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by Laura L. Beaty
 National Parks and Conservation
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WASHINGTON—Departmental officials are urging the private operation of several federal historic sites, an unwelcome proposal according to spokesmen for William Penn Mott, Director of the National Parks Service (NPS), and many historians who work closely with the national parks.

Only four years have passed since the Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the Interior Department surveyed the park service "to assess the feasibility of

transferring the operational responsibility for small-scale park units to states, local governments, nonprofit organizations, or other qualified entities." Secretary Watt put a halt to this proposal after being soundly criticized by Congress as well as the National Parks and Conservation Association for attempting to dismantle the park system.

Apparently, that wasn't enough to stop the OIG; and now it is up to Secretary Hodel to shelve the OIG's report. In February, 1986, the Inspector General's audit of midwestern facilities recommended that the park

service reverse policy and "actively encourage competent organizations to take over the operation and maintenance of small scale NPS activities." The OIG has finally succeeded in doing the survey it had planned to carry out under former Secretary Watt. Under the guise of evaluating the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of small park operations, the OIG isolated four NPS units considered small-scale operations because they are either less than 300 acres, or because public visitation is less than 40,000 annually. The report recommends that

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Page Putnam Miller

NCC: The Historian's Lobby

by Dan Greer

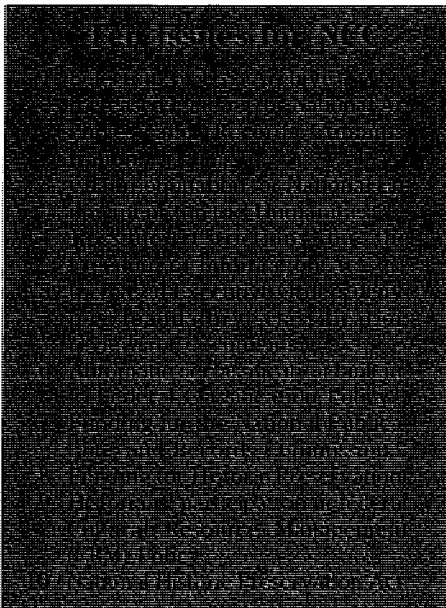
Public historians can influence federal policy from within and from without. Historians are traditionally inside people, subtly working within the scope of their organizations to secure funding needed for crucial programs. But historians can also lobby. Through the National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History (NCC), historians raise a myriad of professional concerns for the consideration of Congress.

The NCC serves as advocate and clearinghouse for public agencies and professional organizations, like NCPH. Directed by Page Putnam Miller, the Committee serves about forty member organizations and twenty-eight state coordinating committees.

In 1984 the impact of the historian's lobby was evident in an issue of widespread professional concern — the reorganization of the National Archives that led to autonomy from the General Services Administration. To achieve that goal, NCC established an information network that gave rise to a powerful constituency of historians, archivists and genealogists. "Using concise briefing sheets developed by the central advocacy office in Washington..., a determined constituency contacted and recontacted legislative leaders to alert them to the pressing need for this legislation," Miller wrote in *Government Publications Review*. "Since ignorance and apathy were the primary enemies of this archival legislation, only a vigorous advocacy effort could counter these formidable forces. Steady prodding to secure cosponsors was often the

only way to get movement on such bills that were not seen as urgent or 'big issues'."

This victory for the National Archives may mean an end to the partisan policies that characterized leadership under the GSA's presidential appointee. A case in point of the abuse that system can create occurred in 1974, when GSA administrator Arthur Sampson gave Richard Nixon broad license to control and dispose of the papers and tape records created during his administration. "Officials of the National Archives had no prior knowledge of this agreement," according to Miller. The quality of federal record-keeping remains an issue on Miller's agenda for the current session of Congress.



Historians are also concerned by the severity of cuts in the operating budget of the Library of Congress. David Farber, a Congressional Fellow on the staff of Congressman Carl (Sandy) Levin (D-MI), said that the cuts might not have happened if historians and the academic community were more vocal. In the months since the Library has cut back on hours, preservation of materials, purchasing of books and publications, and reduced its cataloguing, "there's been no noise about it up here from the academy," according to Farber. Although there are several universities in the district served by Levin, Farber said, "we haven't gotten a single letter..., no historians have written." And that is unfortunate, he said, because the Congressman may not always consider issues that have not been brought to his attention by his constituents. Had he received some letters or other protests, his resulting action may have made a difference.

Farber said he believes in the effectiveness of our basic democracy — letters or phone calls to the district office add up very quickly. "There's always a lot of room for policy recommendations and help from the outside, especially on the issues that [staff] people don't know about. That's what lobbyists do — without lobbyists, this place couldn't function."

Miller stresses that two components are essential for a viable advocacy program. One is a central advocacy office in Washington to monitor legislation, issue alerts and coordinate strategy efforts. The other is a nationwide grassroots network capable of informing and persuading members of the House and Senate on issues of major concern. Support of state, regional and national organizations is essential for maintaining an advocacy office. Advocacy programs require funding, and only a combined and committed effort will make it possible for the historical and archival professions to have their voices heard.

In 1985 the NCC helped member organizations on a number of important issues, including desired qualifications for the new U.S. Archivist. Background material and assistance were also lent to historians testifying at Congressional hearings. In addition, Miller has been working to promote history at the state level through a state committee network. □

Grand Plans

by Barbara J. Howe, Executive Secretary

The National Council on Public History has grand plans for 1986-87! The executive committee met May 23-25 to review a wide range of possibilities and to make plans for the coming year. Mike Scardaville and Arnita Jones had several meetings with staff at the National Endowment for the Humanities and are now pursuing the preparation of several grants, including plans for a possible conference on public history and public policy and the possibility of a conference on integrating public history research into academic history research. The committee hopes NCPH can establish a data base of consultants in history and publish a directory of these individuals and firms. This would be coordinated with our efforts to publish a guide to contracting in history.

We have also appointed a financial planning committee consisting of Paul Scheips (chair), Roberta Miller, Phil Cantelon, Michael Schene, Arnita Jones, and Mike Scardaville to develop some long-range plans for financial stability. Our Professional Issues committee will be developing a pilot program to explain one aspect of public history to one particular audience, such as explaining cultural resources management to engineers. We hope to preview this at the annual meeting in Washington next April. □

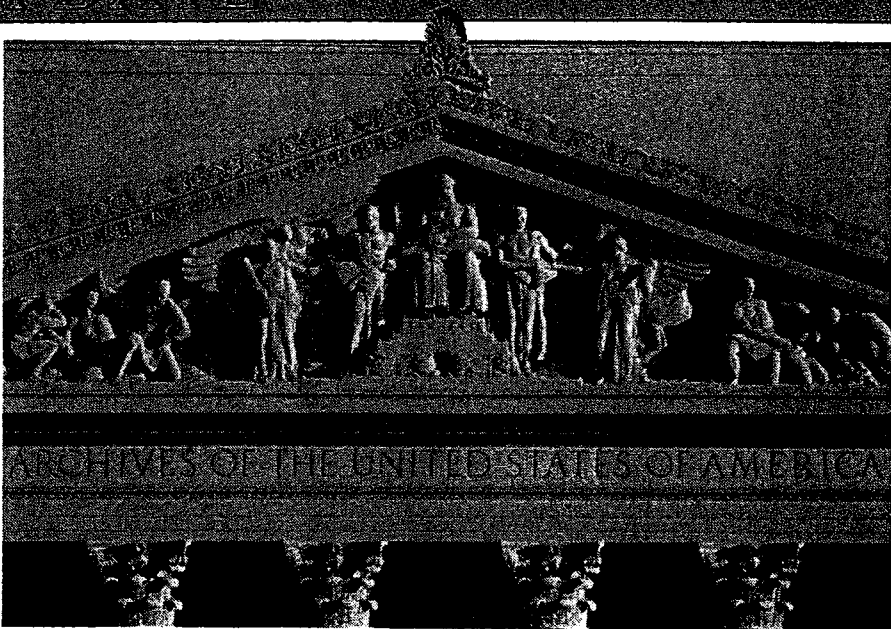


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Council Opposes Agresto Nomination

by Michael Scardaville, Chair

At its April 10 annual meeting in New York, the Board of Directors of the National Council passed a resolution expressing opposition to the appointment of John Agresto as Archivist of the United States. Letters I sent to President Reagan and Senator William Roth, Chair of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, read, in part:

"The Archivist must have sufficient stature and reputation in the historical and archival professions to effectively lead the newly independent National Archives, an institution of inestimable worth. Mr. Agresto, a decidedly partisan candidate, is lacking essential qualifications in the areas of archival management and historical scholarship. Such an appointment would be in violation of statutory guidelines that require the position be filled 'without regard to political affiliations and solely on the basis of professional affiliations required to perform the duties and responsibilities of the office of Archivist.'

The National Council on Public History implores the Administration to nominate a candidate who clearly meets the requirements of this important position."

Other organizations have joined with the National Council in opposing the nomination, including the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, the American Association for State and Local History, and the Society for History in the

Federal Government. Members of NCPH are urged to express their positions to members of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee: William Roth, Chair (R-DE); Ted Stevens (R-AK); Charles Mathias (R-MD); William Cohen (R-ME); David - Durenberger (R-MN); Thad Cochran (R-MS); Warren Rudman (R-NH); Thomas Eagleton (D-MO); Lawton Chiles (D-FL); Sam Nunn (D-GA); John Glenn (D-OH); Albert Gore (D-TN); Carl Levin (D-MI). Address: U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. □

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Professional Activities:

Study suggests diversity of pursuits

If diversity of interest is a measure of intellectual vitality, then the NCPH membership is alive and well. The Council's professional activities survey, initiated by Past Chair Noel Stowe in February, 1986, suggests the range and variety of present attempts to bring the insight of historical scholarship to the widest possible audience.

Of the 56 respondents, 24 were affiliated with universities, colleges, and high schools; 12 were employed by government; 10 worked for museums, historical societies, and historic parks; and 10 were in business as archivists and private consultants.

Those employed by universities included professors and directors of public history programs such as **Jeffrey Brown** (New Mexico State), **Patricia Mooney Melvin** and **Deborah Baldwin** (Arkansas at Little Rock), **Theodore Karamanski** (Loyola), **Rachel Maines** (Clarkson), **James Williams** (De Anza), **Robert Sims** and **Todd Shallat** (Boise State), **Michael Scardaville** (South Carolina), **Barbara Howe** (West Virginia), **Noel Stowe** (Arizona State), **Lawrence de Graaf** (California State at Fullerton), **Richard Straw** (Radford). Scholars who are currently applying the lessons of history chiefly through research include **Otis Graham, Jr.** (studying industrial policy for the 20th Century Fund), **Robert Vitz**

(completing book on 19th century Cincinnati), **David Javersak** (writing commissioned history of West Liberty State College), **James Adomanis** (writing history of Annearrundell Free School), **Beth Lucy** (commissioned to write a history of accounting in Arizona), **David Mock** (recently published article on "History in the Public Arena"), and **Glenda Riley** (recently published text entitled *Inventing the American Woman*).

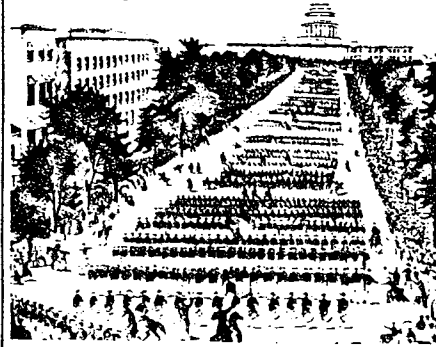
Respondents working for government include federal historians **David Allison** (recently transferred from the Navy to the Energy Department) and **Paul Scheips** (former Air Force historian recently retired from the Army Center for

Military History). Historians working for public commissions, archives and councils include **Bruce Fraser** (director of the Connecticut Humanities Council), **Mary Anne Kamer** (planning a corporate history center for the New York Port Authority), **John Lamb** (historian for the Illinois and Michigan Canal Heritage Commission), **Tom Dillard** (archivist, University of Central Arkansas), and **Richard Cox** (recently appointed archivist for New York State). The growth of public history in Canada is evident in the work of **David McNab** (senior claims researcher for the Office of Indian Resource Policy), **W.A.B. Douglas** (director of historical programs for the National Defence Headquarters), and **Don Page** (political analyst for the Department of External Affairs).

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Call For Papers

NCPH and The Society For History in the Federal Government will hold a joint meeting in Washington, D.C., April 24-26, 1987. Proposals should be submitted by September 30 to SHFG, Box 14139, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044.

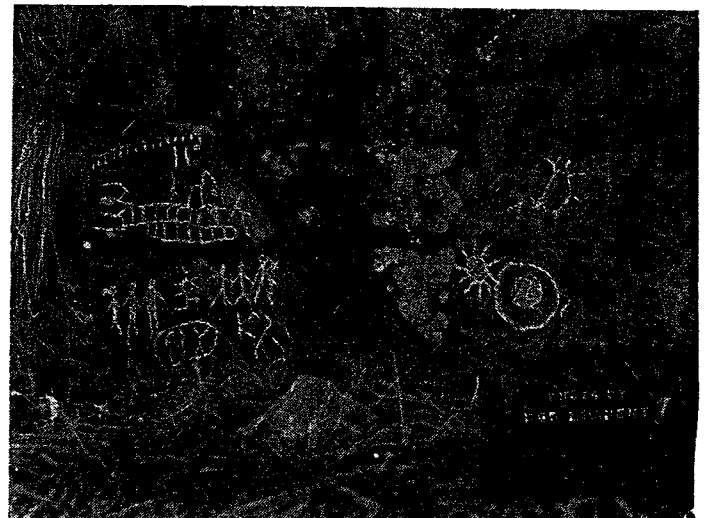


Humanities Councils and Archaeologists To Join NCPH Network

"For far too long, public historians and the state humanities councils have remained distant acquaintances rather than devoted friends," according to Bruce Fraser, Executive Director, Connecticut Humanities Council. "Even though the state councils have periodically scheduled seminars on public history and historical associations have dutifully done the same on the work of the councils at their annual meetings, the contact between the two groups over the past five years has been intermittent rather than continuing, occasionally intriguing rather than consistently rewarding." Yet the vehicle now exists for consultation and collaboration. In an effort to match needs of NCPH members to resources of the state system, Fraser will edit a regular humanities council column for *Public History News*. Features will highlight the "scholar in residence" program, diverse granting activity in historic preservation, council initiatives in the broad area of cultural resource management—in short, the wide variety of public history projects supported by the councils. Contributors are encouraged to contact Bruce Fraser, Connecticut Humanities Council, 41 Lawn Avenue, Wesleyan Station, Middletown, CT 06457; (203) 347-6888.

Funding for the humanities, historic preservation, and the management of cultural resources are also concerns of the American Society of Conservation Archaeologists. ASCA, like NCPH, is wary of the changes proposed to federal regulations interpreting the Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (see article in NCPH newsletter, Vol. 6, No. 3). Both organizations fear

that optional compliance with the Preservation Act will compromise the intent of the law and jeopardize the entire federal preservation effort. ASCA has asked CRM specialist Stanley Hordes to act as liaison to the NCPH and serve as a non-voting member of ASCA's Board of Directors. Groups and individuals concerned by the threat to preservation law should write Hordes, HMS Associates, P. O. Box 4543, Santa Fe, NM 87502.



Historic and prehistoric resources may be threatened by changes in preservation law. Pictured: Shoshone rock drawings, Snake River canyon, Robert Limbert Collection, Boise State University Library.



Annual Report, 1985-86

National Council on Public History

As NCPH begins its ninth year of operation it does so as a transformed entity. In the Spring of 1984 the NCPH Board of Directors voted to make NCPH a membership organization in order to "facilitate involvement and encourage a broader range of activities." 1985-86 has been devoted to making the transition from a council to a membership organization a smooth one. As part of this process the Council has clearly set forth NCPH's mission, developed a set of organizational goals, and sketched out a number of objectives to guide activities in the years ahead.

Long-Range Planning Committee

The key document in the reorganization of NCPH has been the report of the Long-Range Planning Committee. Chaired by Michael Scardaville, the committee of Shelley Bookspan, Glenda Riley, Robert Pomeroy, and Jack Holl (ex-officio) recommended several changes in NCPH structure, the identification of specific goals and objectives, and the expansion of NCPH membership services. Committee recommendations approved by the Board of Directors at the eighth NCPH conference in April 1985 fall into five basic categories.

Mission and Purpose. The committee decided to broaden NCPH objectives to include the promotion of history as opposed to merely public history.

Promotion of History. The report suggested that NCPH (1) sponsor activities and programs to promote the application of history and the use of historians in society, (2) sponsor seminars and workshops beyond the historical community, (3) sponsor intensive training institutes for the different constituencies of the organization, (4) initiate a series of popular essays for public consumption, and (5) establish joint projects and activities with other historical

Membership. The committee encouraged the Council to undertake an aggressive membership drive, offer more tangible and specific services for NCPH members, and review the current dues structure of the organization.

Governance. Other structural changes were suggested, including addressing NCPH's ability to identify and deliver services, restructuring the Board of Directors, establishing Professional Affinity Groups or related committees to decentralize and institutionalize the operations of the organization and broaden the participation of the membership, and employing a staff person to ensure stable and long-term support of NCPH programs and services.

Annual Conference. Finally, the committee recommended that NCPH continue to hold an annual conference but suggested that the Council consider different dates.

During the Fall of 1985 the Executive Committee studied the LRPC's report and, based on the committee's recommendations, developed a mission statement and outlined appropriate goals and objectives for the Council. The Board of Directors agreed that the Council's mission is "to promote the utility of history in society through professional practice." The five basic organizational goals include (1) raising public awareness of the utility of history, (2) increasing and improving the use of history in all sectors of society, (3) supporting and speaking for public history interests, (4) strengthening and expanding the professional development of public historians, and (5) building a strong NCPH to achieve the above goals. Based on these goals the Executive Committee, with the support of the Board of Directors, reorganized the NCPH committee structure and established committees to implement the NCPH's mission and goals.

Committee Reports

Based on the objectives adopted by the Board, the NCPH committee structure was reorganized and galvanized into action. The committees are as follows:

- 1) The task of the **Archives Committee** was to assess the nature of NCPH records and to find a repository for council materials. The new home for the NCPH archives will be the Western Historical Collections at the University of Colorado, Boulder.
- 2) The **Public Information Committee** is in the process of developing a media

presentation that will highlight the work of professional historians for use in presentation to other professional audiences.

- 3) A booklet on contract writing and employer-client relations is being developed by the **Ethics and Professional Standards Committee**.

- 4) The **Cultural Resources Management Committee**, in cooperation with the National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History, is reviewing legislation and the role of history in CRM with an eye to the 20th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act and its reauthorization.

- 5) The **Program Committee** planned our annual meeting in New York in April 1986 as a joint meeting with the Organization of American Historians.

- 6) The **Program Committee** for the 1987 Meeting began its plans for a joint meeting in April 1987 in Washington, D.C. with the Society for History in the Federal Government.

- 7) The **Site Selection Committee** decided to hold our 1988 meeting in Denver, Colorado, and to investigate a joint meeting with the OAH for 1989.

- 8) The **Curriculum and Training Committee** edited and produced *Public History Education in America: A Guide* for publication in the Spring of 1986; this will be the first guide to public history education programs in the country.

- 9) The **Newsletter Committee** worked with Todd Shallat to develop new formats and resources for an expanded newsletter.

- 10) The **Publications Committee** handled our negotiations with the University of California Press for *The Public Historian* and established an editorial board for the journal.

- 11) The **Awards Committee** selected the recipient of our first Journal Award.

- 12) The **Professional Issues Committee** was charged with identifying areas of concern to public historians.

- 13) The **Finance Committee** prepared the NCPH budget for the coming year.

- 14) The **Nominating Committee** prepared the slate of NCPH's first contested elections.

- 15) A **Policy Committee**, was established in the Spring of 1986 to develop both short and long-term financial strategies for NCPH.

The Public Historian

With the negotiation of contracts between the University of California, Santa Barbara, and the NCPH for the cosponsorship and editing of *The Public Historian* and with the University of California Press for continued publication behind us, the NCPH Publications Committee concentrated upon the creation of a formal operational structure for the journal. The Editor's Job Description, Rules and Guidelines for the Publications Committee, and Rules and Guidelines for the Editorial Board have been developed. An Editorial Board has been appointed that represents the various areas of public history endeavor. In the coming year the Publications Committee will focus on the implementation of the Memorandum of Agreement with the UC Press, the appointment of a book review editor, and the establishment of regular meetings of the Editorial Board.

The seventh volume of *The Public Historian* featured articles that explored policy issues ("Wartime Allocation of Textile and Apparel Resources: Emergency Policy in the Twentieth Century," by Rachel Maines), examined the careers of particular public historians ("Walter Prescott Webb, Public Historian," by John R. Jameson), and dissected the role of history in various areas of public history endeavor ("Context Evaluation: The Use of History in Policy Analysis," by Robert G. Stakenas and David B. Mock, and "The New Washington Monument: History in the Federal Government," by Jack Holl). Media reviews analyzed, among others, "Three Sovereigns for Sister Sarah," "Robert Kennedy and His Times," and "The Battle of Yorktown." We thank editor G. Wesley Johnson, Jr., associate editor Lindsey Reed, book review editor Rebecca L. M. McLeod, and everyone else who contributed to the journal for their role in the publication of *The Public Historian*.

This year marked the award of the first annual prize for the best article in *The Public Historian*. Thomas J. Schlereth received the award for his article "Material Culture Research and Historical Explanation" which appeared in the Fall 1985 issue of the journal. According to the Awards Committee, "Schlereth's article, which draws upon archaeology and anthropology, as well as public history, strikingly exemplifies the way in which creative public historians have been enlarging the field of history." NCPH is indebted to History Associates, Inc. for funding this award.

Public History News

The NCPH newsletter has found a new home and a new title. Now *Public History News: A Quarterly Publication of the National Council on Public History*, the newsletter is published at Boise State University under the editorship of Todd Shallat. Featuring special reports, regular columns, information on meetings, jobs, and programs of interest to public historians and short sketches of people active in the field, the newsletter promises to keep the history community abreast of the world of public history. We commend Todd for an excellent first issue and look forward to many more.

Services for Students and Teachers

The new NCPH publication *Public History Education in America: A Guide* is in the final production stage and will soon be available from the executive secretary for a cost of \$7.50 to members and \$9.00 for nonmembers. The guide will list over eighty schools and will provide the most current information on public history offerings.

The syllabi exchange continues to be a popular service. The exchange is a free service offered by the Council, and NCPH encourages anyone teaching public history courses both to request the syllabi packet and send in their course outline. During 1985-86, there were sixteen requests for syllabi.

NCPH also distributes the "History Goes Public" slide-tape show. During 1985-86 three sets were sold and three rented. Institutional sponsors now receive a discount on this production.

NCPH Secretariat

In its second year of operation, the secretariat at West Virginia University has tried to keep NCPH going on a daily basis. This includes handling mailings for the organization, answering requests for syllabi and publications, preparing board materials, answering general inquiries about the organization, providing support services for the various committees and NCPH activities, and serving as a clearinghouse for inquiries to NCPH. The third year of this contract with West Virginia University will end in May 1988, and NCPH will then assess its future needs for a secretariat.

Cooperation Projects

Over the past year NCPH members have cooperated with a variety of other history organizations and participated in a number of history-related activities. While not a full rendition of cooperative activities, the following items represent a sample of the various types of NCPH involvement:

- 1) Page Putnam Miller has continued to represent the history profession as executive director of the National Coordination Committee for the Promotion of History.
- 2) The NCPH CRM committee is assisting Miller in the campaign to ensure a more effective history component in cultural resources management activities.
- 3) Constance Schulz, Kathleen Berkeley, and Patricia Mooney Melvin have served as members of the Southern Historical Association's (SHA) 1986 Membership Committee, and in that capacity have worked to sensitize the SHA to the needs and interests of public historians.
- 4) Brit Storey has completed his term as Chair of the Organization of American Historians (OAH) Public History Committee.
- 5) Cullom Davis continues to serve as treasurer of the OAH.
- 6) Deborah Gardner and Daniel Walkowitz worked with the OAH over the past year to organize the joint NCPH/OAH annual meeting.
- 7) Pat Harahan and Paul Scheips are working with the Society for History in the Federal Government (SHFG) on the joint NCPH/SHFG meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. in April 1987.
- 8) A Liaison Coordinator was appointed to maintain links with other historical organizations; at present NCPH liaisons include Enid H. Douglass (Oral History Association), Paul J. Scheips (SHFG), Robert Trennert (Western History Association), Pat Melvin (SHA), Janelle Warren-Findley (American Studies Association), Howard Rosen (Public Works Historical Society), and Pat Harahan (American Association for State and Local History).

Board Meetings

The board of directors of NCPH met at the AHA and joint NCPH/OAH meetings. In addition to these meetings, the executive committee met in spring and fall sessions in Washington, D.C.

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We would like to express our appreciation to our outgoing officers: Noel J. Stowe, Chair; Michael C. Scardaville, Vice-Chair; Patricia Mooney Melvin, Secretary; and Jack Holl, Past-Chair. We would also like to thank outgoing NCPH board and executive committee members for all their efforts on the Council's behalf: John Bodnar, Shelley Bookspan, Bruce Fraser, Larry Hackman, Jerry Herman, Page Putnam Miller, Philip Mooney, David Ruckman, Judith Ryder, and Brit Storey.

Our new officers for the coming year are Michael C. Scardaville, Chair; Arnita Jones, Vice-Chair; Anne Kaplan, Secretary; and Al Hurtado, Treasurer. Continuing on the executive committee will be Beth Grosvenor and Janelle Warren-Findley. Janelle Warren-Findley is replacing Anna Nelson who has resigned from the executive committee. In accordance with the decision to decrease the size of the Board of Directors, no new board members were elected to replace the departing members.

I would like to close by thanking all board and committee members for their cooperation over the past year, Executive Secretary Barbara Howe and her staff at West Virginia University, and the History Department's secretarial staff at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

**Patricia Mooney Melvin
Secretary**

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•The National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, is looking for a Curator of Computers, Information and Society. Application should be made directly to the Smithsonian Office of Personnel Administration, Washington D.C. 20560, Attention: MPA86-185T. For further information contact Tom D. Crouch, Curator, Engineering and Industry, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560.

•NASA invites proposals from historians to research and write a narrative history of the Space Shuttle (Orbiter, External Tank and Solid Rocket Booster). For guidance in proposal preparation contact Dr. Sylvia D. Fries, NASA Historian, prior to August 1. Address: NASA History Office, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C. 20546; phone (202) 453-2999.

PROGRAMS

•The University of Western Ontario now offers a Master of Arts option in Public History. Some financial assistance may be available for the five consecutive terms required to complete the program. For further information write or call Professor Bruce Bowden, Coordinator, Public History Program, Dept. of History, The University of Western Ontario, London, Canada N6A 5C2; phone (519) 679-2798 or 679-3226.

•Western Washington University has expanded its graduate program in archives and records management and now offers a Master of Arts in History, concentrating on Archives and Records Management. Inquiries and requests for application materials should address James B. Rhoads, Dept. of History, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225; phone (206) 676-3139.

•A two-course sequence has been added to the University of Connecticut's History and Archival Management M.A. program. Students gain exposure to work in the Congressional collection, in-

stitutional archives, organizational records and personal papers. For information contact Dr. Christopher P. Collier, Dept. of History, Box U-103, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06268.

•Salem State College is offering a three-day "Institute on the Study of Local History," August 4-6. Three graduate or undergraduate credits may be earned by those who qualify. For more information contact Professor John J. Fox, Dept. of History, Salem State College, Salem, MA 01970; phone (617) 745-0556 ext. 2369.



AWARDS

•The NCPH Awards Committee has selected Thomas J. Schlereth's article, "Material Culture Research and Historical Explanation," as the best of the year in the *Public Historian* (see NCPH Annual Report, p. 6).

•A \$200 scholarship for archives education is offered by the Society of California Archivists. For information contact Laren W. Metzger, Chair, SCA Education Committee, California State Archives, 1020 "O" Street, Room 120, Sacramento, CA 95814; phone (916) 445-4293.

•Secretary of Transportation, Elizabeth Dole, honored sixteen winners of this year's Historic Preservation Awards for exemplary solutions to problems involving transportation and historic preservation. The winners varied widely, including individuals, organizations, government agencies and businesses. The biennial awards program is sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

MEETINGS

•The Society of American Archivists will hold its 50th annual meeting in Chicago, August 26-30, 1986. For information contact the SAA at 600 South Federal, Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605; phone (312) 922-0140.

•*Government Records: Current Challenges and Future Prospects* is the theme of the NAGARA annual meeting July 23-26, 1986, in Sacramento, CA. For more information contact Bruce W. Dearstyne, New York State Archives, 10A75 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230; phone (518) 473-8037.

•The sixth annual meeting of The California Committee for the Promotion of History will be held October 17-19 in Bakersfield, California. For more information contact Teena Stern, El Pueblo State Historic Park, 845 N. Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA 90012; phone (213) 680-2525.

•The Oral History Association will hold its 1986 annual meeting on board the Hotel Queen Mary in Long Beach Harbor, California, October 23-26. For details contact the Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 926, University Station, Lexington, KY 40506-0025.

•The 15th Annual Conference of the National Society for Internships and Experiential Education at the Sheraton Hotel & Towers in Seattle, Washington October 22-25. For registration information contact Annette Wofford, National Society for Internships and Experiential Education, 122 St. Mary's Street, Raleigh, NC 27605; phone (919) 834-7536.

•The Society of Architectural Historians is calling for papers for its 1987 annual meeting to be held next April in San Francisco. The deadline for submitting papers is September 15, 1986. For more information contact the Society at 1700 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19103.

TRANSITIONS

•Dr. Paul J. Scheips retired from thirty-six years of federal service March 8, 1986. Twenty-four of those years were spent with the U.S. Army Center of Military History, where he headed the Staff Support Branch, Research and Analysis Division, since 1984. His contributions to the Society for History in the Federal Government and its newsletter, *The Federalist*, have been elemental. He will continue to write and conduct research in the Washington area.

•Melvin Smith, former director of the Utah State Historical Society, is the new



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Women's suffrage will be the focus of a California exhibit this fall in celebration of that state's 75th anniversary of women's suffrage. For information and dates contact the California History Center & Foundation, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014; phone (408) 996-4712.

director of the Idaho State Historical Society. He has been active in historic records preservation, NCPH, Utah Endowment for the Humanities and the National Pony Express Association Ride Team.

•Richard J. Cox, former head of the Archives and Records Division in the Alabama Department of Archives and History, has joined the staff of the New York State Archives to develop materials and methods to address some of New York's major historical records needs.

NOTES

•The National Center for the Study of History has prepared a chart titled *Careers in Information Management (for Graduates in the Liberal Arts: with Special Reference for Historians)*. The chart describes 38 jobs and demonstrates how responsibilities shift within career progressions. A list of 240 job titles includes areas of archival management, records management, museum curatorship, library sciences, information sciences and interdisciplinary research. For information and/or charts contact the National Center for the Study of History, Drawer 730, Germantown, MD 20874; or call (301) 231-8988.

•A special issue of *The Public Historian*, "Archives and Public History: Issues, Problems and Prospects," (Summer 1986), edited by Bruce Dearstyne, a principal archivist of New York State Archives, includes in-depth analysis of recent archival developments, the current archival scene and likely future developments. To purchase this issue, send \$5.00 (individual) or \$7.50 (institution), to: University of California Press Journals, 2120 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94720.

•A call for papers for the 1987 annual meeting has been issued by the Oral History Association. Contact Lila Goff, Minnesota Historical Society, 690 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101.

•A *Usable Past: The New York State Archives* is an 11-minute slide, tape and video presentation explaining the use, preservation and future of the New York State Archives. It describes the historically valuable New York State government records held by the State Archives and provides an overview of how the Archives' staff appraise, arrange, describe and conserve these materials. For information contact Richard Andress, Senior Archivist, New York State Archives, 10A75 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230; phone (518) 474-6771.

•The Cultural Resources Management Bibliography (CRBIB) is an automated inventory of reports and publications in the fields of history, architecture, archeology, ethnohistory and museology. Although originally designed for the National Park Service, it now serves as an active reference tool for the public as well. For more information contact Alicia Weber, Park Historic Architecture Division, National Park Service, Dept. of the Interior, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127.

•*History Microcomputer Review* is in its second year of publication. Two issues are published annually at a subscription rate of \$10. Contact Dr. James B. Shick, Dept. of History, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS 66762.

•*The Forum for Applied Research and Public Policy* is a new quarterly journal for people engaged in the study of applied science and the creation of public policy. It is supported by the Tennessee Valley Authority and was founded to encourage the independent exchange of ideas among people in universities, business and government. Introductory subscription rate is \$20. Contact Alanson Van Fleet or Daniel Schaffer, *The Forum for Applied Research and Public Policy*, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 Summit Hill Drive, E3C85, Knoxville, TN 37920.

•Dr. Roger Anders, from the Department of Energy Historian's Office, has undertaken the task of updating and reissuing the *Directory of Federal Historical Programs and Activities* for the Society for History in the Federal Government. The directory was last revised in September 1984.

•The National Science Foundation is soliciting proposals to examine ethical or value issues associated with current U.S. scientific or engineering research. For information concerning letter length and emphasis contact Dr. Rachelle Hollander, Directorate for Biological, Behavioral and Social Sciences, Room 310, National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C. 20550; phone (202) 357-9894.

•The House Energy and Commerce Committee has released a historical study of procedures of the House of Representatives from its inception, March 4, 1789, through December 14, 1795. The analytical report uses petitions and memorials of the first three Congresses to explain the creation of standing committees by the Fourth Congress, and is the result of a cooperative effort between the federal government and the academic community. For further information contact Mike Kitzmiller (202) 225-2927. □

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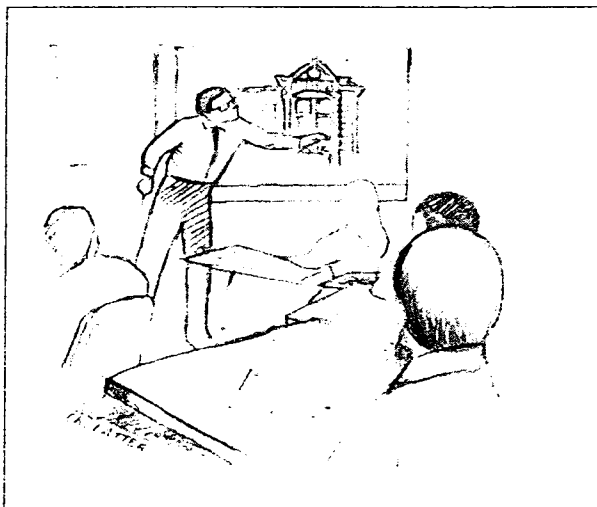
The use and misuse of analogies in the making of foreign policy is the subject of Neustadt and May, *Thinking in Time*. Pictured: Golda Meir with Nixon and Kissinger in 1973 (Department of State Newsletter).

Museums and historical societies employ historians as researchers, editors, archivists, curators, and administrators. NCPH members include **Michael Duchemin** (director of the J.B. Bayless Museum and historian of Phoenix), **Cynthia Little** (education director, Historical Society of Pennsylvania), **Phillis Barr** (Parish archivist and curator, Trinity Church, New York), **Nelson Lankford** (editor, Virginia Historical Society), **Donald Haynes** (director, Virginia Historical Society), **Teena Stern** (Society of California Archivists), **Mathew Magda** (Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission), **Mary Rineland** (curator, New England Historical and Genealogical Society), and **Brian Bergheger** (Western Heritage Center).

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money can be saved if the following sites are managed by someone other than the NPS: Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, Iowa (Pictured on page one: 187 acres and 242,6000 visits annually), Grand Portage National Monument, Minnesota (710 acres and 36,000 visits), Homestead National Monument, Nebraska (181 acres and 22,600 visits), and Harry S. Truman National Historic site, Missouri (0.77 acres and 100,000 visits).

The Washington based National Parks and Conservation Association has joined preservationists and park officials in maintaining that the OIG's responsibilities stop short of developing so-called "alternative management options" for sites specifically established by Congress. If the criteria developed by the OIG are applied system-wide, as many as 82 units—mostly cultural sites—could be considered for alternative management. Critics believe that historical significance is not dependent on the number of visitors or size of a site. Aren't these kinds of decisions normally made by our elected officials? Congress established the National Park Service in 1916 to preserve and manage outstanding examples of this nation's natural and cultural heritage. While efficiency is important, even more important is effective management that will leave them unimpaired for future generations. □



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