Don’t Forget! Section Day - 18 August

The time of the annual meetings rapidly approaches. In addition to section day on Sunday the 18th, there are also activities of interest to the section on the 17th and 19th. On Saturday the 17th there is a special session (#172) organized by Thomas Cushman on Sociological Perspectives on the Conflict in the Former Yugoslavia.

On the 18th, events start at 7:30 with a section council meeting. The council will slurp coffee and try to stay awake until the refereed section roundtables at 8:30 (# 210) which will feature papers on subjects as diverse as conflict resolution in the public schools, social conflict in Sri Lanka, and belligerent restraint in wartime. Don’t sneak out early or you’ll miss the section business meeting that follows at 9:30. At 10:30 we have a panel (# 235) organized by Brenda Moore, on Ethnic Conflict, War, and Peace. The papers are as exciting as those in the roundtable, with even more geographic diversity (Bosnia, Somalia and the Middle East) and substantive topics ranging from ethics to mediation to militarization.

After lunch, be sure to come to the 4:30 session (#284) entitled New Structures, Conflicts and Opportunities. Organized by Les Kurtz and featuring Dorota Gierycz from the United Nations, David Segal (University of Maryland) and Shipra Sinha (University of Texas, Austin), it promises to be a panel which will stimulate discussion well into the 6:30 pm section reception (location to be announced). The reception will feature a special guest, Ambassador Juan Somavia, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations, who was instrumental in the UN Conference on Development. On Monday the 19th, we have our section tour of the United Nations - see the flyer inside for details.

In conclusion, I’d like to announce the transition of newsletter editorship to Jackie Smith of the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame. She’ll be taking over starting with the Fall edition (which may have a chance of coming out on time). Send her your tidbits, brainstorms, updates and announcements.

- Dana Eyre

We encourage our members to submit articles on any subject that may be of interest to Section members. Deadline for submission to the next edition of the Newsletter is September 15, 1996. Send material to Jackie Smith, Kroc Institute for Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, 46556; (219) 631-6973; or via e-mail to jgsmith@vma.cc.nd.edu
1996 REPORT FROM TASK FORCE ON GENOCIDE.
by Allen Grimshaw

As readers of this newsletter know, the Task Force on Genocide, Politicide, and Democide of the Section on Peace and War of the ASA has, both because of minimal resources and because of what others are now doing, a narrow charge. Members of your Task Force have been working to (1) raise awareness of our sociologist colleagues (most of whom have a mild sense of discomfort when they see stories about Bosnia or Rwanda in on the evening news) and (2) help sociologists incorporate stuff on war, genocide, and human rights (WG&HR) into their courses.

To these ends we decided to organize sessions at regional sociology meetings in 1996 and 1997. We presented two sessions at each of three regional meetings this year; we will try to do three more next spring (1997). In each instance one session was on concepts and substance, the other on teaching. The sessions this spring were at the Pacific meetings in Seattle, the Midwest meetings in Chicago, and the North Central meetings in Cincinnati. After these meetings were over I also presented a report on the Task Force and its activities at meetings of the Peace Studies Association held at Earlham College.

PAPERS ON GENOCIDE AND OTHER LARGE-SCALE KILLINGS AT 1996 REGIONAL MEETINGS

The following papers were presented at the "conceptual" sessions; representing a wide range of scholarship they addressed diverse issues within the field of war, genocide (and other large-scale killings), and human rights (WG&HR) studies and were presented by researchers at quite different stages in their careers. Also remarkable was the breadth of their coverage - they discussed large-scale killings in indigenous America, Armenia, Chile, the Peoples Republic of China, El Salvador, (Nazi) Germany, Iraq, inquisition Spain, Sudan, Uganda, and by the United States against German and Japanese civilians. The papers were uniformly interesting, frequently distressing, and often highly suggestive theoretically.

Meir Amor, Univ. of Toronto (North Central) "Total exclusion and vulnerability."

Kathy Bishoping, York Univ. and Natalie Fingerhut, Dept of History, Concordia Univ. (North Central) "Border lines: indigenous peoples in genocide studies."

Eric Markusen, Southwest State Univ., Minnesota (Midwest) "The genocidal nature of modern war."

Dario Menanteau, Univ. of Minnesota (Midwest) "Internal war and fraternal genocide in Chile."

Gideon Sjoberg, Univ. of Texas, Austin (Pacific) "Human rights: implications for theory & research."

David Stannard: American Studies, Univ. of Hawaii (Pacific) "Was the Holocaust unique? history as cultural violence."

Brenda Uekert, Univ. of Wisconsin, Green Bay (Midwest) "Strategies, targets, and motives for governmental massacres."
Brenda Uekert, Univ. of Wisconsin, Green Bay (North Central) "Defining genocide and state terror: involvement and intent."

Audiences ranged in size from about ten to thirty, people listened intently and discussion was spirited. A generally distinguished cohort of discussants (Troy Duster, Kai Erickson, Allen Grimshaw [a substitute], Jeffrey Paige, Arthur Stinchcombe, and J. Milton Yinger) initiated discussions with rich commentary which in several instances constituted additional important theoretical contributions.

Helen Fein has sent a copy of the program for a session, entitled "The Holocaust in a sociological perspective," held at the Eastern meetings (co-sponsored by the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry) held in late March of this year. The following papers were presented in a session organized by Spencer Blakeslee with Anthony Polonsky as discussant:

Helen Fein, Contextualizing the Holocaust as genocide."
Debra Renee Kaufman, "Sociology and the Holocaust: why so little research?"
Jack Nisan Porter, "What Holocaust studies can learn from sociology."

These sessions and those at the annual meetings of the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association (on which Kathy Bishoping reports below) appear to signal a heightened interest in genocide and human rights within our profession. I hope the events of this spring will prove to be harbingers of two trends—an increase of research and teaching on WG&HR—and diminishing cases for our study.

WORKSHOPS ON TEACHING

Courses focusing specifically on WG&HR topics are gradually increasing in colleagues and universities in North America; they are taught in a variety of social science and humanities disciplines. Our intent in organizing workshops on teaching of WG&HR topics was not to persuade our colleagues to teach more such focused courses on these topics, but rather to demonstrate that materials on these topics are highly relevant and appropriate for incorporation into more traditional courses. Modest audiences came to learn and talk about such possibilities with small panels at the sessions in Seattle and Cincinnati; 25-30 sociologists came to listen to seven of their colleagues and to talk about their own experiences at the Chicago session. (The Midwest charged a small fee for participation—I found myself wondering whether that may possibly have increased attendance.) Fee or not, however, interest was high and and the questions and discussion were stimulating at all three sessions. Most audience members were eager to incorporate WG&HR materials into their courses. A few audience members raised extremely important and often difficult questions, for example, how can topics of genocide/politicide/democide be legitimated and made compelling for inner city students whose own lives are marginal and filled with pain?

These, too, were valuable sessions. Problems of health or finance kept some panelists from participating. Panelists who were able to attend included (M = Midwest, NC = North Central, P = Pacific) the following:
Robert Benford, Univ. of Nebraska (M); Michael Blain, Boise State Univ. (P); F. Lincoln Grahfs, St. Louis, Missouri (M, NC); John Galliher, Univ. of Missouri (M); Allen D. Grimshaw, Indiana Univ. (all); Kurt Lang, Univ. of Washington (P); Eric Markusen, Southwest State Univ., Minnesota (M); Damir Mirkovic, Brandon Univ. (M); Niranjan Karnik, Univ. of Illinois (M); Brenda Uekert, Univ. of Wisconsin-Green Bay (M)

FUTURE TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES

While somewhat more than 100 people participated in six sessions sponsored by the Task Force this spring (a small additional number were involved in another PSA session on genocide organized by Carol Edelman) much remains to be done on both our charges. I hope there will be people who would like to help on some projected further activities. Here are some possibilities, there may be readers who see others:

(1) 1997 regional meetings: The 1996 programs at regional meetings were sufficiently successful that it should be worthwhile to organize similar sessions next spring. I would like, minimally, to have sessions at the Eastern and Southern meetings; while I know much less about the possibilities I believe we can come close to complete coverage if we can do something at meetings in the Southwest.

We need people to look for calls for papers, to volunteer papers for the "conceptual" sessions, to share knowledge about teaching WG&HR materials, to organize and to preside over sessions.

(2) E-mail lists, networks, whatever: I am one of the people addressed in books with such titles as, NETWORKING FOR DUMMIES; I have difficulty sorting out my own e-mail. There are people who have networking and other skills, some of these people are among those who provided e-mail addresses at our sessions this spring--and expressed interesting in "keeping in touch" and "being informed."

We need someone (or "someones") who can take the list of names I have, edit and update, and start a list on genocide. The goal would be to provide an easy way for people to share notions about teaching and research and to provide access to information from other sources (for example, the "list" of the Association of Genocide Scholars). I am uncertain even of what is needed here; I would very much appreciate help from a more modern volunteer (or volunteers).

(3) Wider dissemination of printed versions of Task Force materials. Several people have asked whether there will be publications based on this spring's programs.

a. conceptual/substantive papers: two of the papers given at Task Force sessions have now been accepted for publication, three are based on materials in recently published books, one was based on a dissertation in progress, and another is part of a larger ongoing project. There is no book there. If, however, we get another set of papers of equivalent quality next year we may well want to gather a set together based on both published and unpublished material--but representing the Task Force and the Section.
b. teaching materials: a loose-leaf notebook with syllabi from panelists at all three regional workshops was available at the teaching sessions; it proved to be very popular. I believe that both audience members and panelists have been in touch about sharing teaching materials. Some members of teaching panels had additional written commentary on teaching practices, material and student responses. I would like reactions on whether demand for a collection of current materials and the additional documentation which might be collected would be sufficiently valuable to warrant the work necessary to bring it to publication by the Section or by the ASA Teaching Resources Center. We could add a supplement after next year’s programs. My sense is that teaching materials are more in danger of becoming dated and that we shouldn’t wait until we have two years of material to draw on.

Reactions? Volunteers?

Your Task Force has been busy. I welcome suggestions which will make us even busier. I ask for your help in managing an increasing work load.

PEACE! For the Task Force,

-- Allen Grimshaw

Got any spare time?

No? Well, we still need contributions to the newsletter. It doesn’t take long; just a few moments, you can do it via email or phone or even the US Postal Service. Published anything lately? Tell us. Don’t like what IFOR’s doing in Bosnia? Tell us. Got a neat idea for a conference? Come on, tell us. Pretty please?

GENOCIDE TEACHING AND RESEARCH IN CANADA.

At the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association’s meetings in St. Catharines Ontario, June 2 to June 5, three sessions organized by Kathy Bischoping (York Univ.) focused on Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Meir Amor (Univ. of Toronto), Tamara Berger (York), and Nergis Canefe (York) presented papers in a research session on "Comparative Perspectives on Causes" chaired by Rhoda Howard (McMaster Univ.). Their papers addressed the concept of "pariah people," Melson’s theory on the relation of revolution to genocide, and the changing definition of ethnic violence, using case studies ranging from the Holocaust to the Ugandan expulsion of Asians, to Rwanda and Yugoslavia.

In a second research session on "Interpreting and Remembering," Avi Benlolo (York), Andrea Levy (Univ. of Guelph), and Elisabeth Friedman (York) were the speakers. Their presentations dealt with accounts of survivors of politicides and genocides, forms of resistance in the Holocaust and South Africa, and the ethics of remembrance in the case of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The third session was a workshop on teaching about the Holocaust and genocide, in which Kathy Bischopping, Nergis Canefe, Rhoda Howard, and Kelly Train (York) discussed philosophical, political, and practical issues in genocide pedagogy.

-- Kathy Bischop
INTERNET RESOURCE
DOCUMENT: Peace and Conflict Resolution Resources Via Computer Networks
by John B. Stephens
jostephe@freenet.columbus.oh.us

I. LISTSERVES/NO COST SERVICES

I start with listserves because they are widely accessible at the only cost of space in one's mailbox. Similar to other things in life, there is some correlation between price and value, thus listserves necessarily are a mixed bag.

A. Dispute-Res Listserve is moderated by Ethan Katsh, Professor of the Department of Legal Studies at the University of Massachusetts. The readership and topics in this source are quite diverse. There is slightly more focus on academic and legal audiences, but with several topics of interest to a wider dispute resolution/peace activist audience. There are approximately 20 postings a week and 400 subscribers. As with other listserves, there is a "digest" setting to receive messages in bundles rather than one at a time. Recent topics/discussions include arbitration, sexual harassment and mediation/other intervention in civil rights cases, projects to compile curricula (such as games/exercises or topic-specific), requests for resources on seniors, and inquiry about the earliest reference to the "Ugli Orange" exercise.

This listserv is echoed in Conflictnet as the conference "list.dispute-res" (see for fee services, "Conflictnet and Peacenet", below) To subscribe - Send to: listserv@listserv.law.cornell.edu No topic line message: subscribe dispute-res firstname lastname

For other information: Ethan Katsh, Professor Department of Legal Studies University of Massachusetts 216 Hampshire House Amherst, MA 01003 email: Katsh@Legal.umass.edu VOICE: 413-545-5879 FAX: 413-545-1640

B. PEACE Listserv is moderated by Robin Crews, University of Colorado, Boulder. Peace is very active and oriented toward peace activist/academic dialogue. There is a good mix of students, faculty, and non-North American contributors. Recent topics include conference announcements; debate over the democracy-war/violence correlation and its meaning; and the Smithsonian revision of the "Enola Gay exhibit." The contents pages of the International Peacekeeping News and the Military and Arms Transfers News are printed with reference to the full text at the "csf.colorado.edu" gopher (see below).

For more information: Robin Crews, crews@csf.colorado.edu To subscribe, mail to: listproc@csf.colorado.edu message: subscribe peace firstname lastname

C. CCRNET Listserv: Conflict Resolution and Higher Education. This new listserv is moderated by Dr. Bill Warters, Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. It is devoted to conflict resolution and higher education in a very broad sense: teaching, research, campus mediation and other dispute resolution techniques, university-community connections on dispute resolution, and exploring "cradle to grave" dispute resolution with the university as a hub. The listserv began functioning late in 1994, so there have only been 20 topics developed so far.
For more information: Bill Warters - warters@alpha.acast.nova.edu To subscribe, mail to: listserv@alpha.acast.nova.edu message: subscribe ccnet firstname lastname

II. FOR FREE SERVICES, WIDER OPTIONS/RESOURCES

A. ConflictNet and PeaceNet PeaceNet and ConflictNet are two networks of the Institute for Global Communications (IGC) in San Francisco. IGC is linked to networks in 15 other countries (through the Alliance for Progressive Communication, APC). Both 'nets are well-organized, strongly moderated and have active conferences, databases and electronic mail, with a gateway to wider Internet access. IGC also consists of EcoNet and LaborNet, and subscribing to any one of the four 'nets gives you access to the resources of the other three. Altogether, the APC includes 25,000 users in 130 countries.

In addition to the general categories of conferences "Conflict Resolution" and "Peace," other groupings of conferences include Youth, Politics, Philosophy and Spirituality, some regional (e.g. Middle East, Pacific), Human Rights, Gender and Sexuality, Animal Rights, Activism, and a wide range of environmental conferences.

1. ConflictNet: ConflictNet is moderated by John Helie, jrhelie@igc.apc.org. The mission of ConflictNet is to facilitate and improve communication in the conflict resolution field. Several leading dispute resolution organizations are active users: Academy of Family Mediators, Society for Professionals in Dispute Resolution, and the Oregon Dispute Resolution Commission.

Over 30 conferences were listed, including community mediation, general dialogue on current issues/events, job listings, public policy, qualifications, a directory of service providers, and training announcements. Separate conferences echo the dispute-res and ccnet listserves (noted above) and a creative problem-solving listserv.

California users are the most active, with newsletters and announcements of the Northern and the Southern California Mediation Associations posted regularly. More recently Consensus has posted its current edition. Conflict Resolution Center International, Inc. (CRCII), also posts its newsletter Conflict Resolution Notes to the "journals" conference for downloading.

Interesting recent discussions include the relationship between "therapy" and "mediation", mediation humor, legal issues, adolescent-parent mediation, mediation and arbitration clauses for contracts, and mediator confidentiality.

A well-designed "users" function allows searches by keyword, organization, name, geography to determine who can be reached within conflictnet on its own, or through the whole of the IGC/APC.

For more information on ConflictNet send e-mail to: conflictnet-info@igc.apc.org. This will return the on-line ConflictNet brochure.

2. PeaceNet: Andy Lang and George Gundry manage PeaceNet. For basic information, send to: peacenet-info@igc.apc.org. Under the category "Peace", over two dozen different conferences are listed. These include conferences sponsored by the Women's International League for Peace and
Freedom, the Friends (Quaker) Committee on National Legislation, War Resisters International, Campaign for Peace and Democracy, Foundation for Global Community, Buddhist Peace Fellowship, etc. General discussion conferences include non-violence, the peace movement in Canada, peacewalks, peace history and peace studies academic programs. One conference is in German, and peacenet "echoes" the USENET conference "alt.activism" and the Peace listserve cited above.

B. America On-Line The Peace Education Institute (PEI) is in the Continuing Education Department of the Electronic University Network. Sue Blythe, peacednow@aol.com, is the manager. One PEI's goals was to "create a gift of peace education" for the United Nation's 50th anniversary.

Ms. Blythe is a regular contributor to the PEACE listserve and the Institute offered a free trial e-mail seminar on "Exploring Solutions to Family Violence" January-February, 1995. The project on Family Violence was conducted in cooperation with the University of Florida. Future e-mail seminar topics include Partnerships of Women and Men, Living with Diversity. For general information, contact Ms. Blythe (above)

III. DATABASES/ARCHIVES

A. PEACE Archive and Conflict Research Consortium (CRC), University of Colorado-Boulder. CRC and the Peace Archive are the leading academic archive in the conflict resolution and peace field. With support from the Hewlett Foundation and the US Institute of Peace, they have combined information and databases from several sources and are making it available on diskettes and on-line. This amounts to tens of thousands of citations. The Peace Archive and CRC's directory are in the process of merging. They are both part of Communication for a Sustainable Future's (CSF) ftp-area. The Archives holds past Peace Listserve discussions, and a wide variety of materials/indexes. Included are bibliographies, syllabi, book and article reviews, dissertations, newsletters, publications, publishers, news digests, journals, a calendar of events, an employment opportunities/vitas directory, a directory on education and training, and a directory of academic peace studies programs.

Information on funding and resources, and a set of directories for peace and conflict organizations (e.g., the Peace Studies Association, International Peace Research Association, PRIO-Norway, COPRED, NCPER, USIP) are available.

Most of CRC's working papers are available at no charge (other than your connect time costs). CRC's Fall 1994 newsletter noted the initiation of an e-mail discussion on intractable conflict. Participants are invited to submit papers/essays electronically and comment on contributions. Send an e-mail message (address below) if you would like to participate.

The gopher address for CSF is: csf.colorado.edu then select "peace" from the main menu. To gopher straight into the peace directory: \p pain/peace csf.colorado.edu. The url for CSF is: http://csf.colorado.edu and the url for the peace home page is: http://csf.colorado.edu/peace For information, contact Robin Crews - crews@csf.colorado.edu. For the CRC contact: Guy and Heidi Burgess - email crc@cubldr.colorado.edu
B. Conflict Resolution Center
International, Inc. (CRCII) Paul
Wahrhaftig, Director - crcii@igc.apc.org
The CRCII library is open to e-mail
requests for searches of an electronic
database which produces fully annotated
citations. Requests should be placed
with Mr. Wahrhaftig, and there is a
charge -- based on the number of "hits"
a particular search produces ($10
minimum - $0.33 per hit). The
annotated bibliography a search creates
can be sent via e-mail or printed and
sent via surface mail (Airmail or fax
service can be arranged at a cost).

Most materials listed in the annotations
are in the Center library, so you can
order copies. E-mail orders of copies of
full documents are accepted, but the
documents will be sent by surface mail.
Cost is $1.00 per page for the first 10
pages, $.50 for pages 11 - 20 and $.33
per page thereafter. Annotations list the
number of pages. CRCII will bill you and
mail the materials.

CRCII also maintains a directory of
service providers (interveners, trainers,
consultants and researchers). It is
accessed similarly to the library. For E-
mail requests for names of service
providers, specify the type of service
(e.g., mediator, arbitrator, or evaluator),
type of conflict, geographical area, and
any other qualifiers (language?).
Wahrhaftig will e-mail back listings of
resource people fitting your description,
with extensive background information.
He can send, by regular mail, up to two
additional pages of background material
submitted by the service provider.

Costs: To have Wahrhaftig do a data
search for you - Minimum charge of
$10.00 - or $.50 per hit. The database is
now available in annually updated hard
copy as The Conflict Resolution Resource
Directory. Current list price is $150.
Discount price for e-mail orders -$75. All
costs are in U.S. dollars. Cheques in
British Sterling are also accepted.

To be listed in the directory currently is
free of charge. Just e-mail Wahrhaftig
and ask for the Listing Form.
Wahrhaftig is also a fine resource for
international contacts and resources,
having been an organizer of the second
European Conference on Peacemaking
and Conflict Resolution, held in 1994.

C. National Institute for Dispute
Resolution (NIDR) Joanne Hartman,
Coordinator - nidr@igc.apc.org. NIDR
operates an information retrieval service
and bibliographic search (similar to
CRCII) called DR SEARCH. The cost is
$40/hour with most searches taking
about 30 minutes. The rate is discounted
for "NIDR Associates". NIDR also posts
information to Conflictnet.

D. The Transboundary Initiative for
Alternative Dispute Resolution
This is a cooperative project to create a dispute
resolution organization that will include
the public and private sectors in
the United States and Canada, multiple
states and provinces, and First Nations.
Participants include the public and
private sectors in the provinces of
Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba;
the states of Idaho, Montana, Wyoming,
North Dakota, and South Dakota; and
the First Nations throughout this region.

The mission of the Transboundary
Initiative is to increase the capacity of
each jurisdiction and the region as a
whole, to resolve environmental and
other public disputes through
coordination and consensus building.
For more information, contact: Larry Spears, Executive Director, North Dakota Consensus Council, Inc., 1003 Interstate Avenue, Suite 7 Bismarck, ND 58501-0500 Phone: (701) 224-0588 Fax: (701) 224-0787 e-mail: SPEARS@igc.apc.org

Sylvia McMechan, Administrative Director The Network: Interaction for Conflict Resolution Conrad Grebel College, University of Waterloo Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G6 Phone: (519) 885-0880 ext. 274 Fax: (519) 885-0806 e-mail: web:sylviam

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IV. RELATED AREAS

A. Lexis/Counsel Connect, established by the American Lawyer and Legal Times (two legal periodicals), has an ADR library that has some good information like the Georgia State Court's ADR rules and requirements, a recent speech of the National Labor Relations Board's Chairman on the advantages of using ADR, and information on a U.S. Supreme Court case on arbitration. Kenneth Feinberg is the "moderator" for any ADR on-line seminars. The current ADR seminar pertains to the use of arbitration in securities cases.

Ethan Katsh posted part of the dialogue in the Dispute-Res listserve. For more information, contact Dr. Katsh: Katsh@Legal.umass.edu

B. American Political Science Association - has a "Conflict Processes" section. Two contacts are available via e-mail:

Newsletter Editor: David Mason, Department of Political Science, University of Memphis, Memphis TN 38152 phone: 901-678-2395 fax: 901-678-2983 e-mail: tdmason@msuvx1.memphis.edu

Information on Conference papers (APSA annual conference, August-September 1996, San Francisco, CA) Marie T. Henehan and John A. Vasquez Department of Political Science Box 1817-B Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN 37235 fax: 615-343-6003 phone: 615-343-2434 (Henehan) 615-322-6238 (Vasquez) e-mail: henehant@ctrvax.vanderbilt.edu

C. Dfax Publications - (as summarized in the PEACE listserve and available in its entirety through the CRC gopher). Full text of the International Peacekeeping News and the Military and Arms Transfers. News can be received via direct subscription. To subscribe: Send to: listserv@csf.colorado.edu Message: sub dfax Firstname Lastname

D. Federal Government

1. Administrative Conference of the United States: ADR E-mail Pilot Project As part of the recommendations of the "National Performance Review" (i.e. reinventing/streamlining federal agencies, headed by Vice President Gore), the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) is coordinating agency efforts to use computer networking for improved dispute resolution information and services. ACUS has long been an
advocate and clearinghouse for ADR activity in the federal government, and has contracted with Compuserve to provide e-mail and conference services.

The focus currently is on increasing access and sharing of information on ADR implementation and use in the federal government, including information on finding neutral services, ADR research, program system design and evaluation, and training. The pilot project includes an initial group of a few non-federal entities (e.g. Conflictnet, NIDR, SPIDR, Harvard Program on Negotiation, American Bar Association Section on Dispute Resolution) and twenty federal government agencies.

The longer-term goal is to open the ADR Forum to as wide an audience--inside the government and in the private sector--as possible. The pilot phase will continue through 1995. Compuserve account holders will be able to browse the ADR Forum and join if they wish in Spring 1995. An Action Plan on the Pilot Project is available from ACUS.

For more information:
Deborah S. Laufer Attorney Advisor Administrative Conference of the U.S. 2120 L Street, N.W., Suite 500 Washington, D.C. 20037 email dlaufer@acus.mhs.compuserve.com

2. Office of Personnel Management
OPM has started an electronic service called Main Street, which provides access to ADR information in the labor management and EEO areas. For more information: Gary Wahler (OPM) Personnel Systems and Oversight Group; Office of Personnel Management, Room 7412, 1900 E Street, NW; Washington, D.C. 20415 (202) 606-2920.

3. U.S. Air Force (USAF) The General Counsel's Office is assembling over 1.0 megabytes of USAF ADR resource materials and ADR agreements. They are in the process of reviewing the material and are planning to make it available in a database format.

The intent is to distribute the information effectively to all offices and branches of the Air Force. It will also be very useful information for Department of Defense agencies and any other federal agencies or private sector entities that are interested in how ADR is being used in the contract, construction, procurement and EEO areas. The service should be available in (approximately) May, 1995.

For more information: Joe McDade, Office of General Counsel US Air Force, Telephone: (703) 697-3900 email: mcda@usaf2.hq.af.mil

E. Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (ICAR), George Mason University Due to my link to ICAR as a Ph.D. candidate, I know of specialized conferences for those with ties to ICAR (faculty, students, visiting professors, possibly alumni and other "friends of ICAR"). One listserv is for the general ICAR community -- news, dialogue, requests, etc. A second listserv is focused on the needs of ICAR's Ph.D. students. For information about access to these listservs, contact: Jayne Docherty: jdocherty@gmu.edu

F. HandsNet Handsnet is a national nonprofit communications network serving 3,000 public interest and human services organizations across in the United States. It seeks to enhance communication, offers interactive access to public an private on-line libraries and
promotes collaboration and cross-sector learning throughout the human services community. Substantive foci include health care reform; AIDS prevention, treatment and policy; alcohol and substance abuse prevention; children, youth and family issues; poverty issues; legal services; housing and community development. For more information: Jan Sola HandsNet, 20195 Stevens Creek Boulevard, #120 Cupertino, CA 95014 (408) 257-4500 e-mail: hn0009@handsnet.org

G. KIDLINK KIDS-95 (sm) is a grassroots project to get as many children in the age group 10-15 as possible involved in a global dialogue. Additional information about the KIDLINK project and other available files can be obtained by including the following two commands in the same message to listserv@vm1.nodak.edu:
GET KIDLINK GENERAL
GET KIDLINK MASTER

For adults or youth older than 15/younger than 10, there is a listing of other resources: the KIDLINK OTHERNTS file. The latest version of this file can be obtained by sending the command GET KIDLINK OTHERNTS to LISTSERV@VM1.NODAK.EDU

This information is also available from: gopher kids.ccit.duq.edu 70, or by using the command: telnet 165.190.8.35 login: gopher.

V. OTHER ON-LINE RESOURCES/CONTACTS ACCESSIBLE VIA E-MAIL

A very incomplete listing, additions of general interest are welcomed.

National Association for Mediation in Education: name@acad.umass.edu or name@igc.apc.org (Conflictnet)

National Conference on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution (NCPGR) Linda Baron, Director, lbaron@gmu.edu or ncpcr@iarc.apc.org (Conflictnet)

National Institute for Dispute Resolution Joanne Hartman - nidr@iarc.apc.org

National Association for Community Mediation nafcm@iarc.apc.org

International Peace Research Association - Dr. Paul Smoker psmoker@college.antioch.edu

Consortium on Peace Research, Education and Development (COPRED) Barbara Wein, Executive Director, bwein@gmu.edu

Peace Studies Association psa@csf.colorado.edu

United States Institute of Peace usip@iarc.apc.org (conflictnet) Bob Schmitt - IS Manager

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RECENTLY PUBLISHED

Morton Ender and a host of others, including B. Marsteller- Kowalewski, D. Cotter, L. Martin, and J Defiore, (eds.) have just produced a syllabi and instructional material set - Service-Learning and Undergraduate Sociology: (Washington, D.C, American Sociological Association) and they had the good judgement to include a chapter by Sam Marullo. According to Morton, "we're pretty excited about this volume" and given the section participation we are too.

David Segal and Dana Eyre have recently published The United States Army in Peace Operations at the Dawning of the Twenty-First Century as a technical report for the U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences. The authors are even more excited
about the publication of this piece than Morton, since it has been in draft with ARI since the stone age, or at least so it seems. But the editor of this newsletter can't complain too loudly. To get a copy write either of the authors.


Jennifer Turpin and Lester Kurtz have just produced an edited volume for the University of Illinois Press The Web of Violence: From Interpersonal to Global.

Jennifer Turpin and Lois Ann Lorentzen have produced The Gendered New World Order: Militarism, Development and the Environment for Routledge. A baby, books, tenure and now section president. You've been busy, Jenny.


NATO and Germany: A Study in the Sociology of Supranational Relations by Stanford M. Lyman has recently been published by the University of Arkansas Press. The book traces the formation of the Federal Republic of Germany and NATO and concludes with an exploration current issues including the role of the new Germany and NATO in the Balkans.

Mady Wechsler Segal has recently published an article entitled "Women's Military Roles Crossing-Nationally: Past, Present, Future." in Gender and Society December, 1995. To get a reprint, write Mady at the Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742-1315.

Ted Caplow and Louis Hicks have recently published a textbook for courses in the sociology of war and peace, Systems of War and Peace, with the University Press of America. It covers a wide range of material including war and peace as social institutions, theoretical models of war and peace, military culture, peacekeeping and the analysis of particular wars.

The final report of the first session of the UN training program for civilian personnel in peacekeeping, humanitarian, and election monitoring missions has been published under the sponsorship of the United Nations. Contact Fabrizio Pagani, Universita' di Pisa, Dipartimento di Diritto Pubblico, Sezione di Diritto Internazionale, Via S. Giuseppe 22, 56126 Pisa. Telephone 39 50 562178, fax 39 50 551392, e-mail fpagani@sssup1.sssup.it

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(Not denounced, announced - you've been listening to Bob Dole too much)

The World Congress on Violence and Human Coexistence will be held 17-21 August, 1997 in Dublin Ireland. Topics to be explored are wide ranging and diverse, including inequality, class, and violence; population growth and density and human coexistence; socioeconomic disparities between North and South and within countries; the marketing and production of the instruments of violence; Foucauldian analyses of violence; sport, violence, and coexistence; human rights and violence; regionalism, secession, and political coexistence; child soldiers; violence in specific regions including Yugoslavia, Ireland, Russia, South Asia; postmodern culture and violence; masculinity, non-violence, and the reinvention of men; citizen action and public safety; and the future of authenticity and inauthenticity. If you are intending to present a paper you would kindly submit your abstract before September 30 1996. Format: 1 page (200 words) maximum. To be received either by email (preferred), by post; on paper or Macintosh disc.

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