

field of endeavor, is part of the realm of social action. Studying it can make essential contributions to our understanding of the evolution of the social order.

It is to be hoped that *Community and Social Change in America* will help in breaking the impasse in our field between the social science-oriented determinists and the institutionally and intellectually-oriented particularists. Perhaps to hope for such an accommodation is naive. For the split may well be as much based on the problematic character of social theory as it is on fundamental unarticulated political differences. This writer vividly recalls a session at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting several years ago in which the differences between the determinists and the particularists came close to expressing themselves in fisticuffs. Equally vivid are the words of a distinguished elder statesman in our field in dismissing this writer's efforts to examine the economic history of Yale as "vulgar determinism." The emotions of these confrontations betray bases that are more profound than mere scholarly differences of opinion. Thus, it may be too much to hope that a book like *Community and Social Change* will bridge the gap between the two groups of scholars; it may at least constitute a first step in which the history of education and the history of society are seen as complimentary parts of a common enterprise.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The History of Education Society will hold its next annual meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 2, 3 and 4, 1981. All inquiries for this meeting should be directed to the HES Vice-President, Professor Sol Cohen, School of Education, UCLA, Los Angeles, California or the two local co-chairmen:

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A full schedule of the convention's program will appear in the Summer, 1981 issue of the *Quarterly*.