

NEWS

✎ The Conference Group for Central European History met in conjunction with the American Historical Association on December 28, 1968, in New York. The morning academic session, chaired by Gordon A. Craig (Stanford), dealt with "The Defeat of the Central Powers in 1918 and the European Balance of Power." Papers were presented by Robert A. Kann (Rutgers) on Austria and Gerhard L. Weinberg (Michigan) on Germany; Piotr S. Wandycz (Yale) commented. At the evening business meeting, with retiring Chairman Carl E. Schorske (Berkeley) presiding, Robert Wolfe, German Records Specialist at the National Archives, reported on the records projects in which he is engaged. Fritz T. Epstein (Indiana) was elected Chairman, R. John Rath (Rice) Vice-Chairman, Charles Jelavich (Indiana) Secretary-Treasurer, and Hans Gatzke (Yale) Member-at-large of the Executive Board. Harold C. Deutsch (Minnesota) continues on the Executive Board.

✎ Early in December 1968, the editors sent a letter to subscribers asking for comment on the policies of *Central European History* so far, and suggestions for the future. A good many helpful responses were received. Unfortunately, many of these letters disappeared, together with the suitcase of one of the editors, during the New York meeting of the American Historical Association. The editors extend their apologies to those who failed to receive replies to their letters, and again solicit comments and suggestions from readers of the journal.

✎ The first academic institute in Austria devoted to the history of the labor movement has been established at the new University of Linz, which specializes in the social and economic sciences. Initiated by the Ludwig Boltzmann Society for the Promotion of Research in Austria, the new Institute is under the direction of Professor Karl R. Stadler, formerly of the University of Nottingham, England, and is attached to his Chair in Modern and Contemporary History. It works in cooperation with existing societies and archives, both nationally and internationally, encouraging and aiding research and arranging for its publication. The Institute would be glad to hear from persons possessing material or engaged in work on aspects of labor history, principally in Central and Eastern Europe. Please write to: Professor Karl R. Stadler, M.A., University of Linz, 4045 Linz, Austria.