On the surface, the year at CRSO has looked like previous years: plenty of activity, too many people for our aging space, a great variety of projects, and a sense of mutual support and stimulation. Below the surface, we have felt a chill. The combination of financial stringency within the university and a dramatic cutback in federal funds for social research threatens our modus vivendi. The reason is simple. We have never been rich. But over the last few years we have managed to make the most of a few substantial federally-funded research and training projects, plus a number of small subsidies from different parts of the university. Careful shepherding of our resources has made it possible to provide a hospitable environment for research which is currently unfunded. The secret has been to make sure that money coming in multiplied its effects: providing opportunities for training and research to people who were not employees or supervisors of research projects, making expensive equipment widely available, and so on. Below some minimum, that strategy will not work. We fear we are approaching that minimum.

Not that fear will paralyze us. Unless outside support for research surges unexpectedly in the near future, we will be spending much of the coming year devising and testing new strategies. Those new strategies will surely include an effort to attract non-governmental support, and will probably include an increased emphasis on international exchange: training for postdoctoral scholars from overseas, and similar arrangements. They are likely to include new cooperative arrangements among researchers in the center, substituting mutual aid for declining funds. We already have gratifying signs of hope in that direction, as graduate students organize dinners, concerts, book sales, and other fund-raising activities to create support for their research. Some faculty members have made cash contributions to our research fund. We are determined to keep a good thing going.

It is a good thing. In addition to housing research projects, providing access to equipment, and offering a certain amount of advice and assistance, CRSO carried on seminars, colloquia, brownbags, and informal discussions concerning research topics of local concern, and issued working papers reporting the results of its members' work. It had eleven faculty members, four postdoctoral fellows, twenty-five graduate students, one research associate, two secretaries, and a number of part-time research assistants on hand. One faculty member -- Bob Thomas -- was new to the Center and the university, another -- Mark Vaitkus -- new to the faculty, although a Center veteran as a graduate student.

In 1980-81, Sheila Wilder, Debby Snovak, and Kate Johnson served as the Center's secretarial and administrative staff. Charles Tilly directed the Center; and Keith Clarke, Dawn Hendricks, Nancy Horn, and Robert Schweitzer worked full-time on the Center's studies of conflict in Great Britain.

The main themes of current work at CRSO are conflict, collective action, organizational structure, large-scale social change, repression, and class structure. But much more is going on. One indication of the Center's range of interests is the series of speakers who gave brownbags and colloquia:

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19th Century England

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Bill Gamson, "Political Symbolism and the Reindustrialization Debate"

April 16
James House, "Trends in Political Alienation in America"

June 26
Ron Aminzade, "Capitalist Development and Hegemony in 19th Century France"

Another indication of local activity comes from the Working Papers issued by the Center during the year:

218. "The Old New Social History and the New Old Social History," by Charles Tilly


220. "British Catholic Emanicipation Mobilization, Prototype of Reform?" by R.A. Schweitzer


222. "Reverse Discrimination' and 'The Rape of Progress'- Neo-conservatives on Affirmative Action and Nuclear Power", by Jerome L. Himmelstein

223. "The Juvenile Court as a People Processing Organization: Organizational Determinants of Case Processing Patterns" by Yeheskel Hasenfeld and Paul P.L. Cheung


228. "Britain's Everyday Conflicts in an Age of Inequality," by Charles Tilly and R.A. Schweitzer

229. "Stein Rokkan's Conceptual Map of Europe," by Charles Tilly

230. "Interactions Among Scientists, Attorneys and Judges in School Desegregation Litigation," by Mark A. Chesler, Joseph Sanders, and Debra Kalmuss

231. "Citizenship, Gender, and Work Organization: Considerations for Labor
Process Theories" by Robert J. Thomas

232. "Britain Creates the Social Movement," by Charles Tilly

233. "From Pressure Group to Social Movement: Organizational Dilemmas of the Effort to Promote Nuclear Power," by Bert Useem

234. "Black Southern Student Sit-In Movement: An Indigenous Perspective," by Aldon Morris


236. "Reagan's Social Services Block Grant: What It Is and What You Can do About It," by Deborah K. Zinn


The Center recovers some of its costs by selling these papers at a nominal charge: 50 cents plus a penny a page.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS, 1980-81

Benjamin Ben-Baruch has been continuing his research on (1) the effects of organizational alliances and inter-personal networks on the formation of class-consciousness among English workers in the early nineteenth century; and (2) the nature and forms of Jewish collective action in the major ghettos of Eastern Europe during the Holocaust. He has published "Accounting for Genocide: The Sociological Study of the Holocaust", Theory and Society, 10;3 (May 1981), pp. 456-463. He delivered the third annual Holocaust Commemoration Lecture at Congregation Bnai Moshe (Oak Park, MI): "From Historical Sociology to Historical Memory". This lecture is now being revised for publication. In addition, Mr. Ben-Baruch has also been working on compiling, writing and editing the explanatory footnotes for a forthcoming book of historical documents on the State of Israel, edited by Jehuda Reinharz (Professor of History, University of Michigan) and Itamar Rabinovich (Director of the Shiloah Institute, Tel-Aviv University).

Mark Chesler is involved in three projects at CRSO. One is the study with Joe Sanders and Debra Kalmuss, "Interactions among social scientists, attorneys and judges in school desegregation litigation." This project was completed this year, a final report filed with the sponsor, and an executive summary of the report printed as CRSO Working Paper #230. Several other papers are either being prepared or currently under review. The project has been funded over a 2 1/2 year period by the National Institute of Education. Another is the study with Oscar Barbarin (Community Psychology), "Coping patterns of families of children with cancer." The data collection and coding phases of this study are complete, and several papers recently were presented at meetings of the Association for the Care of Children's Health. "Sources of stress in families with children with cancer," "Parent's access to sources of help and support in coping with childhood cancer," and "Parents of chronically ill children and the medical care organization." A synthesis of these papers is in preparation as a CRSO report. This project has been funded over a 2 year period by

Samuel Cohn has nearly finished a dissertation on the feminization of clerical labor in Great Britain. He has also finished "Michael Hechter's Theory of Regional Underdevelopment", a test of the importance of ethnocentrism in causing economic underdevelopment. He has recently been appointed Assistant Professor of Sociology and Industrial Relations at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Bill Gamson completed his manuscript with Bruce Fireman and Steve Rytina. Encounters with Unjust Authority. The book is scheduled for January, 1982 publication (Dorsey Press). His research on political discourse with Andy Modigliani is continuing. He presented a paper with Kathy Lasch (Grasso), "The Political Culture of Social Welfare" at the Pinhas Sapir International Conference on Development: Social Policy Evaluation: Health, Education, and Welfare, Tel Aviv University in December. A revised version of this paper will be published in a forthcoming volume of papers from this conference.

Dawn Hendricks assisted the Great Britain Study and the London Study in data preparation. She also worked with GBS data involving the Swing Riots of 1830 identifying and helping prepare its study. She began collecting comparable county statistics for GBS. She accumulated information of sources for the study of Lancashire between 1820-1839 and, with valuable assistance from Anne McKernan, began writing a brief county report.

Jerome Himmelstein is studying the New Right and other elements of the contemporary conservative resurgence in American society as well as transforming his Ph.D. thesis (a history of marijuana controls in the U.S.) into publishable form. Papers recently published or accepted for publication include "The New Corporate Activism: Union Carbide's Misleading Ads" (forthcoming in The Nation) and the following review essays: "States and Revolutions: The Implications and Limits of Skocpol's Structural Model" (with Michael Kimmel: The American Journal of Sociology, March, 1981); "The 'Real' Freud: Psychoanalysis and Psychobiology" (Theory and Society, Spring, 1981); "The Two Nisbets: The Ambivalence of Contemporary Conservatism" (forthcoming in Social Forces). His Ph.D. thesis is currently being reviewed for possible publication by Greenwood Press, and two articles derived from it are under consideration by Social Problems and The American Sociological Review, respectively. Other articles currently being considered for publication include "Reflections on Gramsci", and "God, Gilder, and Capitalism." Mr. Himmelstein is also scheduled to present a paper at the session on Marxist Theory of Law at the American Society of Criminology Meetings in November, 1981.

Richard Hogan was continuing his research on forms of local government found on the Nineteenth Century Colorado frontier. This research was funded by N.S.F. this year, so much of the year was spent in gathering data in the Colorado archives.
Nancy Horn was studying toward a Ph.D. in History and working as supervisor of data preparation for the Center's study of contention in nineteenth-century Britain.

Linda Kaboolian was featured (along with Tom Hayden and Seymour Martin Lipset) as a part of a three part series on student movements in the 60s and 70s in the Christian Science Monitor. She was also the recipient of a grant from the National Student Education Fund to hold a conference on the status of women in the academy. That conference was held in late September. She also contributed to the final report of the White House Conference on the family through work she did collaboratively with the Public Agenda Foundation.

Ronald Kessler has been working on two projects over the past year. The first involves the determination of deterrent effects of police practices. With David Greenberg, the following publications have either appeared or been accepted for publication from that project over the past year: "Panel models in criminology" in James Fox (ed) Mathematical Frontiers in Criminology. Academic Press, 1981; "Aggregation bias in deterrence research" Journal of Research on Crime and Delinquency 18 (1981):128-37; "The effect of arrests on crime: A multivariate panel analysis" Social Forces (forthcoming). The second project is concerned with the structural resources and vulnerabilities that modify emotional responses to stressful life experience. The following publications have appeared or have been accepted for publication over the past year: "Sex differences in psychiatric help-seeking: Evidence from four large-scale surveys (with others) Journal of Health and Social Behavior 22 (1981): 49-64; "Marital status and depression: The role of coping resources", Social Forces (forthcoming): "Life events, social support, and mental illness". In Walter Gove (ed) Deviance and Mental Health Sage Publications (forthcoming): "Trends in the relationship between sex and psychological distress: 1957-1976" American Sociological Review (forthcoming). In addition, his book (with David Greenberg) Linear Panel Analysis will be published by Academic Press in July. And his book Television and Aggression: Results of a Panel Study, written with J.R. Milavsky, H. Stipp and W. Rubens, will be published by Academic next Spring.


Mark Lundgren was doing a research practicum on the mobilization of the "religious right".

David McDowall was studying patterns of crime and crime control in Detroit, and quantitative models useful for criminological research. With Colin Loftin he completed two papers: "Collective Security and the Demand for Legal Handguns" and "The Police, Crime, and Economic Theory: An Assessment." Since May, 1980, he has

Aldon Morris continues his major study of the Civil Rights Movement. A paper from this study, "Black Southern Student Sit-In Movement: An analysis of Internal Organization," has been accepted for publication by the American Sociological Review. He is also completing a book, "Origins of the Southern Civil Rights Movement," to be published by the Free Press. The book will be out in early 1982. Lectures based on his current research have been presented at the University of Michigan Center for African Studies. Finally, Aldon was a participant in a seminar on collective behavior at MIT which was funded by the American Sociological Association.

Jeff Paige received a Rackham Faculty Research Grant to continue his research on social class and executive compensation in the large corporation and published "The Politics of Reproductive Ritual" (with Karen Ericksen Paige, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1981, pp. ix-380) summarizing the authors' past research on ritual politics in stateless societies. He delivered an invited lecture on executive compensation at the University of Washington (Seattle) and participated in a working conference on corporate control at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He also led seminars in both Universities on peasants and revolution.

Misagh Parsa continued his research on the social origins of the "Iranian Revolution." He finished the data collection, coding of the data, and carried out a quantitative analysis attempting to explain the variations of political opposition in 172 Iranian cities.

Thomas Regulus continued 1) Writing his dissertation on Inmate Collective Action; data collection for study is completed. Expected completion of first and rough draft during summer, 1981 and, 2) working as Research Associate in National Study of Collective Actions and Disorders. He coordinated a survey of law enforcement agencies' data management and analysis. He is currently writing reports describing the national distribution of collective events, 1979-1981, characteristics of events, and police intervention in these events.

Robert Schweitzer has been managing the London Study and delving into the Kent Business Directories. He spent a month in London researching this past May. He has been studying the early reform movement in Britain (1830) and the Who, What & Where of London contention 1768/9 and 1828/9. He authored or co-authored 3 working papers, one article in Social Science History and one article in the Historical Society of Michigan Journal. One of the working papers (with Charles Tilly) is a draft chapter of a book on inequality, to be edited by Manus Midlarsky. He continues to teach in the preservation program at EMU and has given several public
Daniel Steinmetz a) in the summer and fall, conducted an applied study of welfare administration in Michigan which combined observation and interviewing in local offices with interviews of officials and documentary analysis. The study was done on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services and will be published as Steinmetz, Daniel S., Quality Control Errors in the AFDC Program in Michigan: A Case Study, Wash., D.C.: National Academy of Public Administration, in press. (This study was done in consultation with Mayer Zald). b) In February 1981, he presented to the NIMH Seminar a draft of, "The Ideological Basis of Welfare Capitalism." His major effort during the last six months and the basis of his planned dissertation is his field work on "Unemployed Auto Workers in Michigan: Welfare Utilization and Ideological Dissonance". His efforts have been a mixture of reading, field work, and proposal writing. (SSRC and the Veterans Administration).

Robert Thomas completed work on two related projects concerning political and economic change in agricultural production and agricultural labor markets in the U.S. One project, an assessment of the social consequences of technological change in the lettuce industry, will be reported in an upcoming edition of the ASA's Rose Monograph Series (Manufacturing Green Gold) co-authored with William Friedland and Amy Barton. The other project, a participant-observation and survey study of work organization in agriculture, has yielded articles accepted for publication in the American Journal of Sociology and the Insurgent Sociologist. Thomas is currently involved in planning a comparative study of state-managed immigrant labor programs to complement his work undocumented workers in the U.S. In addition to those activities, he has presented several papers on the political economy of agriculture and contributed book reviews to major journals.

Charles Tilly continued to direct the Center. He also led an NSF-funded study of contention in Great Britain 1828-1834, co-directed an NEH-funded study of the geography of contention in the London area 1755-1835, worked on changing forms of conflict in five French regions 1600-1980, and pursued his investigations of population changes, statemaking and the development of capitalism in Europe 1500-1900. He lectured at Buffalo, Northwestern, Cornell, Harvard, and Princeton, advised Michigan State University on the reorganization of its sociology graduate program, and served on the Measurement Methods and Data Resources Panel (NSF), the Social and Economic Sciences Oversight Committee (NSP), the Romance Languages Translations Panel (NEH), and the Council (AAAS). With Louise Tilly (editors and co-authors), he published Class Conflict and Collective Action (Sage, 1981), which included a number of chapters whose earlier drafts circulated as CRSO Working Papers. He sent to press As Sociology Meets History (Academic, scheduled for publication in September 1981), of which a number of chapters likewise appeared in draft as CRSO Working Papers. In the spring of 1981, the National Academy of Sciences elected him a member.

Bert Useem is a consultant to the State of Michigan's House-Senate Joint Committee on Prison Disturbances. He and Mayer Zald presented a paper to the Eastern Sociological Society, titled "From Pressure Group to Social Movement: Organizational Dilemmas of the Effort to Promote Nuclear Power." Useem's paper "Models of the Boston anti-busing Movement: Polity/Mobilization and Relative Deprivation" is forthcoming in Sociological Quarterly, and "Trust in Government and the Boston Anti-Busing Movement" will be published in Western Political Quarterly.

Andrew Walder completed a year-long research project in Hong Kong, funded
jointly by the Social Science Research Council, Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research Program, and the National Science Foundation in August 1980. The research featured both gathering of archival and press data from Chinese sources, and a large interviewing project with former residents of China with industrial work experience. The interviews included both ethnographies of workplaces and oral histories of political movements and conflicts in industry. His dissertation, to be completed in September 1981, employs the workplace ethnographies to analyze factories. A subsequent volume will use the archival materials and oral histories to analyze the causes and consequences of Maoist innovations in industrial organization, and to explain divergences from Stalinist patterns. He has accepted a post-doctoral fellowship at the Center for Chinese Studies, University of California, Berkeley, for the 1981-82 school year to revise the dissertation, entitled Authority and Participation in Chinese Industry, and to write the second volume, Maoist Industrialism, for publication as books. He will begin teaching in the department of sociology, Columbia University, in the fall of 1982. In the past year, he has published "Some Ironies of the Maoist Legacy in Industry," Australian Journal of Chinese Affairs 5 (January, 1981): 21-38; "Participative Management and Worker Control in China," Sociology of Work and Occupations 8 (May 1981): 224-251; and has co-authored an article with Robert Cole, entitled "The Politics of Participative Work Structures in China, Japan, Sweden, and the United States," available as CRSO Working Paper 226.

Mayer Zald completed several papers on social movements, an edited volume on Social Welfare Institutions (to be published by Columbia University Press), and a paper on social planning. He was asked to give the H. Paul Douglas Lecture for the Religious Research Association, served on the Sociology Panel of the National Science Foundation, and gave two days of lectures at the University of California, Santa Cruz. In July he became Chairman of the Department of Sociology for a three-year term.

Deborah K. Zinn, MSW, is a doctoral student in Social Work and Sociology and a fellow in the NIMH sponsored training grant on sociology and social policy. She has been active in policy-related research in a number of areas. As part of an overall analysis of the public policy impact of the recent change in federal administration, she has authored a CRSO Working Paper (No. 236) entitled Reagan's Social Services Block Grant Proposal: What It Is and What You Can Do About It. Focussing on the impact of the federal changes on rural areas, she gave a presentation entitled "The Rural Renaissance: Issues for the 1980's" at the 1981 National Conference of the American Society of Public Administrators. In November, she will present a paper at the National Symposium of the National Association of Social Workers. The paper will be entitled "Who Owns Title XX and What Can You Do About It? Guidelines for Analysis and Action Based Upon Experience in a Non-Urban State." An additional research interest is the impact of the structural features of the labor market, such as wage hierarchies within firms, labor market segmentation, and sex segregation of occupations, and their impact on income distribution among workers.

Other researchers active at CRSO during the year included:

Keith Clarke
Brian Ewart
Lee Hamilton
Kathy Lasch
Sandi Kinghorn
Marc Steinberg
Mark Vaitkus
Martin Whyte
and Carol Yorkievitz
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233 "From Pressure Groups to Social Movement: Organizational Dilemmas of the Effort to Promote Nuclear Power," by Bert Useem and Mayer N. Zald, March 1981, 40 pages.


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