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Every two years the Conference Group for Central European History awards a prize of \$250 to a North American scholar who, in the opinion of a prize awards committee, has written the best article dealing with a topic in Central European history. In 1984 the prize was awarded to Professors Margaret Lavinia Anderson (Swarthmore College) and Kenneth Barkin (University of California, Riverside) for "The Myth of the Puttkammer Purge and the Reality of the *Kulturkampf*: Some Reflections on the Historiography of Imperial Germany," *Journal of Modern History* 54 (December 1982): 647-86. Honorable mention went to Professor Eric Johnson (Central Michigan University), "The Roots of Crime in Imperial Germany," *Central European History* 15 (December 1982): 351-76.

Members of the prize awards committee were Professors John W. Boyer (University of Chicago), Erich Hahn (University of Western Ontario), and James A. Vann, Chair (University of Michigan).

The Twelfth Annual Saint Louis Conference on Manuscript Studies will be held at St. Louis University on October 11 and 12, 1985. An invitation has been extended for papers dealing with one of the four following aspects of the manuscript: codicology, illumination, paleography, and texts. Those wishing to participate should request additional information from the Conference Committee, Vatican Film Library, Pius XII Memorial Library, 3655 West Pine Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63108.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center Annual is the first serial publication in the United States focusing on the scholarly study of the Holocaust. We invite papers from every academic discipline for subsequent volumes. Our definition of the Holocaust in its widest context includes: Nazi Germany and the Final Solution, 1933–1945; European Jewry during World War II; Refugee, Rescue, and Immigration; Displaced Persons and Postwar Trials; and modern anti-Semitism.

Papers for Volume 3 should be submitted by May 15, 1985, and for Volume 4 by May 15, 1986. Please mail all submissions to: Dr. Gerald Margolis, Simon Wiesenthal Center Annual, 9760 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90035.

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A six-day Workshop on European and Middle East Refugees in the Twentieth Century is planned as a special project of the Refugee Studies Programme, Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford. The aim of the workshop is to bring together a number of scholars who are conducting research on refugees from Europe and the Middle East during the twentieth century. It will be co-sponsored by the Refugee Studies Programme and the Refugee Documentation Project, York University, Toronto, Canada.

Tentative topics for discussion include the concept and causes of refugees, the roles of international and voluntary organizations (including religious organizations), government responses to refugees, and refugee settlement in terms of language, housing, employment, etc.

The registrants at the workshop will be both participant scholars and observers. We intend to restrict the number of papers to thirty. Those wishing to participate should send details of their intended papers as soon as possible to the Refugee Studies Programme, Queen Elizabeth House, 21 St. Giles, Oxford 0X1 3LA, Great Britain.