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EDITORIAL WANT-AD: *American Studies* announces the availability of a graduate editorial assistantship starting in the fall of 1975 (there is the possibility of summer 1975 employment). Applicants must have been accepted for graduate work in the Department of American Studies at the University of Kansas. The job requires both editorial and secretarial skills. Stuart Levine handles inquiries, and would appreciate colleagues' pointing in our direction gifted seniors with editorial talents and strong stomachs for work. "Editorial talents" usually means "a good, efficient prose style."

GRATITUDE: *American Studies* feels it, and directs it at the people below, who, although not members of our staff, helped in the last six months by acting as editorial readers for specific submitted articles: James Austin, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville; Ronald Calgaard, University of Kansas; Robert Caringer, University of Illinois; Robert Corrigan, University of Maryland; Eugene Ferguson, Smithsonian Institution; Warren French, Indiana University; Norman Geske, University of Nebraska; John Hancock, University of Washington; Francis Heller, University of Kansas; Theodore Hovet, University of Northern Iowa; N. Ray Hiner, University of Kansas; John Janzen, University of Kansas; David Katzman, University of Kansas; Clair Keller, Iowa State University; Alexander Kern, University of Iowa; Robert McColley, University of Illinois; Donald McCoy, University of Kansas; Edward Ruhe, University of Kansas; Sakari Sariola, University of Kansas; Steven Sommers, The Latin School of Chicago; Haskell Springer, University of Kansas; Geoffrey Steere, University of Kansas; George Stocking, University of Chicago; William Tuttle, University of Kansas; Roger Whitlow, Eastern Illinois University; and Paul Wilson, University of Kansas. Thank you.

NEW RESOURCES IN AMERICAN STUDIES: The Houston Metropolitan Archives and Research Center, "a serious effort to meet [the] . . . threats [of] fire, vermin, fungus, human carelessness and neglect . . . and preserve historical source materials" deserves the attention of urban scholars. Details are in an article in the *Rice University Review*, reprints of which are available from the Center, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, Texas 77001.

FROM RUSSIA MIT GOTTES LIEBE: Elmer Suderman's introduction to and explanation of Leonhard Sudermann's *Eine Deputationsreise von Russland nach Amerika*, read at MASA's Amama conference in 1973, is now in print, as a preface to Sudy's translation of that interesting document: *From Russia to America: In Search of Freedom*, part of the Mennonite Centennial Series.

INDIAN-WHITE RELATIONS: Fellowships for the study of same are available from the Center for the History of the American Indian at the Newberry Library; "directors' fellowships are available in unusual cases." The Man is Robert E. Bieder, the address, The Center for the History of the American Indian, The Newberry Library, 60 West Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610; the deadline, January 15, 1975.

DATES: MASA, a conference on the Great Plains, The Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, Grand Island, Nebraska, May 1-2; OAH, annual meeting, Boston, April 16-19; Women's History Symposium, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, New York, March 15.

HENRY ADAMS LETTERS: Work on the edition (Belknap Press) is under way; Ernest Samuels and Charles Vandersee are in charge. They would like copies of unpublished letters and leads on "additional letters still in private hands." Contact Professor Vandersee at the Department of English, University

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of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903.

STEINBECK: The new *San Jose Studies* announces a special November 1975 issue devoted to John Steinbeck and invites submissions "from all areas of Steinbeck research." The Woman is Arlene N. Okerlund; the address, San Jose State University, San Jose, California 95192; the deadline, May 15, 1975.

ASSISTANTSHIPS at Minnesota in Immigrant Studies are available to students who read an Eastern or Southern European language. The jobs are half-time, involve research and graduate enrollment in related fields and have summer employment built in. The Man is Rudolph J. Vecoli, Director, the Center for Immigration Studies, 1925 Sather Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55113.

EVERY FEW YEARS we should repeat ourselves a bit: the word "Bulletin" in our column title was chosen to perpetuate the name of the modest but useful dittoed publication which was the predecessor of the current journal. Items in the Bulletin are not limited to concerns of American Studies practitioners in the midcontinent region.

THE BULLETIN remains open, by the way, to descriptions of interesting or innovative American Studies programs, a fact publicized at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee and the Editorial Board. The first response to our announcement was not precisely what we had in mind, but is interesting enough to deserve special attention: William S. Hamerick forwarded to us a detailed outline of the content and schedule of weekly meetings in a "Dialogue with Senior Citizens" at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Since what we had in mind were academic programs, and since the outline is rather lengthy, probably we should not run it in full. But the idea is intriguing, and Mr. Hamerick can supply copies of the outline to those interested in trying something similar.

A sample entry:

Wednesday, November 20: 2:00 p.m., War and peace again; talk about World War II from a Midwest perspective. 3:00 p.m., light refreshments. 3:30 p.m., choice of seminars, with special themes dealing with senior citizens' post factum perceptions of the progress over the years, if any. 4:45 p.m., adjournment.