

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin will record an oral history of the United Packinghouse Workers of America (UPWA), as recounted by union members, with a grant of \$84,133.50 from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The UPWA was widely recognized as one of the nation's most progressive unions, committed to social equality, industrial democracy and racial desegregation in the workplace and in the community. The project will be to conduct interviews with seventy-five former and current union members to determine how well the progressive attitudes and policies of the union's national leadership were received and implemented at the local level. Under the direction of Society Archivist Jim Cavanaugh, some two hundred hours of interviews will be taped with union members scattered throughout the Midwest. Cavanaugh has directed several other oral history projects with labor themes for the Society. The interviews will be conducted by Rick Halpern and Roger Horowitz, who have both completed masters degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, with heavy emphasis on research involving the UPWA. The interviews will enrich the documentation provided by the Society's existing collection of 600 boxes of UPWA archival material. Project interviewers can be reached at 608-262-5645.

A Guide to Hartford Historical Resources provides concise information about primary and secondary resources in forty-three libraries, colleges and universities, historical societies, museums, hospitals and medical societies, corporations and religious organizations in Hartford, East Hartford, and West Hartford. The Guide is produced by the Committee on Hartford History Resources, and will be distributed to various institutions inside and outside of Connecticut. Copies may be obtained by sending a check, made out to the Capitol Region Library Council (CRLC), for \$1.00 each for m/h, to: CRLC, 599 Maltanuck Ave., Windsor, CT 06095.

First Run Features announces the release of two new documentaries of interest to the labor community and labor educators. *The Great Weirton Steal* examines the controversial employee buy-out of the Weirton Steel company through a program known as ESOP—Employee Stock Ownership Plan. *The Work I've Done* provides a sensitive depiction of the emotional and psychological effects of retirement. Both films are available in ¾" videocassette and 16mm film for review purposes. Please contact Susan Ryan at this address to schedule a preview or for more information: First Run Features, 153 Waverly Place, New York, NY 10014.

The Connecticut State Library has begun a two-year Judicial Records Survey and Planning Project. Its purpose is to assemble data about historical judicial records in the State Library, offices of clerks of state courts, including probate courts, and offices of town clerks in order to improve researcher access and to make preliminary recommendations for long-term archival preservation. Project personnel will conduct on-site surveys of pre-1900 court records in the twelve Superior Courts and twenty-one Geographical Area courts, they will contact all town clerks and probate clerks to gather data, and they will conduct a survey of approximately eight thousand cubic feet of judicial records in the State Library Archives. For more information contact: Project Archivist, Lorraine F. Perry, Connecticut State Library, 231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Rockefeller Fellows for 1985–86 Announced by the Reuther Library, Wayne State University. The two scholars selected as fellows for the Rockefeller Program in Humanities for the 1985–86 academic year at the Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University are Dr. Stephen Meyer, Illinois Institute of Technology, who will study worker reaction to technology in the workplace, and Dr. Nancy F. Gabin, Purdue University, who will investigate the role played by women in the UAW. Their research will make use of the extensive archival holdings of the Reuther Library, and they will participate in various university and community events during their residency.