

Editors' Notes

EDITORS' REPORT

The unAmerican half of our editorial task has been assumed by Paul Hohenberg, whose Rensselaer office in the modern Troy also takes over from the Athens of the Midwest the duties of book reviewing. The Philadelphia office, continuing with Claudia Goldin to deal with the United States and Canada, takes over from Iowa City the duties of seeing the magazine into the hands of the printer. So goes our game of musical chairs, reflected briefly by three names instead of the usual two on the masthead.

The readers should thank our various staffs for continuing to produce a *JOURNAL*, still cheaply by comparison with others and still pretty much on time. Ginalie Swaim in Iowa City finished in July of 1986 a tenure since 1981 as Assistant Editor, helped recently by Kellie Mulford and for proofreading by Anne Tremmel and Barbara Danley. Carol Petraitis is the Assistant Editor in Philadelphia, helped by Robert Whaples; Margaret Mirabelli is the Assistant Editor in Troy. They do a remarkable job. We repeat our annual congratulations to Lynn and Richmond Williams for the remarkable job they do, sustaining the business end of the *JOURNAL*.

In compiling the annual statistics of acceptances and rejections one is reminded of a statistician commenting on a Census of British India. However exact the figures seem, he said, you must always remember that they begin on what the village watchman put down, and the village watchman put down whatever he pleased. The editors find that the statistics become less interesting with each year in office. We had again total submissions during the year in the 90s, 95 to be "exact." Of these 44 were "American," the rest not, a proportion within a standard error of its long-term value. We published at the usual volumes and rates. The law of moderately large numbers shows even in the turnaround times on manuscripts. Additionally, 21 papers were submitted and 11 were selected for publication in the 1986 Tasks Issue. The Iowa editor was less than businesslike in his handling of manuscripts as his term of office came to an end, and for some of the manuscripts he was inexcusably tardy. This has forced the New York editor to hit the ground running. But statistically speaking the uncharacteristic Iowa ennui was made up by the lightning speed and thoroughness with which the Philadelphia editor handled her work. All in all the result was an aggregate appearance of efficiency above average for journals of our type.

We make the usual plea for historians to regard the *JOURNAL* as a major outlet for their writings. Perhaps they are all writing books. Or perhaps we shall break through on this front when we can once again persuade some historian to make the sacrifices that our long string of economist-editors have made. But in any rate we issue again the annual manifesto: the *JOURNAL* is not the journal of historical economics but the journal of economic history, economic history written in any way that makes better sense of the past.

An ecumenical thrust suits the times. More economists have become aware of their storytelling habits and responsibilities, even in their economics. Likewise a historian can hardly consider it news that archival research is laden with theory, even economic theory—it cannot be news so long after the cliometric revolution and social science history. More and more in our *JOURNAL* the essay that is *merely* cliometric or *merely* archival is becoming less common. This seems about right, reflecting the health of the field. One editor would put it this way: that we are part of a single conversation, drawing increasingly on common figures of speech, all users of an honest rhetoric together. The *JOURNAL* must be where the conversation takes place.

In addition to the members of the Editorial Board, we are greatly indebted to the following outside referees for their generous assistance during the year.

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 Arthur Woolf, University of Vermont

AWARDS GIVEN

The Forest History Society's 1985 Hidy and Blegen Awards have been won by Richard A. Baker and Richard White. Baker, director of the U.S. Senate Historical Office, wrote "The Conservation Congress of Anderson and Aspinall, 1963-64" for the *Journal of Forest History*. White is on the history faculty at the University of Utah and authored "Environmental History: the Development of a New Historical Field" in *Pacific Historical Review*. Both prizes include a cash award of \$150.

The Newcomen Society of the United States announces that Geoffrey Jones and Gary J. Kornblith are the 1986 recipients of the Thomas Newcomen Awards in Business History. These prizes, consisting of a monetary award and certificate, are given annually to two authors of articles appearing the previous year in *Business History Review* deemed outstanding by a panel of judges.

Jones, a lecturer and member of the Business History Unit at the London School of Economics, wrote "The Gramophone Company: An Anglo-American Multinational, 1898-1931." Kornblith, assistant professor of history at Oberlin College, authored "The Craftsman as Industrialist: Jonas Chickering and the Transformation of American Piano Making."

The Newcomen Society sponsors a number of grants and awards to encourage research and authorship in the field of business history. Inquiries about the program may be directed to the Society at 412 Newcomen Road, Exton, PA 19341.

BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY

The *Biographical Dictionary of the American Left* edited by Berhard K. Johnpoll and Harvey Klehr is available from Greenwood Press. The dictionary contains biographical sketches of a page or longer on over 270 leaders of the American Left, as well as sources for further reading. It is 504 pages long including an introduction, six appendices, and an index.

FELLOWSHIP IN TELEPHONE HISTORY

In 1987, AT&T will again award a fellowship to support research into the history of AT&T, its predecessor and associated enterprises, and the telecommunications indus-

try. This year eligibility for the fellowship is expanded to include faculty members and postdoctoral researchers in addition to advanced students who have completed their course work in an accredited university graduate program of business history or related fields. The award for 1987 is \$10,000. The purpose of the AT&T fellowship program is to provide financial support for research that at least in part utilizes information from the company's historical archive collection located in New York City and New Jersey.

Applicants should submit a proposal consisting of an outline, statement of objectives, research plan and timetable for their project. Students must include a copy of their graduate school record, the names and addresses of two faculty members who are familiar with the applicant's work and such other information as the applicant deems pertinent. Proposals should be submitted to Robert W. Garnet, Historical Archive & Publications Division, AT&T, 195 Broadway, Room 1508, New York, NY 10007 by April 1, 1987. Proposals submitted by that date will be reviewed by a committee consisting of business historians and AT&T managers. Applicants will be notified and the 1987 fellowship recipient announced by May 1, 1987.

COURSE AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

"Going to the Source: An Introduction to Research in Archives," the National Archives' four-day course in the research uses of primary sources, will be given May 26-29, 1987, in the National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. The lecture-workshop, now in its eleventh year, is designed to fit the research needs of professional researchers, social scientists, historians, museum or exhibits curators, teachers, research librarians or avocationists. Sessions will deal with locating and gaining access to primary sources in any archives or manuscript collection, with the printed aids available that describe records, and with the process of research in archival institutions including the National Archives. This year's offering will also include a session on the researcher and automated systems. Workshops will provide experience with documents, microfilm and finding aids. The schedule is arranged to provide at least one afternoon for independent research. Enrollment is limited to thirty persons. The cost, including all materials, is \$85. To register or for general information, contact Elsie Freeman, Chief, Education Branch, Washington, DC 20408, telephone (202) 523-3298.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The program committee of the 1988 meeting of the Organization of American Historians to be held in Reno during April 1988 invites proposals for papers, sessions, workshops, and panels. Proposals for full sessions are welcome, but careful attention will be given to individual paper proposals as well. Each proposal should be described in a two-page resume summarizing its thesis, methodology, and significance. The committee welcomes proposals that include scholars from other disciplines, both the social sciences and the humanities.

The committee contemplates no special theme for the 1988 annual meeting. The program, we hope, will represent the best of current American historical scholarship in its full diversity, as well as the professional, teaching, and public aspects of historians' activities. The deadline for the receipt of proposals is March 30, 1987, with earlier submissions encouraged. Proposals should be sent as soon as possible to the chair of the program committee: Professor Paul Boyer, Department of History, Humanities 4131, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706.