and (2) topics related to the history of the Nobel Peace Prize (which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2001).

By the end of November, contact Grete Haram, Office manager, or Øyvind Tønnesson,

Project Consultant, The Norwegian Nobel Institute, Drammensveien 19, N-0255, Oslo, Norway. The fax no. is +47 22 43 01 68; e-mail is: <postmaster@nobel.no>.

**ASPEN INSTITUTE RESEARCH
GRANTS**

The Nonprofit Sector Research Fund of the Aspen Institute "seeks to expand understanding of nonprofit activities, including philanthropy and its underlying values, by supporting high-quality basic and applied research undertaken by scholars and practitioners. The fund will make grants for research on a wide range of nonprofit issues but will focus on important topics that have received limited attention." Grants range up to \$50,000 to support research.

The address is:

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Call For Proposals: Women, Peace, and Conflict

The 24th annual conference of the University of Wisconsin System Women's Studies Consortium and the 15th Annual Conference of the Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, will be held October 21-23, 1999, at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Proposals for papers, workshops, and round-table discussions on the conference theme, especially proposals that link or show interrelationships between women, peace, and conflict on

the individual, local, national, and international levels, are welcome.

E-mail your name, address, phone number, proposal title, and a two paragraph maximum description of your proposal to Anne Statham (statham@uwplatt.edu) by February 15, 1999. The full call for proposals can be accessed at <<http://vms.www.uwplatt.edu/~wsprogram/conference.htmlx>>. For more information contact Laura Wendorff at e-mail address: wendorff@uwplatt.edu.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Wendy and Emery Reves Center For International Studies

The College of William and Mary seeks nominations and applications for the position of director of the Reves Center for International Studies, the university locus for international programs and activities. The director supervises undergraduate degree programs in international relations and area studies, and Study Abroad. The director is responsible for continued development of the Borgenicht Peace Project. Working closely with the faculty, the director serves as an advocate for the internationalization of the curriculum and actively encourages the interests and involvement of students and faculty from across the university in international affairs.

Successful candidates will have a record of significant achievement in academia or a

distinguishing career in international affairs (or a combination of both), and possess scholarly credentials and teaching experience appropriate for appointment to the faculty with academic tenure.

Letters of nomination or application with resume should be sent to : P. Geoffrey Feiss, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Chair, Reves Center Search Committee, College of William and Mary, P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of at least four referees should be included with applications. The search committee will begin its review December 1, 1998.

MEMBER NOTES

Paul A. C. Koistinen's third volume in a projected five-volume series on the Political Economy of American warfare is available from the University Press of Kansas. *Planning War, Pursuing Peace: the Political Economy of American warfare, 1920-1939* examines how today's military-industrial state emerged during the period--a time when the army and navy embraced their increasing reliance on industry, and business accelerated its efforts to prepare the country for future wars.

Planning War, Pursuing Peace shows how the U.S. economy was both directly and indirectly planned based on knowledge gained from World War I. By revealing vital and previously unexplored links between America's World Wars, it illu-

minates the political economy of twentieth-century warfare as a complex and continually evolving process.

Information on the previous two volumes is contained in the Fall 1997 issue of *PHS News*. Volume 3 is available for \$45.00 from the University Press of Kansas, 2501 West 15th St., Lawrence, Kansas, 66049-3904. Phone: (913) 864-4154; Fax: (913) 864-4586.

On September 25, 1998, **Anne C. Kjelling** participated in the "Paths to Peace" conference to celebrate the John Marshall Law School's 100th anniversary. She gave a paper on the Nobel Peace Prize laureates' various paths to peace. In October she gave a lecture on the Nobel Peace Prize and Jane Addams at the Museum of Work in Norrkoeping, Sweden, where they for some years have had a special exhibit on Jane Addams.

Larry Wittner (SUNY/Albany) was recently awarded a research grant by the Nonprofit Sector Research Fund of the Aspen Institute to fund research on volume 3 of his trilogy, *The Struggle Against The Bomb* (Stanford University Press). Volumes 1 and 2, available in cloth and paperback editions, can be ordered by phoning 1-800-872-7423.

A new survey for use in undergraduate or graduate classes, **Peter Brock's** *Varieties of Pacifism: A Survey from Antiquity to the Outset of the Twentieth Century*, is

available from Syracuse University Press.

The survey opens with discussion of the idea of nonviolence in ancient India and its reemergence in early Christianity. Subsequent sections deal first with medieval sectarian pacifism and then with Anabaptist and Mennonite nonresistance and the Quaker peace testimony from the sixteenth to the eighteenth century. The author pays special attention to the role of pacifists in the international peace movement, which developed from 1815 on, and to Tolstoy's radical ideas on peace and war.

Syracuse is also publishing a revised and expanded version of Brock's *Twentieth-Century Pacifism* (1970). Due out in February 1999, *Pacifism in the Twentieth Century*, by **Brock** and **Nigel Young**, will be available for \$29.95. The address is 1600 Jamesville Ave., Syracuse, NY 13244. Phone: 315-443-2597 FAX: 315-443-5545

Bruce E. Field, Northern Illinois University, has published *Harvest of Dissent: The National Farmers Union and the Early Cold War*. In the early years of the Cold War, one voice of dissent regarding US foreign policy came from the National Farmers Union. They criticized the Truman administration for what it saw as an advancement of imperialism, a denial of the prerogatives of other nations in world affairs, and an inaccurate view of Soviet communism's threat to world peace.

The book is available from the University Press of Kansas at \$35.00. Phone: 785-864-4155 FAX: 785-864-4586.

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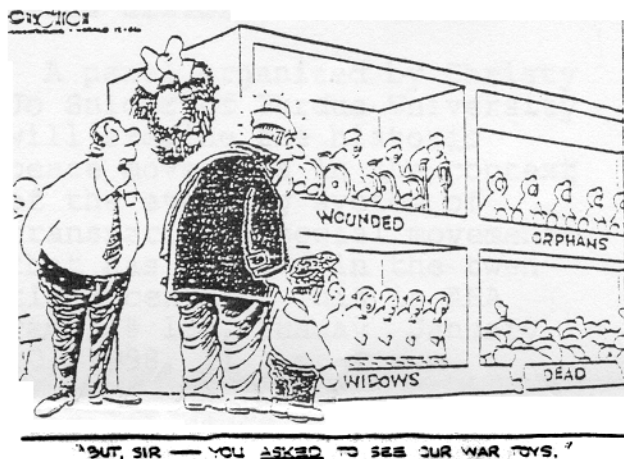
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A PERSONAL NOTE

Though I have appreciated the opportunity to serve in this PHS position for the past three years, I will be stepping down as editor of the *PHS News* with this final issue for 1998. Our incoming officers will need to appoint another editor at our January 1999 board meeting at the Washington sessions of the AHA. Anyone interested in assuming responsibility for the news-

letter should contact Scott Bills at <SBills@sfasu.edu>. It will be necessary to secure institutional support for postage, materials, printing, and clerical assistance. Also, we would like to begin posting the newsletter on the PHS websites. Thanks to all who have helped me the past several years. --John Craig



IMPORTANT REMINDERS TO ALL PEACE HISTORY SOCIETY MEMBERS!

Please note that PHS will host its annual business meeting at the American Historical Association Meeting in Washington, D.C., on Friday, January 8, at 7:45 a.m. at the Shoreham Hotel's Council Room

Please send dues renewal checks to Geoff Smith, care of the address on the renewal form enclosed with *PHS News*