Message from the Chair

Challenges of the "New World Order" to the Peace and War Section

The end of the Cold War has created the opportunity to begin to construct a more peaceful world order. Certainly, this will not happen automatically, as evidenced by the growing conflicts among the Balkan States, the former Soviet republics, in Eastern Africa, and across Southern Asia. The United States remains the sole superpower capable of fighting (and "prevailing") in a war anywhere around the globe, but we are not capable of creating peace in such a unilateral fashion. I would like to see our section members have an impact in shaping the "New World Order" through the application of our knowledge and research skills. Specifically, I believe there are three critical areas in which we can contribute to the policy-making process that will shape the "New World Order:"

1. resolving on-going conflicts through the use of meditation, negotiation, and other conflict resolution techniques;
2. removing the cause of conflict by understanding and addressing its social, economic, and political causes; and
3. building a more peaceful social order by constructing the institutional arrangements - including military forces and global federations as well as democratic political institutions and more egalitarian economic structures - that will increase the likelihood of using nonviolent means of conflict resolution.

We encourage our members to submit articles on any subject that you feel is pertinent to Section members.
Deadline for submission to the next edition of the Newsletter is January 31, 1993.
Message from the Chair: Challenges of the "New World Order" to the Peace and War Section. (continued)

Members of our section have long focused their research, theory, and applied practice agendas on these three topics. I encourage us to continue these efforts and urge other sociologists to address these issues as well. As a section, I would like to see us promote these activities both internally and externally. Internally, I would like us to support these efforts by: devoting our annual meeting sessions to these topics, publishing feature articles in our newsletter which describe the latest developments in these areas; and organizing a conference that focuses on these topics. Externally, I would like us to promote the work of section members through a concerted public relations effort, especially focusing on the educational and policy making processes. The conference also is likely to have an external component, as select policymakers and activists are likely to be invited to participate.

As I mentioned in a letter I sent to section members in August, I have established a public relations task force and a conference planning committee to pursue these objectives. During the ASA meetings in Pittsburgh, I was quite pleased that a number of section members volunteered to work on these two activities. Let me reissue the invitation here to all section members to volunteer work on these two activities, or any of the other ongoing section committees. It really is the sections of the ASA that bring the association to life, and it is the committees that do the work of organizing the sections. The following lists of people who have agreed to chair various section committees; please contact them directly or let me know regarding your willingness to help on any of these activities:

Public Relations Jen Hlavacek, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309;

Conference Planning Ruth Searles, Department of Sociology; University of Toledo, Toledo, OH 43606;
Membership Jennifer Turpin, Department of Sociology, University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA 94117-1080;
Nominations Mary Anna Colwell, 1628 Jaynes Street, Berkeley, CA 94703;
Boulding Award Jim Hannon, Department of Sociology, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT 06050;
Newsletter Dana Eyre, Department of National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA 93943

The Public Relations Task Force will be undertaking two types of initiatives during the upcoming year: publicizing the Section's statement written in support of the Seville Statement, "Sociological Statement on War and Violence;" and working with the ASA Executive office to establish links among section members, the media, and policy-makers. The conference planning committee will define fundraising for it. The membership committee recruits new members and strengthens current members' commitment to the section in order to ensure that we remain a vibrant association of scholars. The nominations committee solicits nominations for elections section offices (Chair and 2 council members per year, and a secretary-treasurer every 3 years), assembles a slate of candidates, and conducts the election process. The Boulding Award committee solicits student papers and selects a winner. The newsletter is our critical communication medium, defining who we are and keeping us abreast of substantive issues as well as organizational developments of the section. Let me encourage you to join one of these committees and work with some of the great folks who have already volunteered. Even if you are not able, you can serve the section by making a copy of this newsletter and passing it on to a colleague and encouraging him or her to join the section.

The section activities in Pittsburgh were a great success. There were 8 top quality
papers presented during two panels and 18 (!) roundtable presentations. Thanks to David Segal (1991-92 Chair) who organized these sessions and to all the presenters who did a great job. The section business meeting was well attended, with roughly 40 section members there at 9:30 on Sunday morning. Thanks to all who turned out. (The minutes of the meeting are found elsewhere in this newsletter.) The highlight of the business meeting was the award ceremony. The section gave its first award for "Distinguished Scholarship, Teaching, and Service" to Robin Williams. Congratulations and thank you to Robin for all his wonderful contributions to the section, the discipline, and the larger society. Congratulations also to Ron Pagnucco (Catholic University) and Jackie Smith (Notre Dame), co-winners of the Boulder Award, for their paper, "Democracy and Foreign Policy: Political Opportunity and the U.S. Peace Movement."

Next Year's section day is the last day of the annual meetings, August 17, 1993. Please PLAN YOUR TRIP ACCORDINGLY, SO YOU CAN STAY UNTIL THE LAST DAY TO PARTICIPATE IN SECTION ACTIVITIES. (We will have a reception the evening before, to encourage you to stay.) I will follow the lead of the last several section Chairs by organizing one session of roundtable presentations and two panels, in order to accommodate the largest possible number of members who would like to present their work. The two panels will be organized around the themes: Building a Peaceful "New World Order," and Conflicts and their Resolution. Please submit papers or detailed abstracts to me by December 31, 1992 to be included in the 1993 ASA program (Department of Sociology, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. 20057; (202) 687-3582). Best wishes on your work this year. If you have any suggestions for the section activities, please let me know.

- Sam Marullo

"Call for Autobiographies"
from Jennifer Turpin and Robert Elias,
University of San Francisco

American Political Exiles

We're preparing a book which takes a sympathetic look at American political exiles. We're interested in Americans who have left (either recently or some time ago) the U.S. permanently to live and work abroad. We'd like to know about those who left primarily for political reasons, ranging from people who were pressured--in one way or another--to leave, to people who left voluntarily because they were dissatisfied with American society and politics.

We're compiling short biographies of these exiles, consisting of either autobiographies written by the exiles, or of descriptions we compose from personal or telephone interviews. We're trying to give a voice to Americans who have left--a way for them to describe why they left and what experiences they've encountered since. Taken together, these stories will provide a neglected political history, and an insightful commentary on American social and political life.

We've written and edited several books, and are co-editors of Peace Review. Jennifer Turpin runs USF's Women's Studies Program. Robert Elias runs USF's Peace and Justice Studies, and Legal Studies, programs, is past editor of Radical America, and is an Editorial Board member of New Political Science.

To participate in this study, please contact us: Jennifer Turpin (Sociology) or Robert Elias (Politics) at the Univeristy of San Francisco, 2130 Fulton Street, San Francisco, CA 94117-6784, or at: 415-666-6496/6349(0) or 415-66-2346(FAX). Stories will be compiled over the next year, but we'd appreciate responses as soon as possible. Please pass this notice on to any candidates for this research you might know.
Job Announcements

Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts: Director and Professor or Associate Professor

The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs of Syracuse University expects to appoint a Director to the Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts (PARC), starting in the 1993-1994 academic year. The Director should be a persona with a scholarly background in an area of social conflict analysis and resolution, a solid grounding in sociology and/or political science, as well as interdisciplinary bent, and some orientation toward practice and policy. Substantive areas of expertise which would complement existing program strengths include (among others) conflict resolution, peace studies, nonviolent action, international relations, and social movements. Relevant non-academic and administrative experience is desirable.

Applicants should be eligible for a tenured appointment at the rank of Professor or Associate Professor in one or more of the Maxwell departments -- Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Public Administration, Social Science, and Sociology. The Director is expected to teach half time and advise students as well as be reasonable for overall program leadership and development.

PARC is an interdisciplinary research and theory-building center, focusing on the transformation of intractable conflicts so that they become more amenable to just and enduring solutions. Although not degree-granting, PARC is a major locus of graduate student training within the School and also overseas, an undergraduate major in Nonviolent Conflict and Change. Areas of concern include environmental, international, interpersonal, and ethnic conflicts in comparative settings. PARC is currently receiving support from the Hewlett Foundation, and PARC’s continued enhancement is a high priority with the Maxwell School's recently announced $50 million fund-raising campaign.

Applications will be considered until the position is filled. Persons interested should send a letter of application, resume, and names of several references to: Professor Louis Kriesberg, Chair, PARC Search Committee, 712 Ostrom Avenue Syracuse, NY 13244. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply. Syracuse University is an EO/AA employer.

The John M. Regan, Jr., Directorship of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies University of Notre Dame

The University of Notre Dame seeks a senior scholar to fill the John M. Regan, Jr., Directorship of the Kroc Institute. Founded in 1986 through a generous endowment from Joan B. Kroc, the Institute is a multidisciplinary center focused on the causes of violence and the conditions for peace in a changing world. The Regan Director administers a multifaceted program of research, teaching and public outreach that involves more than 30 faculty from all areas of the University and enrolls more than 25 graduate students and 100 undergraduates annually. The University requires an individual with a solid scholarly record, interest in peace and security issues, and the energy, experience and vision to lead the Institute in its development.

The candidate also should have a range of administrative skills, including the talent to bring together people of diverse backgrounds to work on common tasks, and the ability to find additional financial resources to further the work of the Institute. As the representative of the Institute to the wider community, the Regan Director should be conversant with the values embodied in both the work of the Kroc
Institute and the rich tradition of Notre Dame as a Catholic University.

Appointment begins July 1, 1993. Nominations and applications for the Regan Directorship should be forwarded as soon and sent to: Timothy O'Meara, Provost Chair of the Regan Director Search Committee 202 Main Building The University of Notre Dame Notre Dame, Indiana 46556, USA

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Publications

"Social Movement Theory and the Comparative Study of Nonviolent Collective Action," by Section members Ron Pagnucco, Jackie Smith and John T. Crist, has been published as a Working Paper by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame. To obtain a copy, write to the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556

The Section on Peace and War announces the publication of The Transformation of European Communist Societies, edited by Louis Kriesberg and David R. Segal.


The book is Volume 14 of the annual series, Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change, published by JAI Press Inc., Box 1678, Greenwich CT 06838-1678. The book is available at a special discounted price for Section members. Ninety percent of the royalties go to the Section. The price is $35, plus $3.50 for domestic mail or $4.50 for non-U.S. mail. Send your check to JAI press, stating that you are a section member.

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Call For Nominations

Section members are invited to nominate other section members or themselves for the position of Chair-elect or Council member. Send nominations to Mary Anna Colwell, 1628 Jaynes Street, Berkeley, CA 94703.

Call for Papers

Papers are being solicited for the 1993 annual meetings of the ASA. The Peace and War section will sponsor two panels which will be organized around the themes:

- Building a Peaceful "New World Order,"
- and-
- Conflicts and their Resolution.
Papers on other topics are also invited, to be considered for refereed roundtable presentation. Please submit papers or detailed abstracts by December 31, 1992 to Sam Marullo, Department of Sociology, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. 20057; (202) 687-3582.

Member News

Beginning with Vol. 15, the annual series, Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change, (published by JAI Press) will be jointly edited by Michael N. Dobkowski, Louis Kriesberg, and Isidor Wallimann. Vol 17 is being prepared for publication in 1994. Send correspondence or contributions to: Louis Kriesberg, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244-1230; Michael N. Dobkowski, Religious Studies, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY 14456; or Isidor Wallimann, School of Social Work, Thiersteineralle 57, CH-4053 Basel, Switzerland

The Peace Movement and the Military Budget

John MacDougall, University of Mass. - Lowell

This year, I have been involved as a kind of participant observer in studying what might prove to be a major departure by the peace movement. This is various referendum campaigns in Massachusetts to cut the military budget by 50 percent over five years. The campaigns succeeded this spring in eleven Western Boston suburbs, even in a town where there is a big military contractor. Similar referenda will be voted on this November in Western Massachusetts, in one state senatorial district and two state-representative districts (outside the senate district). An experienced campaign organizer in these districts tell me she has encountered no serious opposition.

These campaigns are much more radical that what most politicians -- even doves -- are talking about. Yet a study by the middle-of-the-road Brookings Institutions endorses the same idea, of halving the Pentagon budget in five years.

This should be an exciting campaign to study right now: if it succeeds, the researcher could do a useful longitudinal study, and if it fails it will add to our too-short supply of studies of movement failures (in addition, for activist-researchers, it could be a very worthy cause to support in their own state, city or region). Aspects of the campaign worth studying include: the role of different community institutions and groups (e.g. in the Boston suburbs several elected town officials enthusiastically endorsed the campaign); comparisons with the 1982 freeze referenda; and the campaign's relationships to the media.

For further information, contact me; or Frances Crowe, Citizens' Budget Campaign, 3 Langworthy Rd, Northampton MA, 01060, Telephone: 413-584-8975.

Renew Your Membership.
Find One New Member For The Section.

Editor's Note

The first thing I would like to do as a novice newsletter editor is extend yet another thank you to Jen Hlavacek for her work as editor over the past few years. I can assure you that there is a substantial amount of work that goes into the newsletter, and I have only begun to appreciate the magnitude of her efforts as I struggle vainly to match them. Thanks, Jen. If your efforts on the public relations committee are anything near your efforts as newsletter editor, the Section on Peace and War will soon be as well known as McDonalds.
I would also like to encourage all of you to submit items for the newsletter. My address is: Dana Eyre, Department of National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA 93943. E-mail: eyre@leland.stanford.edu (h)(415) 854-6406 (o)(408) 646-2831

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**Peace and War Section Business Meeting Minutes (excerpts)**

Chair David Segal announced that: 1) the section has been renamed “The Section on Peace and War.” 2) The co-winners of the Elise Boulding Student Paper Award are: Ron Pagnucco, The Catholic University of America, and Jackie Smith, The University of Notre Dame. The winners are presented with a certificate and also $100 toward expenses for attending the ASA meetings. 3) A second award has been established to recognize outstanding scholarship, teaching, or service in the area of Peace and War. The first recipient of the award is Professor Robin Williams, who has excelled in all three areas. Professor Williams accepted the award with thanks. 4) The council proposes a procedure for selecting future chair award recipients: a committee consisting of the current chair, past chair, and chair-elect, along with a committee member appointed by the past chair and chair elect, would select the recipient. The motion passed unanimously.

Jen Hlavacek reported on the newsletter’s success, asked members to contribute news, and passed on the newsletter’s editorship to Dana Eyre. Helen Waitz reported that membership consisted of approximately 234 members, about 6 less than last year. She asked members to actively recruit additional members. David Segal suggested that we ask the ASA to contribute to student membership in the section.

David Segal also proposed adding language to the section by-laws, stating that if a section office is vacated, the chair will appoint someone to replace the vacancy. If the office vacated is the chair, the chair-elect will move into the office of the chair. The matter was discussed and it was suggested that the chair-elect position, if vacated, should be an elected position as that person would become chair. It was decided that the matter would be resolved by suggestions mailed to members and a vote by the membership.

David Segal also recognized the work on the endorsement of the Seville Statement and the Sociological Statement on the Seville Statement. It was reported that the section has approximately $1300 in the section account. David Segal thanked the section for honoring him with the past chairship, and welcomed the new chair, Sam Marullo.

Sam Marullo passed out the agenda for new business and described the needs of committees for the coming year. He discussed: 1) A new committee, the public relations committee, will be chaired by Jen Hlavacek. The committee will help to promote section member’s work. Work will be continued to promote the Seville Statement. 2) A section conference to be developed in the coming year. 3) Setting topics for the 1993 ASA meetings. Additional suggestions offered by members included: a field trip to be co-sponsored with another section. Co-sponsorship with the Racial and Ethnic Relations section was endorsed by several. Sam Marullo noted that next year’s section meetings will be on the last day of the meetings, and asked that members plan to stay for the last day’s events.
HELP THE SECTION ON PEACE AND WAR DOUBLE ITS MEMBERSHIP !!!!!!

RECRUIT ONE NEW MEMBER

Do you have an outstanding colleague or student?

Invite them to be a member; make our section more vital.

It's ASA Membership renewal time, PLEASE renew your membership in the Peace and War Section and recruit one new member !!!!

To: American Sociological Association
1722 N Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

From:   

( ) I am an ASA member and I want to join the section on peace and war. Enclosed is a check for $10 section dues.

( ) I am a student ASA member and I want to join the section on peace and war. Enclosed is a check for $7 section dues.

( ) I am not an ASA member, but I am interested in joining. Please send me information about membership in both the ASA and the section on peace and war.