Message from the Chair

David R. Segal, University of Maryland

The turnout and quality of presentations at Section activities organized by past chair Louis Kriesberg at the 1991 ASA meetings continued the dramatic gains we have seen in recent years. We shall strive to continue the trend in 1992. As I announced in Cincinnati, assuming that we have sufficient submissions, I will “decouple” the Council and Business meetings in order to devote increased time to substantive issues.

Under this plan, we will have three substantive sessions. One will be devoted to perspectives on the Gulf War. I hope to attract a range of international and interdisciplinary papers for this panel. A second would be devoted to continued analysis of the ongoing transformation in Europe. The third will be refereed round tables. This format, which was introduced two years ago by John Lofland and continued last year by Lou Kriesberg, has proven very effective in terms of the number and breadth of presentations and the number of attendees, virtually all of whom have an opportunity to participate in the discussions. It is an especially useful format for graduate students and younger scholars, many of whom prefer the informal give-and-take of a round table to a more structured theater-type presentation.

We encourage submissions for all sessions. Jen Hlavecok has volunteered to organize a graduate student round table as part of our refereed round table session, and I have gratefully accepted her offer. Encourage your graduate students to submit papers directly to her.

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British Sociologist Examines Post-Military Society

Dana Eyre, Stanford University

Martin Shaw, Senior Lecturer in Sociology at Hull University and convenor of the British Sociological Association Study Group on the Sociology of War and Peace, has recently produced two items which may be of interest to Section members. First, Temple University Press has just published his new book, Post-Military Society. In the book, Shaw examines the changes in the international political climate (Continued Page 2)

UNESCO Publishes the Seville Statement on Violence

Jen Hlavecok, University of Colorado

UNESCO has published the Seville Statement on Violence in brochure form. Not only does the brochure include the full text of the Seville Statement, but it also contains supporting documentation and is designed for distribution to the general public. Sociologists teaching classes that touch on the subject of peace and war might very well want to order these brochures for dissemination in their classes. Brochures are $1.00 each. Some grants are available for funding of bulk orders. To order brochures or to obtain further information about the brochures contact: Seville Statement on Violence Support Network, c/o David Adams, Wesleyan Psychology Department, Middletown, CT, 06459-0408.

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 April 1, 1992.
Nominations Open for the First Annual Section Award

The award committee seeks nominations from members for the first section award, to be made at the ASA annual meetings in 1992. The award is intended to honor a career of substantial achievement in scholarship, service, or teaching in the area of war and peace. Please send nomination letters and, if possible, a vita of the nominee to James Burk, Department of Sociology, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX 77840-4351. The deadline for nominations is April 15, 1992.

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that we have all been transfixed by over the past few years. He argues that the advanced industrial world has undergone a profound demilitarization, fundamentally altering the relationship between industrialism and militarism and redefining citizenship in significant ways. In addition, Shaw and co-author Roy Carr-Hill have produced a report titled “Public Opinion, Media and Violence: Attitudes to the Gulf War in a Local Population.” The report, produced as part of a larger project on the Gulf War and British society, analyzes British public opinion on the war. The effort, however, goes beyond mere reporting of survey data and examines the ways in which people respond to the violence of war and to media coverage of it. The investigation found that those individuals who felt at least an indirect personal involvement had quite distinctive responses from the majority of respondents for whom the war was primarily a mass mediated event. For individuals not personally involved, the mass media were central in forming attitudes to the war, primarily because they offered specific information and judgements on a daily basis, responding to each and every turn of events. The report is available for £3 including postage from: Gulf War Project, Department of Sociology, University of Hull, Hull HU6 7RX Great Britain. The project would also like to hear from other investigators looking at similar issues; they are particularly interested in knowing of ongoing studies of the media coverage of the war and of the effects of ethnic relations on attitudes toward the war. Martin Shaw can also be contacted by phone in Great Britain, (0482) 465773 or by fax (0482) 466366.
Elise Boulding Student Paper Award

Student papers are being solicited for the Elise Boulding Student Paper Award. Papers may be on any topic relevant to the sociology of peace and war. Both graduate and undergraduate papers are eligible, but theses and dissertations are not. Paper length should be amenable to presentation at the ASA meeting, August 20-24, Pittsburgh; the paper will be included in one of the Section’s sessions. The Section will pay up to $200 to defray travel costs to the annual meeting. Send four copies of the paper to Professor Martin Patchen; Department of Sociology and Anthropology; Purdue University; West Lafayette, IN 47907. Tentative deadline for submission is April 15. (Other members of the Selection Committee are Stephen Crawford, University of Maryland; Rob Kleidman, Cleveland State University; and Tom Mayer, University of Colorado.)

Graduate Student Round Table at ASA Meeting in August

In order to encourage graduate students to participate in Section activities at the ASA meeting, August 20-24, Pittsburgh, there will be a graduate student round table. Any subject within the area of the sociology of peace and war is acceptable. Abstracts of the article should be sent to Jen Hlavacek, University of Colorado, Campus Box 327, Boulder, Colorado 80309-0327, by April 1. Completed articles are due by June 1, 1992. These deadlines have been designed such that students can submit papers on which they are working in their spring classes. This graduate student round table does not preclude graduate students from presenting in other Section paper sessions or round tables if topics are suitable to those sessions. Deadline for those sessions are much earlier.
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The quality of our meetings is not the only measure of our Section’s success. Section membership on September 30, 1991, stood at 250, a gain of more than 18 percent over the previous year. The curriculum guide on the Sociology of Peace and War edited by John MacDougall and Helen Raisz was published by the ASA Teaching Resources Center. A Section committee is at work revising our discussion of the Seville Statement. The special issue of Sociological Forum on “Needed Sociological Research on Issues of War and Peace,” edited by Allen Grimshaw, has been sent to the printer. And we established a new Section award.

On behalf of the Section, I want to thank those officers who completed their terms: Lou Kriesberg as Chair and Les Kurtz, Kurt Lang, and Metta Spencer as members of Council. Mary Anna Colwell completed her term as Secretary-Treasurer, but was elected to Council, where she is joined by new Council members James Hannon and Marty Patchen. Sam Marullo is new Chair-Elect, and Bill Gibson our new Secre-

Political Sociology Manuscripts Wanted

Manuscripts on the topic of “The Future of Socialism” are being solicited for a special issue of the Journal of Political and Military Sociology, coedited by Martin Marger and Marvin Olsen. Papers dealing with any form of socialism (e.g., state socialism, welfare socialism, democratic socialism) are welcome.

Two copies of your manuscript should be sent by September 1, 1992, to Prof. Martin Marger, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University, East Lansing MI 48824. The journal charges a $10 processing fee, payable to JPMS, which must accompany your manuscript.

If enough papers of high quality are received, the collection will subsequently be published as a book.

tary-Treasurer. Thank you all, and all members of our Section committee, past, present, and future, for your contributions.

On the Section ballot next Spring, I will propose that we shorten the name of the Section from Section on the Sociology of Peace and War to simply Section on Peace and War. This is what we are generally known as, is less cumbersome, and is more consistent with other section titles. I hope that our members will approve this change.

The following are the current committees serving our Section:

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Steve Crawford
Rob Kleidman
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