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SUBMISSIONS FOR NOTEBOOK/CARNET should be sent to Dr. Mark Leier, Labour/Le Travail, Department of History, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6. Please submit calls for papers at least five months before their deadlines.

CALL FOR PAPERS

THE NORTH AMERICAN LABOR HISTORY CONFERENCE invites paper and panel proposals for a conference on the international and comparative dimensions of labour history to be held 13-15 October 1994, at Wayne State University in Detroit. The programme committee is particularly interested in construction sessions around the substance and methodological issues of the internationalization of the division of labor and working-class organization. Please submit panel and paper proposals, including a 1-2 page precis and cvs for all participants, by 1 March 1994, to Elizabeth Faue, Coordinator, North American Labor History Conference, Department of History, 3094 Faculty Administration Building, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, 48202.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN invites proposals for papers, entire sessions, or roundtables for the conference “A New Labor History?” that will assess both the problems and the premises of American Labor History in the late 20th century. Papers are encouraged on Labour and Discourse Analysis; Globalizing American Labour History; Toward a New Institutional History; Is “Class” Dead; Labour and Ideology; Meanings of Labour in Post-Industrial World; Work and Consumerism; and, New Approaches to Teaching Labour History. Proposals are requested by November 1, 1993. For information contact, Dr. David Myers, Library Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 616 State Street, Madison, WI 53706.

PUBLICATIONS

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF CANADA, Manuscript Division, has recently published a guide to its labour union collections, number 4 in its “Quick Guide Series.”
Compiled by Peter DeLottinville and David Fraser, the guide offers detailed information to relevant holdings and collections. Material included ranges from personal papers of labour figures to microfilm copies of AFL records. The guide is available free of charge from the Manuscript Division, NAC, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N3.

UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS OF AMERICA has published *Minutes of the Executive Board of the CIO, 1935-1955*, on microfilm. On 17 reels ($1,835 US), these minutes offer a close-up view of John L. Lewis, Sidney Hillman, Philip Murray, Walter Reuther, and other leaders. UPA has also published the first twenty years of the *Bulletins* of the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Beginning in 1895, the *Bulletins* cover a wide range of topics including wages and prices, working conditions, strike statistics, and more. On 836 microfiche, the collection is priced at $4,515 (US). For more information, contact Customer Service at University Publications of America, 4520 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland, 20814-3389.

THE IRC PRESS has published *Canadian Trade Unions and the New Democratic Party* by Keith Archer and Alan Whitehorn. This 25 page publication examines the role of organized labour in the NDP, using data from delegates to the 1987 federal NDP convention. It is available for $20 plus GST from the Publications Office, IRC Press, Industrial Relations Centre, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 3N6.

THE 1993 BC LABOUR DIRECTORY is available from Crown Publications, 546 Yates Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 1K8. The directory contains information on union locals, federations, officials, and membership. The cost is $13.38, including GST.

CASAW SUPPORT

THE CASAW STRIKE/LOCKOUT at the Giant Mine (Royal Oak) in Yellowknife entered its second year in May 1993. To publicize the battle and raise money, the union has produced a nine-minute video. The union is asking for a donation of at least $10 for the video, which is available in English and French. To order or send donations, write to CASAW Local 4, P.O. Box 1628, Yellowknife, NWT, X1A 2P2.

MUSIC

 LEN WALLACE IS PRODUCING a third recording of politically correct accordion music and folk songs. By pre-ordering now, it is possible to save 30-50 per cent off the retail price, and will allow Wallace to pay for many of the costs upfront. To order his latest “speed-drunk Celto-Slavic fusion and polka-thrash” recording, send $6.00 for cassette or $10.00 for CD to Len Wallace, 346 Randolph Street, Windsor, ON, N9B 2T6.
ARCHIVES

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY Library System has been awarded a grant to add the holding of the Reuther Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs to the National Bibliographical Access System. Records of the extensive collection will be entered into the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) database, and thus the holdings of the Archives will be more accessible to scholars. The collection is one of the most important ones for US labour history and 20th century urban America.

THE STEEL PROJECT, developed by the Beaton Institute of Cape Breton Studies, University College of Cape Breton, has a wide variety of materials available for research and teaching. This includes several reports on steel technology, health and safety, and the work process. Videos on making steel industrial folklore, and a large collection of photographs, film, and taped interviews with steelworkers are also available. The SYSCO Papers consist of 47 metres of business, personnel, union, and technical papers of Cape Breton steel companies from 1899. For more information, contact Elizabeth Beaton, The Steel Project, Beaton Institute, University College of Cape Breton, Sydney, Nova Scotia, B1P 6L2.

THE FILES OF THE DETROIT “RED SQUAD” will be deposited in the Detroit Public Library after nearly 20 years of litigation. The files will remain closed, however, for another quarter-century.

CONFERENCES

THE UVIC WOMEN’S HISTORY PLANNING GROUP ad the Public History Group are co-sponsoring a BC Gender History Conference at the University of Victoria, in June 1994, immediately following the Calgary CHA meeting. The first day will feature presentations on BC gender history by scholars from BC and across the country. The second day will focus on national and international topics in gender history by BC scholars. For more information, contact BC Gender History Conference, University of Victoria, History Department, PO Box 3045, Victoria, BC V8W 3P4.

THE BC STUDIES CONFERENCE will meet at Okanagan University College in Kelowna, BC, 8-10 October 1994. Papers with a focus on the BC interior are especially invited. For further information, contact Duane Thomson, History Department, Okanagan University College, 1000 KLO Road, Kelowna, BC V1Y 3X8.