AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORY OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

NEWSLETTER

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GENERAL

Dues. A reminder that the annual assessment of $5.00 was due as of January 1, 1972. Payment by those who have not already done so will be appreciated.

Conference on World War II in 1973. A majority has agreed that a conference should be organized for 1973 and that June would probably be the best time. With this Newsletter is enclosed a questionnaire which will enable preliminary organization to get under way.

Joint Sessions with the AHA. The AHA is making an inquiry regarding joint sessions at the annual meeting. Your reaction (on the enclosed questionnaire) is requested.

Bibliography Project. Miss Janet Ziegler has accepted the chairmanship of the sub-committee on bibliography. She is making plans for a survey of bibliographical needs in the World War II area.

A consolidation of the bibliographical items which have so far appeared in the Newsletter is being prepared. This will cover many of the books, mostly in English, which have appeared from 1968 to the present. It will be sent to all members and to a selected list of libraries, in the near future.

FUTURE MEETINGS

International Committee on the History of the Second World War.

The Executive Committee of the International Committee will meet, toward the end of May, at Belgrade. Among the items to be discussed will be the program for the International Congress of Historical Sciences, scheduled for San Francisco in 1975. Later, in July, ICHS directors will meet, also in Belgrade, to discuss specific projects. Suggestions by members of the American Committee, both for session topics and for individual papers, are requested. The secretary would like to forward these to M. Michel in Paris before the end of May.
The theme for the next Symposium at the Air Force Academy is "The Military and Society. Among the sessions will be one on "The Study of Military Affairs on College Campuses," and one on "The Writing and Publication of Military History." Participants include Barbara Tuchman, Frank Vandiver, Cyril Black, Alvin Coox, Edward Coffman, W. Bruce White, Morris MacGregor, Louis Norton, Gunther Rothenberg, Theodore Ropp, Robin Higham, John Loebrock, and James E. O'Neill. For further information write Major Ronald Fogleman, Dept. of History, USAF Academy, Colorado 81840.


The Polish Committee has confirmed that a conference on "Population Transfers carried out by the Third Reich in occupied areas" will take place October 17-20, 1972 at Zamość (the birthplace of Rosa Luxemburg), about 150 miles southeast of Warsaw, between Lublin and Lvov. The meeting is being organized by the Institute of History of the Polish Academy of Sciences with the cooperation of the Marie Curie-Sklodowska University in Lublin. For further information, interested persons can write to the Polish Committee (address on page 5).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Of the various program suggestions presented to the 1972 AHA Program Committee, the one on the North African landings has been accepted as a joint session for the meeting at New Orleans in December 1972. Presently set up the session will be as follows:

OPERATION "Torch" REVISITED: ASPECTS OF THE NORTH AFRICAN LANDINGS THIRTY YEARS LATER

Chairman: Forrest C. Pogue, George C. Marshall Foundation
Martin Blumenson, Naval War College: "Patton and the Landings in North Africa"
Arthur L. Funk, Florida: "The Deal with Darlan: A Reappraisal"

Discussants:
General M. W. Clark
General André Beaufre (General Beaufre was General Giraud's aide at the time of the landings.)

The paper read by James E. O'Neill, deputy archivist of the United States, has been published in the National Archives' journal Prologue (Spring, 1972). The title: "The Accessibility of Sources for the History of the Second World War: The Archivist's Viewpoint."
The National Archives has announced some interesting additions in the field of World War II studies. These are itemized in detail in the Spring, 1972, issue of Prologue, pp. 39-42, 48-49, and also in the March 1972 AHA Newsletter, pp. 33-36. Among the items: microfilm rolls with a substantially complete record of the German Navy in WW II; records of German research in atomic energy; the Stettinus Diaries, 1944-45; over 2000 reels of Russian, German, Japanese, and Italian films, both documentary and propaganda. The Roosevelt Library has made available the Morgenthau Diary, covering mostly 1938-45; the Harry Hopkins papers used by Robert Sherwood; a considerable amount of the FDR Map Room Papers.

As of January 21, 1972, the Department of State declassified almost all of its foreign policy records for the years 1942-1945. This policy coincides with a decision recently made by the British Government and enables researchers to obtain access to some British records which may be among the State Department materials. Most of these papers are located physically in the National Archives building in Washington.

The first volume of sources relating to the Italian resistance (in the series "Collana di Fonti") is scheduled for publication in April. These include the records of the headquarters of the CLV (Corpo volontari della liberta), and have been edited by Professor Rochat, secretary-general of the International Committee.

A meeting on "Europe and the 1941 insurrection in Yugoslavia" took place in Belgrade on October 24-26, 1971. Thirty-two papers and communications were given, among which: Marjanovic, "Relations between Mihailovich and the British in 1941;" Deakin, "Great Britain and the Serbian insurrection in 1941;" Aty, "Some aspects of Anglo-Yugoslav relations in 1941." Information as to the future availability of the papers has not been received. (As a captain in WW II, Professor Deakin, formerly warden of St. Antony's College in Oxford and current chairman of the British Committee on the History of the Second World War, served as a liaison officer with Tito. His book The Embattled Mountain has recently appeared.)

An Anglo-French meeting was held last October in which British and French historians debated several themes related to the war. It is likely that a similar meeting will be held in France next October.

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RECENT BOOKS RELATING TO WORLD WAR II


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Asia and Pacific Theatre; Japan (cont'd)


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France


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Italy


Soviet Union


United States


United States (cont'd)

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