OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death, on April 23 of this year, of Mr Hein Vos, who had been Chairman of the Board of the Institute for twenty-three years. Throughout the difficult post-war years, which presented unprecedented problems and changes, Mr Vos proved himself a stimulating and energetic leader. Under his guidance the Institute gradually grew from a storage place of valuable historical documents owned by "De Centrale" Levensverzekeringsbank NV – of which Mr Vos was the managing director – into an internationally known research institution with a staff of up to sixty people. He had a major share in the determination of the Institute's policy for almost a quarter of a century.

Mr Hein Vos will live on in our memory as an inspiring force in the turbulent but exciting post-war period, and he will be remembered with gratitude and the deepest respect by all who worked with him.

The International Institute of Social History Chairman: Prof. Dr P. de Wolff

The news of *Professor Julius Braunthal*'s sudden death on May 2 reached us a few days before the biannual meeting of the Board of the Institute, of which he was such an active member.

Thanks to his untiring efforts and the numerous contacts he had established throughout his long political career, Mr Braunthal managed in the course of many years to acquire invaluable material on the development of social movements all over the world, thus considerably enriching the Institute's collections. A year before his death he bequeathed his own archives to the Institute. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

The International Institute of Social History Director: Prof. Dr Fr. de Jong Edz.