

NEWS

✎ The Conference Group for Central European History met in conjunction with the American Historical Association in Toronto, December 28–30, 1967. At the business meeting Carl E. Schorske (Berkeley) was elected Chairman, Fritz T. Epstein (Indiana) Vice-Chairman, and Harold C. Deutsch (Minnesota) member of the Executive Board. Theodore S. Hamerow (Wisconsin) continues on the Executive Board, Mack Walker (Cornell) as Secretary-Treasurer. The Conference Group's joint session with the A.H.A. dealt with "The Rise of a Great Power: Austria in the Early Eighteenth Century." Papers were presented by William B. Slottman (Berkeley) on "Politics," Herman Freudenberger (Tulane) on "Economics," and John P. Spielman, Jr. (Haverford) on "Culture." Arthur J. May (Rochester) was chairman, John B. Wolf (Illinois, Chicago Circle) commentator.

✎ The 25th *Versammlung deutscher Historiker* was held in Freiburg/Br., October 11–14, 1967. *Central European History* hopes to present a report on the meeting later this year.

✎ The Institute of Contemporary History, 4 Devonshire Street, London W.1, is publishing a "Catalogue of Work in Progress in Contemporary European History," as a supplement to the *Journal of Contemporary History*. Of the 132 projects listed in the first issue, more than half deal with German or Austrian history, if studies dealing with occupation and resistance during World War II are included. Scholars are invited to report their projects, including a brief description of the theme and of the main sources, to the Institute.

✎ An award of \$1000 for an unpublished manuscript dealing with Austrian history, to be administered by the Austrian Institute, has been established by an anonymous donor. Manuscripts should deal with the German-speaking part of the Habsburg Monarchy or with empire-

wide problems; biographies or studies dealing with the Austrian Republic are also acceptable. Manuscripts will be judged by a panel consisting of Robert A. Kann, R. John Rath, E. Wilder Spaulding, and Gottfried Heindl. Dissertations will be considered only after they are approved. Each manuscript must be by an American author and must be based on original research, fully documented, and not less than 25,000 words in length. Both text and footnotes should be double spaced. Manuscripts and inquiries should be sent to the Austrian Institute, 11 East 52nd Street, New York, N. Y. 10022; manuscripts should be submitted not later than June 1, 1969 (extended from June 1, 1968).

📖 The 1966 *List of National Archives Microfilm Publications* and its August 1967 *Supplement* provide a good picture of the quantity of materials relating to Germany available in this form. Publications from the World War II Collection of Seized Enemy Records (excluding Italian and Russian materials) now total over twenty thousand rolls—nearly two million feet of film, or about fifteen million pages of documents. The total cost is a little over \$150,000. Publications range in size from the Records of the German Foreign Office Received by the Department of State (5162 rolls) through the Seeckt and Groener papers (now once more available) to correspondence of Herbert von Bismarck (one roll), and in time from papers of Gneisenau and Boyen to the end of World War II. A useful feature of this listing is the inclusion of references to finding aids, including those available only on microfilm. Other publications of interest come from the World War II War Crimes Records and from the records of the Department of State.