

## masa bulletin

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Walter Rundell, Jr., who submitted his resignation from our Editorial Board when he moved from our region to become chairman of the history department at the University of Maryland, but who has, at our invitation, gone on working for us, and working hard, on a *de facto* basis. How good an editor he is his article in the *AAUP Bulletin*, for Autumn, 1971 suggests; read it: "Author and Editor: Symbiotic Need."

**MACHINATIONS** were doubtless the order of the day when the MASA Executive Committee met at the Park College Meeting House in Parkville, Missouri on November 19. Your editor, absent in his sabbatical hideaway near Ju Achi, Arizona, surmises as much from the note which Ms. Harmon provided him to use in composing this item. She writes, "The typical frivolity of these meetings was also punctuated with some important decisions." The frivolity I understand, but what important decisions? I'll have to read the MASA Bulletin to find out.

**SCARY NEWS** about diminished university support makes our financial situation again precarious. More subscribers would help: please help us peddle subscriptions: \$3.00 per year for individuals, \$1.50 for students. And many thanks to subscribers who responded to our Executive Secretary's letter in September.

**DATE** for the 1972 MASA convention has been announced. The place is Parkville and Jerzy Hauptmann, Department of Political Science, Park College, Parkville, Missouri is program chairman. The meetings officially start at noon on Friday, March 24. There will be a meeting of the journal's editorial board that morning, and a full executive committee meeting that evening. Six sessions—three general ones and three specific ones—are planned. If you have papers and/or topical suggestions please contact Professor Hauptmann.

Parkville is near Kansas City. If you plan to fly in, contact Professor Hauptmann on the fair chance that he can find a participant coming on the same plane to share expenses, or a member with wheels who can give you a lift from the airport. The Parkville Hilton isn't scheduled for completion till 1997, so be sure to arrange a place to stay in advance. Professor Hauptmann will be happy to put interested non-members on the mailing list to receive announcements and registration forms.

*American Studies* has rights of first refusal on all papers read at MASA meetings.

**PEACE MOVEMENTS IN AMERICA** is our spring special issue topic. Several good papers have already been accepted, and others are still making the editorial rounds. Charles Chatfield, Department of History, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, is guest editorial consultant; manuscripts may still be submitted either to him or to our Lawrence office. Please spread news of this issue to interested groups so that they can order copies in advance: we'll have to know how many to print. Our special issues tend to sell out.

**THE URBAN ISSUE** is still in the works and Ms. Harmon thinks the fall, 1972 number is a good bet. That would mean two special issues in the same volume. John Hancock, Department of Urban Planning, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, is the guest editorial consultant for this issue; contact him if you are working in the field.

**DOS PASSOS:** Melvin Landsberg writes: "With Mrs. Dos Passos' permission, I am preparing an edition of the letters of the novelist John Dos Passos (1894-1970). I shall be very grateful for any help in locating them, particularly those in private hands. Please write me % Department of English, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 66044."

**NEW RESOURCES FOR AMERICAN STUDIES:** Norman Lederer of Wisconsin State University-Platteville writes to brief us on the new Wisconsin State University System Ethnic and Minority Studies Center, now open for business at Platteville. Bibliographies, syllabi and such are now in preparation, and attractive programs are planned. The Center seems designed to serve as a clearing-house for ethnic work throughout the state, but Mr. Lederer's note suggests willingness to make its facilities available to others in the field.

**NEW PAMPHLET SERIES:** James Maguire of Boise State College, Boise, Idaho and his colleague Wayne Chatterton are editors of their college's new Western Writers Series, and announce their first two titled: Vardis Fisher and Mary Hallock Foote. It's a shoestring operation, so don't expect to receive four-color advertisements; if you are interested, write to the gents at Boise.