

## Editors' Notes

### SOUND TOLL PROJECT

Until 1857 the Danish king levied the Sound Toll, a tax on all ships entering or leaving the Baltic. The Danish National Archives still houses the ledgers on these ships, which have been a valuable source for many scholars of international trade and shipping. A problem inherent in the ledgers, however, is their richness of detail, especially for the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries when about 10,000 ships passed through yearly and were entered chronologically.

Between 1906 and 1953 Nina Bang and Knud Korst published tables on the shipping up to 1783, including cross-tabulations of the most important variables in the ledgers (e.g., home port, port of destination, composition of cargo). The Danish Research Council for the Humanities has funded a project to carry on this work from 1784. This new compilation of the data is being stored on magnetic tape, allowing both for the continuation of the time series by Bang and Korst and for the extraction of any combination of data from the tapes.

To date nearly 80,000 ship passages have been processed, covering the years 1784-1791. For a typical passage, the following types of information are available.

*Passage on July 11, 1787, by Isaac Smith of Boston, from St. Petersburg to Boston with:*

Bar-iron	315	shipspound	Canvas	1540	rolls
Hemp	744.9	shipspound	Duck	559	pieces
Fine Flax	14.2	shipspound	Hempseed	$\frac{1}{2}$	last
Iron	63	shipspound	Hemp-oil	$4\frac{1}{2}$	ahme

The composition of the nationalities of the ships in these years is given in the following table.

*Passages through the Sound, 1784-1791, According to Nationality of the Ships*

<i>Nationality</i>	<i>1784</i>	<i>1785</i>	<i>1786</i>	<i>1787</i>	<i>1788</i>	<i>1789</i>	<i>1790</i>	<i>1791</i>
Danish-Norwegian	1698	1676	1534	1338	1270	1310	1567	1394
Swedish-Finnish	1932	1795	1529	2059	1140	95	416	1543
Other Baltic	1258	1387	1117	1272	1134	1070	1091	1294
Dutch	1362	1475	1348	1309	1511	1925	2000	1726
British	3179	2541	2713	2963	3277	3496	3775	3623
Other European	1546	1380	760	803	889	911	845	838
US	14	20	21	29	37	50	52	47
Other Non-European	6	—	3	1	1	1	—	—
Total	10995	10274	9025	9774	9259	8858	9746	10465

Basic tables (mimeographed) on ports, commodities, and seasonal patterns for the processed years, as well as a manual to the tapes, are available upon request from Hans Chr. Johansen, Institute of History and the Social Sciences, University of Odense, DK-5230 Odense M, Denmark.

## BELGIAN QUANTITATIVE HISTORY

Professor Pierre Lebrun of the University of Liège informs us of a large-scale collective research project, "Quantitative History and the Development of Belgium." When completed, the multi-volume series will constitute a detailed quantitative history from the end of the Old Regime to 1980. A first series, currently in course of publication, consists of ten or more volumes devoted to the period 1830-1913. A more detailed description of the project can be obtained directly from Professor Lebrun, Place du 20 Août 32, B-4000 Liège, Belgium.

## HISTORY OF ECONOMICS

The Fifth Annual History of Economics Conference will be held at the University of Toronto, May 25-27, 1978. Scholars wishing to present papers should submit two copies of an abstract, together with a separate sheet listing the author's name, address, professional affiliation, telephone number, and title of paper to Professor Craufurd D. Goodwin, Department of Economics, Duke University, Durham, NC 27706, not later than October 1, 1977. Further details regarding the conference may also be obtained from Professor Goodwin.

## FELLOWSHIPS FOR VENETIAN RESEARCH

The Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation announces its 1978-79 program of pre-doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships for research in Venice, Italy. The following areas of study will be considered: the history of Venice and the former Venetian empire in its various aspects—art, architecture, archaeology, theatre, music, literature, natural science, political science, economics, the law; also studies related to the contemporary Venetian environment such as ecology, oceanography, urban planning, and rehabilitation. Applicants must be citizens of the United States and have some experience in advanced research. Applications for the first grants should be received by January 15, 1978, and the first fellows will be announced by April 1, 1978.

The total amount of grants per annum will be \$40,000; applications will be entertained for grants from \$500 up to a maximum of \$10,000 for a full academic year. Funds will also be available eventually for aid in the publication of such studies resulting from research made possible by these grants as are deemed worthy by the trustees and the advisory board.

For further information, prospective applicants should write to The Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation, 20 Broad Street, New York, NY 10005.

## OCCUPATION OF JAPAN

The MacArthur Memorial, Norfolk, Virginia, will sponsor the third symposium of a series begun in November 1975 on the occupation of Japan, April 13-15, 1978, to be entitled "The Occupation of Japan: Economic Policy and Reform."

Anyone interested in participating, especially in presenting a paper or in

presiding over a session, is invited to contact: Director, MacArthur Memorial, 198 Bank Street, Norfolk, VA 23510 ([804] 441-2256).

#### SEMINAR ON QUANTITATIVE TECHNIQUES

The Johns Hopkins University's Department of History will again hold its "Summer Seminar on Quantitative Techniques in Historical Research," May 30 through July 21, 1978. The seminar is designed for faculty members and graduate students, but advanced undergraduates have also successfully taken the course. The program will emphasize the acquisition of basic statistical and computer skills and the fundamentals of project design. Total tuition is \$500.00 and applications, which must be accompanied by a \$25.00 deposit, are due on April 1, 1978. Write to Professor Richard Goldthwaite, Chairman, Department of History, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland 21218 for further information.

#### A PRIZE FOR WOMEN

The Berkshire Conference of Women Historians will award its 1978 prizes to the best book and the best articles in any field of history written by a woman and published during 1977. Inquiries and nominations, including two copies of the book or article, should be sent to Dr. Amy Hackett, c/o Professor Mary Hartman, Department of History, Hickman Hall, Douglass College, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

#### GRANTS FOR POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH ON EAST EUROPE

The Joint Committee on Eastern Europe of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council wishes to draw attention to its program of grants for research in the humanities or social sciences relating to the cultures and populations (regardless of their geographical locus) of Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Yugoslavia, East Germany since 1945, and modern Greece. Such research should be problem oriented and of theoretical relevance in the substantive scholarly disciplines and may be comparative in nature. The program particularly invites such comparative research on social institutions and processes. The program also supports research of conceptual and theoretical focus and manifest disciplinary relevance, empirically based on immigrant groups or communities from Eastern Europe. Grants will rarely exceed \$10,000. Stipends in lieu of summer salary or grants for foreign travel will be considered only in exceptional circumstances. (Those U.S. citizens wishing to go to Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Yugoslavia, East Germany for two months or longer should apply to the International Research and Exchanges Board, 110 East 59th Street, New York, NY 10022.)

Deadline for receipt of application forms is December 30, 1977. In requesting application forms, the prospective applicant *must* provide the following information: (1) age, (2) highest academic degree held and date received, (3) citizenship or permanent residence (this program is open only to citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. or Canada), (4) academic or other position, (5) field of

specialization, (6) proposed subject of research, (7) period of time for which support is requested, and (8) specific award program under which an application is contemplated. The above information—and/or requests for additional information about this or other ACLS fellowships and grants programs—should be addressed to: Office of Fellowships and Grants, American Council of Learned Societies, 345 East 46th Street, New York, New York 10017.

#### NEWBERRY SUMMER INSTITUTE

The Sixth Newberry Summer Institute will take place in Chicago, June 14 to July 13, 1978. The intensive program of lectures, workshops, laboratories and discussions is designed to provide a thorough introduction to the basics of quantitative historiography, particularly statistics, computers, research design, historical demography, and to the key methods in the "new" social and political history. Historians are invited to apply regardless of field; advanced graduate students are welcome. No previous training in statistics, mathematics or computers is needed. The Institute is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Rockefeller Foundation, and fellowships are available. For further details and application forms (due March 15, 1978), write Richard Jensen, Family and Community History Center, Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton St., Chicago, Illinois 60610.

#### REGIONAL ECONOMIC HISTORY RESEARCH CENTER

The REHRC, a division of the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, Wilmington, Delaware, announces the awarding of summer research fellowships, under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, to the following scholars: Lee Benson, Professor of Historical Social Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, researching the role of economic elites in the development of regions; Burton W. Folsom, Assistant Professor, Murray State University, economic development and urbanization in the Lackawanna and Lehigh Valleys; Paul F. Paskoff, Assistant Professor, Louisiana State University, merchants, iron-making and the origins of American industrialization, 1725-1832; Hans J. Teuteberg, Professor of Modern Social and Economic History, University of Münster, change in dietary habits in the Mid-Atlantic states under the influence of industrialization; and David R. Kasserman, Assistant Professor, Glassboro State College, researching social transformation accompanying the industrialization of the Mid-Atlantic states. The Research Center was established in late 1976 to encourage, support and coordinate research on the economic history of the Mid-Atlantic states.

#### THE HISTORY OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

The Conference on Baltimore History, sponsored by The Baltimore History Research Group through the University of Baltimore and the Maryland Historical Society, will take place March 3-4, 1978. The theme will be *The People of Baltimore*, with emphasis on the history of communities, occupations, economic development, immigration and local culture. The Program Committee is now offering an invitation for papers. Inquiries may be di-

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**WORKING PAPERS**

We have received and deposited at the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, Wilmington, Delaware, the following working papers:

Dr. E. Van Cauwenberghe and Prof. Dr. H. Van der Wee, "Productivité, évolution du prix d'affermage et superficie de l'entreprise agricole au Pays-Bas du 14<sup>e</sup> au 18<sup>e</sup> siècle."

G. L. De Brabander, "The Traditional and the Esteban-Marquillas Shift-Share Models: A Comparison with an Application to Belgium."

Gerald Gunderson, "The Economies of Empire: The Rise of British Hegemony and American Separatism."