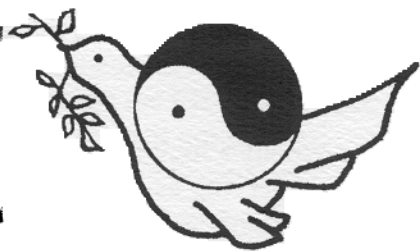


# PHS NEWS

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### President's Remarks

As Frances Early promised in her initial statement as incoming president in 1997, the Peace History Society has played an increasingly active and visible role in national and international scholarly gatherings. As you will see below, our busy schedule continues. I am excited to begin my own term as PHS president in the midst of the wide array of activities already under way as well as conference activity in the works. As always, there is a long list of colleagues who have contributed their time and energy to building the Peace history Society into an ever more dynamic organization as we cross into a new millennium.

Frances Early and Geoff Smith led the way in negotiating and sustaining our partnership with Neil Lundy and Neil Hollander, the producers of "The Wounded Dove," a ten-part documentary on individual peacemakers in the 20th century. We look forward to reporting in greater detail on the project as it evolves.

Don Birn has done a remarkable job as coeditor of *Peace & Change*, especially during a time of great upheaval in our cosponsoring group, the Council on Peace Research, Education and Development. Don has been able to rely on the talents of such outstanding doctoral students as Sean Healey and Mollie Marchione serving as managing editors. We welcome COPRED's new coeditor, Linda Forcey, who was able to assure us at our January meeting in Washington that her group remains firmly committed to the journal. As noted in the January meeting minutes below, Don will be stepping aside as coeditor at the end of this calendar year in order to pursue those research interests that have been on hold while he has so ably piloted *Peace & Change*. We all need to begin looking now for Don Birn's replacement so that we can manage a smooth transition. As former coeditor myself, let me encourage colleagues to think seriously about how important this journal is to the Peace History Society and how

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much it has grown through our partnership with Blackwell Publishers. Hence, this is good moment for a new editor to engage her/his creative skills in making our work steadily more visible to the larger community of scholars.

Wendy Chmielewski has taken on the task of serving as our webmaster, and she has plans to augment the PHS website on a regular basis. Check out our site for updates on coming events:

[www.swarthmore.edu/Library/peace/Peace/](http://www.swarthmore.edu/Library/peace/Peace/).

For their efforts in the international arena, Sandi Cooper, Anne Kjelling, Peter Van den Dungen, and Larry Wittner deserve special thanks. The only reason we have such a substantial program ready for the Hague Appeal for Peace this coming May is through the indefatigable leadership of Frances Early, who has persisted, in the face of stunning bureaucratic lethargy among HAP organizers, in putting together an impressive set of panels. Anne Kjelling has been invaluable in our initial planning for scheduling independent sessions at the International Congress of Historical Sciences in Oslo in August 2000. Charles Chatfield and Anne have agreed to serve as co-conveners for the Oslo conference and will begin discussions on the framework for the PHS program when they meet at the Hague. Expect updates on all of the above in future newsletters.

We welcome also a new vice president, Linda Schott, Director of the Center for the Study of Women and Gender, University of Texas at San Antonio. She is a superb organizer and well-known scholar in peace and women's studies. Most recently, she put together an impressive program for Women's History Week—with Kate Millet as keynote speaker—drawing upon UTSA faculty and students as well as community activists. In fact, I would like to read a lot more in future newsletters about what we all are doing locally in terms of classroom ventures,

community projects, and conferencing.

Wendy Chmielewski and Michael Foley, whose call for papers appears below, will organize the program for the next PHS-sponsored conference in April 2000. Kathleen Kennedy, who co-chaired the program committee for our 1997 conference, has persuaded Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, to host the conference. She will coordinate on-site preparations. We anticipate an enthusiastic response—please make every effort to contact advanced graduate students so that we can continue to pull in a new generation of scholars.

The growth of the journal and the increasing frequency of PHS scholarly panels and conferences has been directly responsible for a sizable increase in our membership. At present, we are nearing 300 members. Given the ever-widening scope of our research interests, well illustrated by our 1997 conference program and the special issue of *Peace & Change* that followed, it is not unrealistic to believe that PHS can double in size over the next five years. If we could sustain a core of 550 members, our own financial status as well as that of the journal would be far more secure. Our best recruiting tool is activity. But we can also do more as individuals to make colleagues aware of how their research interests overlap with ours.

### *The AHA Affiliates Meeting*

As many of you already know, for several years now we have been snubbed by the AHA Program Committee. Peace history sessions have not been accepted as part of the official AHA program despite our status as an affiliate. We were particularly angry at what appeared to be cavalier treatment of our proposed panel for the January 1998 meeting in Washington, DC. We received no notification that our proposal had been rejected until late summer—at that point, it

was too late to organize a free-standing panel under our own sponsorship. For this reason, there was a very frank exchange between our executive committee and leading officials of the American Historical Association.

At the affiliates meeting in January, I was very pleased to discover that the incoming president, Robert Darnton, freely acknowledged that the AHA had not adequately addressed the concerns of its affiliates with regard to the annual program. He announced that all three PHS suggestions for improving the programming process had been incorporated into planning for the 2000 conference: (1) affiliates will be informed in a timely manner regarding decisions by the Program Committee, (2) each year the Program Committee will designate a member to focus on affiliates' proposals so that the full committee is more aware of the range of topics presented; and (3) the organization will assemble a database in order to generate sufficient institutional memory so that no affiliates are shut out for several consecutive years. As Geoff Smith notes in his minutes, 1998 Program Chair John Voll attended our meeting and offered useful advice.

As a result we left the AHA conference far more confident that future PHS proposals will be dealt with more seriously and effectively. Additionally, Robert Darnton outlined what has become a genuine dilemma: in 1974 there were 45 affiliates.

By 1998, the number had risen to 105, with 140 slots on the program. Hence, the AHA clearly encourages affiliates to sponsor their own free-standing sessions, which will receive equal billing in the official program, as the best means to expand the number and variety of sessions. While the PHS presence in Chicago for AHA 2000 will not go beyond two sessions—largely because we have many other commitments that year—we do intend to rethink our approach to the annual AHA meeting and begin in 2001 to organize a series of sessions that will further advance our visibility in the profession.

### *A Final Word*

THIS NEWSLETTER IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF A FULL-TIME EDITOR. John Craig did a wonderful job for three years, and we also want to acknowledge the financial support he received from Slippery Rock University. John stepped aside in December 1998 to pursue other interests. While several people have expressed an interest in handling the newsletter, some level of institutional support (for postage and production costs) is necessary. Please contact me directly and we will make arrangements for you to test drive this delightful project.

*--Scott L. Bills*

*Visit our Peace History Society website at*  
**<http://www.swarthmore.edu/Library/peace/Peace/>**  
*and our journal at*  
**<http://www.albany.edu/history/PeaceAndChange/>**

# Peace History Society & The International Peace Bureau Symposium at the Hague Appeal for Peace

The final program for the cosponsored PHS/IPB Symposium is now in place. The symposium will take place 11-14 May at the Parkhotel in the Hague and will run concurrently with the larger Hague Appeal for Peace Congress.

Thirty scholars from North America, Europe, and Asia will be presenting their work on women and world peace; transnational social movements, global politics, and civil society; the historic Hague peace conferences; the thought and work of Jean de Bloch; and the role of journalism in relation to the Hague conferences.

In addition to the formal scholarly sessions, symposium arrangements co-chairs Peter van den Dungen and Anne Kjelling have planned a day study tour to the Flanders Fields Museum in Ypres, Belgium.

Peter will also offer a guided walking tour of historic Hague. As is customary at PHS gatherings, participants will also dine out together one evening.

Those who seek more information about the Symposium should contact

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Those who wish to learn more about the HAP Congress may consult the IPB website at <<http://www.ipb.org>>.

--Frances Early

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## Call for Papers

The Peace History Society will sponsor a conference: "Politics of Peace Movements: From Nonviolence to Social Justice," to be held 28-30 April 2000 at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington. Professor Kathleen Kennedy will handle local arrangements.

The Program Committee requests proposals that examine the politics of peace movements around the world and in every time period. We especially seek proposals that explore the "politics" of race, gender, class, religion, and geography within movements for social justice as well as the connections between those movements and other political structures.

We encourage proposals from scholars outside the United States.

Proposals for individual papers or complete panels are welcome. Sessions should feature 2-3 papers and a moderator. All proposals for individual papers or

complete panels should include the following: (1) a summary of prospective papers, no longer than 250 words each, and (2) the names and addresses of each participant, accompanied by a brief biographical sketch or vita.

Please send proposals and inquiries to Program Committee co-chairs:

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The Deadline for Proposals is July 15, 1999

# Minutes of the Annual PHS General Meeting

*Omni Shoreham, Washington, DC,  
January 8, 1999*

The meeting came to order at 7:47 a.m. with 18 persons in attendance. Outgoing President Frances H. Early welcomed the group and introduced our new president, Scott Bills. Scott thanked Frances for her excellent work as president for the last two years, especially her work on planning conferences in Montreal and Durban and the upcoming PHS sessions at the Hague. Frances read a tribute from Scott, heartfelt, and noted gifts from Scott as well as Geoff Smith commemorating her fine work.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE AGENDA AND MINUTES**

1. The minutes of January 9, 1998, were approved as circulated in the Newsletter. Scott Bills welcomed the new vice president, Linda Schott of the University of Texas at San Antonio and the new members of the North American board [see this newsletter, page 8, for complete list].

2. Geoff Smith, executive secretary-treasurer, made his financial report, which is reprinted below. the Peace History Society now has 272 members and is in fairly good financial shape. He noted that after the most recent bill from Blackwell Publishers, the treasury shows a healthy balance. He thanked Linda Schott, Scott Bills, and Kathleen Kennedy, among others, for their work at San Antonio, which helped the treasury significantly. He also noted an agreement with Adventure Films, Inc., of New York, in which PHS will provide administrative support and sanction for a ten-part PBS-style series, "The Wounded Dove: The Quest for Peace in the Twentieth Century." This arrangement will bring a significant financial return to PHS. Geoff also indicated the need to provide an easier way for European members, particularly

board members to pay dues. He will investigate setting up a Eurodollar account for the organization.

3. Scott noted that Don Birn will coedit *Peace & Change* for one more year and then retire. He praised Don for outstanding work and urged members to begin scouting for a replacement who would have the same strong institutional support. Linda Forcey, who replaced Sudarshan Kapoor as COPRED coeditor, attended the meeting and noted upcoming events in her organization and assured PHSers that COPRED's commitment to the journal remains strong.

4. Scott also announced that John Craig has retired as newsletter editor. Both Scott and Frances praised John for his work; and, after a short discussion, Linda Schott and Richard Donnelly (York College, PA) agreed to explore working as coeditors of the newsletter provided that institutional support was forthcoming. PHS officers agreed to provide initial seed money, if necessary.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES.**

Frances Early reported on planning (and difficulties) relating to upcoming conferences at the Hague (May 1999) and Oslo (2000). PHS will be active at both conferences, and the group (Charles Chatfield/Richard Donnelly) moved to allow the executive to make decisions as required.

6. Frances Early noted that she had succeeded in adding "Peace" to the American Historical Association "Taxonomy" as a category for membership applications. We should do the same with the Organization of American Historians.

7. Both Scott and Frances raised the issue of the way in which program committees of the AHA had dealt with the PHS panel proposal this past year, and in previous years, refusing panels with no explanation. John Voll (Georgetown) attended the breakfast meeting representing the 1999 AHA program committee, and he participated in a wide-ranging and

constructive discussion which served a positive end. (He also joined PHS.) Major points: (1) the AHA now has more than 100 affiliates and cannot guarantee specific organizations regular program slots; (2) AHA program committees lack institutional memory; (3) affiliates must take it upon themselves to create their own programs which will run concurrently with the AHA; (4) these concurrent programs will be listed in the program as equivalent in importance to the "official" program—Voll noted the number of panels the Church History Association mounted this year as an example of what is possible; (5) PHS executive officers must make contact with new program chairs yearly, early, to arrange for concurrent status, good communication and liaison being of the essence; and (6) comparative history, enlisting other organizations, will strengthen proposals.

8. Scott moved that for the year 2000, PHS hold its annual general meeting at its planned conference in April at Western Washington University instead of during the

AHA session at Chicago. This was approved. Scott made it clear that this would not prevent an informal gathering of PHS members at the AHA in Chicago and that he hoped such a gathering would take place.

9. Geoff Smith noted that he will be program chair for SHAFR 2000 in Toronto (June) and welcomed PHS proposals for panels and guest speakers. The future of peace history might provide a good panel, given the timing. Geoff solicited ideas for a guest luncheon speaker.

10. Scott Bills mentioned the need for more submissions for the Charles DeBenedetti Prize. After a discussion of the ground rules for the prize, Charles Chatfield (Wittenberg) and Roger Chickering (Georgetown) moved that the executive canvass the new board to see whether authors of analytical and original chapters from books subject to peer review would be eligible for the prize. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

--Geoffrey Smith

## Financial Report 1998

by Geoffrey S. Smith

Secretary-Treasurer,

Peace History Society

December 31, 1997 to December 31, 1998

In U.S. \$ account:

December 31, 1998: \$4,534.42

In U.S. \$ account:

December 31, 1998: \$6,700.72

### RECEIVED:

Renewals & New Members: \$6,416.24

San Antonio Conference: \$2,564.67

Seattle breakfast (AHA): \$133.00

\*Royalties: \$159.23

Bank Interest: \$215.26.

Total: \$9488.40

(\*Royalties from Blackwell for 1998)

### EXPENDITURES:

Scott Bills (accountant services): \$476.00

Frances Early (expenses): \$200.00

Shoreham Hotel (breakfast) AHA,

Washington, DC: \$294.40

Bank fees: \$32.00

International Peace Research Association: \$80.00

Frances Early (Honorarium, Secretary): \$100.00

Frances Early (Copying/Xerox Brochures): \$55.00

National Coordinating Committee: \$300.00

Misc. Printing Costs & Purolator Fees: \$150.00

Blackwell bill for *Peace & Change*, 1998: \$5500.00

Total: \$7,187.40

Separate Canadian Dollars Account (accruing from "The Wounded Dove," Adventure Films, Inc.):

Canadian \$6,533.91

# News From The Peace History Commission

At the suggestion of PHS's Irwin Abrams, the Peace History Commission (PHC) of the International Peace Research Association (IPRA) was organized in 1994 in an attempt to establish a worldwide network of peace historians. An impressive beginning was made that year through peace history panels at the IPRA convention in Malta.

Subsequently, peace historians have participated in large and fascinating IPRA conferences in Queensland, Australia, and Durban, South Africa. Under the leadership of Jeffrey Kimball (Chair) and Anne Kjelling (Executive Secretary), the PHC also published an occasional newsletter with information about the work of peace historians around the world.

As a result of recent elections, Lawrence Wittner was elected PHC Chair, and Anne Kjelling was re-elected Executive Secretary.

Plans are now afoot for a range of new activities, including the establishment of a website for PHC and for participation in the IPRA gathering slated for August 5 to 9, 2000, in Tampere, Finland. A substantial number of peace historians should be interested in giving papers at (or just attending) the Tampere conference; for not only are these meetings very interesting (with numerous plenary speakers, cultural events, and tours), but it will provide easy access to the conference of the International Congress of Historical Sciences in Oslo, Norway, at which the Peace History Society will be hosting panels on August 11 and 12, 2000. In short, peace historians can easily attend both events, in sequence!

If you are interested in presenting a

paper at the Tampere conference, please mail a proposal to:

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Peace history Commission  
History Department  
SUNY Albany  
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or send an e-mail message to  
<wittner@csc.albany.edu>.

Your proposal should include the paper title, an abstract of approximately 200 words describing the contents of the paper, and a brief biography or vita.

Although those presenting papers are NOT required to become members of IPRA (and, thereby, of the PHC), they are certainly encouraged to join.

The membership fee for Category A members (1st World) is \$80 per year; for Category B members (2nd and 3rd World), it is \$50 per year.

IPRA members receive the *Journal of Peace Research* (published six times a year) and the *IPRA Newsletter* (published four times a year), as well as the *PHC Newsletter* (published occasionally).

For membership forms and information, contact:

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If you do join, please drop a note to Larry Wittner to make sure that you are added to the PHC roster as well.

--Larry Wittner



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