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The Rhonbruderhof, located at the former *Sparhof* in the Rhon mountains near Fulda, Germany, was established in 1927 by the Society of Brothers under the leadership of Eberhard and Emmy Arnold. This photograph, taken in 1965, shows the abandoned main dwelling; the Bruderhof was raided by the Gestapo in April 1937 and all members dispersed. Attempts made by the Society of Brothers for nearly a decade following 1945 to reclaim the property and renew a community there failed, although the society did receive some compensation for their lost properties.

From the Editor

SOMEWHAT LATER THAN DESIRABLE, the 1996 volume of *Communal Societies* appears with an intriguing mixture of articles dealing with both historic and contemporary communal bodies. Deriving from the 1994 annual meeting of the Communal Studies Association held at the Mansion House at Oneida, N.Y., are two articles (by Amanda Porterfield and Marlyn Klee-Hartzell) that bring new understandings of the external and internal relationships of the Oneida Perfectionists. The thorough analysis by Michael Tyldesley of the theories of a German socialist who influenced the foundations of the Society of Brothers (Bruderhof) provides further insight into the origins of this contemporary movement.

Timothy Miller illuminates the communal aspects of several lively artists' colonies, bringing the story from the late 19th century to the present day; this is a fresh perspective on a development that has had considerable impact on American culture. Massimo Introvigne reveals some of the fascinating secrets of Damanhur, a large and controversial communal group in the ancient wisdom/magical tradition, currently active in Italy. Finally, students of communitarianism will welcome the labors of Lyman Tower Sargent, who has compiled an index (with several categories) of the fifteen previous volumes of *Communal Societies*. A large number of representative reviews, secured by book review editor Jonathan G. Andelson, conclude the yearbook.

The 1997 volume of this journal will contain several articles on the Kibbutz movement, derived from papers presented at the Fifth International Conference of the International Communal Studies Association (ICSA), held at Yad Tabenkin, Israel, in early summer, 1995. Some other papers given there have been published in the *Journal of Rural Cooperation* (24/1, 1996). Abstracts from all of the presentations were

published by ICSA in *Communalism: Contribution and Survival* (1995).
The ICSA has announced its next conference, to be held in Amsterdam,
7-9 July 1998; planners expect over 200 participants from many nations.

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