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Well, we can't say we had no warning! This year the Center is feeling the pinch of recessions cutbacks in university support, declines in Federal grants, cuts in Work-Study grants, reductions in graduate fellowships and assistantships, likely departures of faculty. And the worst is yet to come; most of our research grants will expire within the next year, and replacing them will be very hard. We have clearly reached the end of our old strategy: having a few substantial, well-funded research projects as the means of keeping the whole range of center activities going.

One by-product -- not all bad -- of the declining grants was the loss of our rented space in the Michigan Square Building. It's not all bad, because the College has assigned us equivalent space in the LS&A Building, near the Sociology Department. That should make it possible to do some swapping of offices, and reduce the isolation of people in our "annex". We expect that move to be completed, and people settled into relatively long-term space assignments, by mid-July.

So far we have met the general challenge with a bit of action, some planning, and a good deal of talk. The main action was the creation of RAGS (Research Assistance for Graduate Study), a coalition of faculty and graduate students to raise funds. RAGS managed a concert, a party, and a book sale, with proceeds going into a fund to support graduate students' research. In addition, some faculty members made cash contributions to the center, and some tried canvassing for grant money outside the Federal establishment. So far, the canvassing has not paid off. At Center request, the Department of Sociology commissioned Ronald Freedman and Howard Schuman to review the center's present operations and future prospects. The review gave good marks to most center activities and to its general administration, but worried about a) the small number of minority students and faculty affiliated with the center, b) the center's heavy dependence on the efforts of the administrative secretary and the director, c) the impact of declining grant funds on its overall program. The review started a round of discussions, which put a reorganization into motion. We are in the process of spreading the center's work among all its members, and of exploring new ways of acquiring the money and other resources we need to keep going.

Despite the pains of penury, things keep happening at CRSO. As the individual reports below suggest, center members kept writing and researching throughout the year. Colloquia, brownbags, seminars, and discussions continued to take shape. The main themes continued to be conflict, collective action, organizational structure, large-scale social change, repression, and class structure.

The center's staff through most of the year consisted of Debby Snovak, secretary; Sheila Wilder, administrative secretary; Charles Tilly, director. On the staff of our studies of London and Great Britain were Keith Clarke, Dawn Hendricks, Nancy Horn, and Robert Schweitzer. In the spring, Debby Snovak resigned to mend her health, and Bob Schweitzer left to become administrator of the Political Science department. At that point, Erica Stanley and Malou Furness took over most of Schweitzer's day-to-day responsibilities.

October 22 Mayer Zald, "Political Economy of Sociology Departments"
October 29 Roberto Franzosi, "Strikes in Post-War Italy 1950-1978"
November 3 Jeff Paige, "One, Two or Many Vietmans? Social Theory and Peasant Revolution in Vietnam and Guatemala"
November 12 Peter McDonough, "The Volatility of Political Issues"
November 18 Colin Loftin and David McDowall, "One With a Gun Gets You Two: Mandatory Sentencing and Firearms Offenses in Detroit"
December 3 Mayer Zald and Bert Useem, "Movement and Counter-Movement: An Analytic Exploration"
December 10 Vladimir Shlapentokh, "Sociologists as Social Actors in the Soviet Scene"
December 15 Special Viewing of the CBC Television Documentary: "We Shoot Commies"
December 17 Special Forum on: "Teaching Statistics and Methodology in the Sociology Graduate Program"
January 21 Daniel Steinmetz, "Attitudes Toward the Welfare State Among Unemployed Auto Workers"
January 28 Bob Thomas, "The United Farm Workers Union: From Mobilization to Mechanization?"
February 4 Richard Hogan, "Law and Order on the Colorado Frontier"
February 11 Ron Westrum (Eastern Michigan University), "History of Detectives"
February 18 Bob Young, "Race, Sex and Guns"
Another indication of local activity comes from the Working Papers issued by the Center during the year:

238. Social Movement Sectors and Systemic Constraint: Toward a Structural Analysis of Social Movements by Roberta Garner and Mayer N. Zald.


240. Selected Readings on Political Change by Charles Tilly.

241. How One Kind of Struggle - War - Reshaped All Other Kinds of Struggle in Seventeenth-Century France by Charles Tilly.


243. Role of Informal Networks and Medical Care Organizations in Helping Families Cope with Childhood Cancer; Prospects for Collaboration by Mark A. Chesler, Oscar Barbarin, Joan E. Chesler, Diane Hughes, Judy Lebo.


245. Interactive, Direct-Entry Approaches to Event Files by R.A. Schweitzer and Steven C. Simmons.

246. Three Perspectives on Three Books by John T. Williams, William A. Gamson and Charles Tilly.


248. The Urban Historian's Dilemma: Faceless Cities or Cities Without Hinterlands? by Charles Tilly.

249. Toward a Universal Model of Judging Wrongdoing: Japanese and American Data by V. Lee Hamilton and Joseph Sanders.


251. The Political Culture of Arab-Israeli Conflict by William A. Gamson.


256. War Making and Statemaking as Organized Crime by Charles Tilly.

257. One Hundred Years of Strike Statistics: Data, Methodology and Theoretical Issues in Quantitative Strike Research by Roberto Franzosi.

258. The Dynamics of Conflict in Four-Person Families by Oscar Grusky, Philip Bonacich and Mark Peyrot.


261. Conflict and Change in France Since 1600, As Seen From a Very Small Place by Charles Tilly.

262. Five French Regions, Four Contentious Centuries, Two Fundamental Processes by Charles Tilly.
The research on psychosocial aspects of childhood cancer involves three interrelated projects: (1) the interview study of how family members cope with childhood cancer (supported by a grant from the U. of M. Committee on the International Year of the Child); (2) an interview study of educators' responses to the re-entry to school of children with cancer (supported by a grant from the Spencer Foundation to Dr. Oscar Barbarin, Community Psychology Program); and (3) an organizational study of self-help groups formed to deal with the issues facing families of children with cancer (supported by a Rackham Faculty Grant). The first two studies are in the data analysis and write-up stage, while the third is in the data collection stage. Several papers based on these studies have been prepared: "Role of informal networks and the medical care organization in helping families cope with childhood cancer," CRSO Working Paper 8243; "Problems between the medical staff and parents of children with cancer: dimensions of institutionalized relationships," (submitted); "Relations with the medical staff and feelings of satisfaction expressed by parents of children with cancer," (Submitted). In addition, he is chairing a panel at the 1982 meetings of the Association for the Care of Children's Health, on the topic of "Self-help groups for families of chronically ill children." This work has been conducted in collaboration with Dr. Oscar Barbarin and Meg Yoak, as well as several undergraduate students.

Robert Franzosi spent the 1981-82 academic year at the Center as a post-doctoral fellow. He continued his work on strikes and wrote "One hundred years of strike statistics: Data, methodology and theoretical issues in quantitative strike research," CRSO Working Paper 8257 and Strikes in Italy in the Postwar Period. Together with Charles Tilly he wrote an invited essay on Edwards' book Strikes in the United States, 1881-1974 for the Labor Relations Law Journal (soon available also as CRSO Working Paper 8267). His paper "An old problem revisited: Distributed lags, The Almon technique and the wage-strike relationship" was accepted in the Time Series Section of the next ASA meetings. Franzosi will be joining the Sociology faculty of the University of Wisconsin in the fall of 1983, after spending a year in Italy to complete his book on Italian strikes.

Richard Hogan has been completing his dissertation, "Law and Order" in Colorado: 1838-1888. Much of this year was spent in training coders and recording reported political activities from the Colorado newspapers, although analyses on the census and of local legislative proceedings have also been produced. The theory and general research which underlie the dissertation and presented in a CRSO Working Paper(820); the analysis of census and legislative records was presented at a CRSO brownbag this past winter. Mr. Hogan has just completed his dissertation and expects to receive the Ph.D. in August. Meanwhile, he has written a preliminary proposal to research community resistance to the location of Halfway House facilities in residential settings. It is likely that he will pursue this research as a postdoctoral fellow.

Kirsten Holm has been working at developing general perspectives and research ideas for studying the political and economic organizations of the twentieth century corporate elite. Orienting the effort have been questions asked from a development perspective of the structure and role of proprietary interests, nature and bases of elite differentiation, and causes and effects of intercorporate ties. Most recently Ms. Holm has been steeping herself in organizational theory and research, convinced that this perspective and body of work has yet to be fully mined for developing studies of the large corporation and its attached elite.

Linda Kaboolian completed, during the last year, an interdisciplinary certificate in Labor and Industrial Relations which included a series of courses in the Schools of Business, Law and Education. She also served an internship with a labor arbitrator in Detroit, accompanying her to hearings and evaluating and commenting on the evidence presented by labor and management. She collaborated with Dr. Jeanne Gordus for a workshop on strategies for workers and communities facing plant closing for the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee (DSOC) Alternative Economics conference. She was invited by the Women and Work Project of the Institute for Labor Industrial Relations to make a presentation called "Technological Change and the Future Nature of work for Women". She facilitated a workshop for the Extending Workplace Democracy School and gave a presentation of employee ownership and control of the work setting. Ms. Kaboolian presented the results of a study she conducted on participatory management and nurses' unions to a group of researchers working in the area. She also collaborated with Dr. Aldon Morris on a presentation called "Social Struggle and Social Legislation" for a University course program on racism. She also has designed a simulation game on worker control.

She presented a paper called "The Significance of Women's Peace Movements" as a paper accepted by the Elizabeth Cary Stanton Foundation Conference on women's contributions to community politics. She has also submitted the following papers and outlines for conferences or to journals:

- The Cost of discrimination for organized labor" with Sherri Kossoudji
- "The wage effects of male entry into female dominated occupations" with Sherri Kossoudji
- "National legislation, judicial decisions and the repertoire of contention for organized labor in the U.S."
- "Women's Strike for Peace - an organizational study of a women's peace movement."

In addition, Linda Kaboolian has participated in the following related activities: member of the Science Employee's Organization bargaining team; member of the Women's Studies Curriculum Committee, designing a graduate certificate in theory and methodologies; organizer of the NIMH policy grant seminar held at CRSO on plant closing, consequences for communities and economic alternatives; member of the Sociology of Labor Markets seminar held at CRSO by Professor Robert Thomas; member of the Feminist Methodology seminar; and presentation of public testimony of the review of the Institute for Labor and Industrial Relations.

Ms. Kaboolian is currently still employed by Drs. W.A. Gamson and A. Modigliani on the Political Culture and Cognition Project as director of daily operations. She has begun her dissertation with Professor Robert Cole on changes in labor-management relations in the auto industry, as part of the Joint U.S. - Japan Automotive Industry Study. She is working on the following papers: "A different voice: women and minorities in participatory management programs" and "Contract negotiations, plant closing and participatory management; strategies for organized labor".

Ronald Kessler completed his manuscript with Ron Milasky, Horst Stipp and Bill Rubens Television and Aggression. The book is scheduled for publication in September by Academic Press. Earlier this year his book with David Greenberg Linear Panel Analysis: Models of Quantitative Change was published by Academic Press. During the year he has continued his survey studies of differential responses to stressful life events. He is in the process of preparing preliminary reports from the first stages of his analyses. One of these reports will be presented at the International Sociological Association meetings this summer. A revised version of this paper will be published in an edited collection of papers from the medical sociology section of that group.

Aldon Morris has completed the revisions for his book Origins of the Southern Civil Rights Movement. The book will be published by the Free Press and should be out in early 1983. A paper, "Black southern student sit-in movement: An analysis of internal organization" was published in the American Sociological Review, December 1981. His research on the social foundations of the Civil Rights Movement continues. On March 27, 1982 he presented a paper "Mobilization of Resources and poor people's movement" at the 8th Annual Third World Conference, Chicago, Illinois. This paper is being revised for review. A paper "Organization, mobilization and leadership in the Civil Rights Movement" has been accepted for presentation at the ASA meetings in San Francisco, 1982. This paper will also be revised for journal review.

During the year he presented three lectures to various groups in the university.

a. October 30, 1981: "Role of Internal Institutions and resources in the Civil Rights Movement" -- Guild House.


Jeff Paige's book (with Karen Ericksen Paige) The Politics of Reproductive Ritual was published by the University of Califonian Press. His research on the political economy of both the modern corporation and revolutionary change is continuing. He presented a paper based on the latter topic called "One, Two or Many Vietnams? Social Theory and Peasant Revolution in Vietnam and Guatemala" at...
a conference on Global Crises and Social Movements at the University of California, Santa Cruz. A revised version of this paper will be published in a forthcoming volume of conference papers. In January he submitted a grant proposal titled "Power, Autonomy, and Executive Compensation in the Large Corporation" to the National Science Foundation. During the year he also spent a month in intensive language study in Cuernavaca, Mexico and was elected a member of the Sociological Research Association.

Daniel Steinmetz is continuing his research on the effects of unemployment of the political attitudes of unemployed auto workers towards the welfare state. He is conducting his study using in-depth interviews with a sample of UAW members. A paper on his study was presented at the National Conference on Social Welfare in April 1982 and another paper on the study will be presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association in September 1982. Mr. Steinmetz continues his earlier interest in the use of qualitative methods in applied research and he is revising an earlier paper of his for publication.

Robert Thomas has completed work on a book-length manuscript entitled Citizenship and Labor Control in Industrial Agriculture (to be submitted for review in the summer of 1982). Part of that work will appear in a special edition of the American Journal of Sociology devoted to "Marxist Inspirations in Contemporary Social Research" (forthcoming). New work includes: a paper on the United Farm Workers Union (with William H. Friedland); a comparative study of labor relations in the U.S. and Japanese automobile industries (supported by the Joint U.S.-Japan Automotive Industry Study); and a review of Marxian and neo-Marxian Theories of the welfare state under capitalism (supported by a grant from the LSA Faculty Fund). During the year, he gave lectures at the University of California (Santa Cruz) and the University of Wisconsin (Madison), reviewed books and papers for several journals, and helped edit the CRSO Newsletter.

Charles Tilly continued as CRSO director, and took on the directorship of the Center for Western European Studies. Most of his year's work concerned one or more of these topics: proletarianization; warmaking and statemaking; conflict and collective action in France or Britain; the development of European capitalism. The year's publications included (with Louise Tilly, co-editor and co-author) Class Conflict and Collective Action (Sage) and As Sociology Meets History, plus three chapters in collective volumes and miscellaneous comments, reviews and poems. He lectured, among other places at Edinburgh, Albany, Miami University, Cincinnati, Yale, North Carolina (Chapel Hill and Charlotte), Utah, Stanford and Johns Hopkins, and gave the banquet address to the Society for French Historical Studies. Professional service included membership on NSF's panel on Measurement Methods and Data Resources, NEH's panel on Romance Languages Translations, the Midwest Council of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and SSR's Task Force on Stratification in the Near and Middle East. He became Theodore M. Newcomb Professor of Social Science, and entered the National Academy of Sciences.

Other researchers active at the Center this year includes:

- Evelyn Bogen
- Keith Clarke
- Brian Ewart
- David Fasenfest

- Roxanne Friedenfels
- Lee Hamilton
- Dawn Hendricks
- Jerry Himmelstein
- Nancy Horn
- Yang Hyun
- Sandi Kinghorn
- Kathy Lasch
- Colin Loftin
- David McDowall
- Fleming Mikelsen
- Misagh Parsa
- June Rafferty
- Luis Stier-Younis
- Marc Steinberg
- Mark Yaitkus
- Marty Whyte
- Meg Yoak
- Carol Yorkievitz
- Mayer Zald
- Wei Zhang-Ling
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