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Cover

As described in an article by Craig D. Atwood in this issue, the Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum) was noted for the musical undergirding of its community life by both vocal and instrumental music. This drawing, by Alice Barber Stephens, was originally published in the *Ladies Home Journal*, and republished by the Pennsylvania German Society about the turn of the century. It portrays a Moravian brass band playing early on Easter morning, evidently near the northern Moravian center of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

From the Editor

AGAIN SOMEWHAT LATER THAN DESIRABLE, the 1997 volume of *Communal Societies* appears with an interesting mix of articles dealing with both historic and contemporary communal bodies.

An expert in cooperative housing, Deborah Altus, surveys the often short-termed but persistent communalism on American university campuses originating before 1900 and continuing to the present. In her words, it portrays "a look at American culture that does not match the conventional picture of self-centered, materialistic American youth." Based on extensive research in several countries, the article by Dieter Haselbach analyzes the intriguing theory of "settlement co-operatives" put forth by the German scholar Franz Oppenheimer, who spent his last years in the United States. Craig D. Atwood describes the surprisingly happy attitude of members of the Moravian Church to death, based on the theology of their leader, Count Nikolaus von Zinzendorf. Much of his evidence derives from study of the remarkable collection of 18th century sources in the well-organized church archives at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

As previously announced, a mini-concentration of articles deal with the kibbutz movement in Israel. All three articles, based on detailed research, comment on problems and crises that have plagued this communal movement since the 1980's. Yuval Dror considers the shifting roles of kibbutz-sponsored schools, both elementary and secondary; Eliezer Ben-Rafael surveys the broader area of problems of the movement at the end of the 20th century, and Sonia Bloomfield Ramagem considers ethnic rivalries between former South Americans in Israel. These derive largely from papers presented at the important Fifth International Conference of the International Communal Studies Association (ICSA), held at Yad Taberkin, Israel, in late May and early

June, 1995. For technical reasons, two other articles on the kibbutz have been held over until the next issue of the journal.

A large number of representative reviews, secured by book review editor Jonathan G. Andelson, conclude the yearbook. Of special importance is the notice of the comprehensive survey of American communalism, produced by and for the Communal Studies Association, *America's Communal Utopias*, edited by the long-time executive of the CSA, Donald E. Pitzer. Royalties from the book, which is expected to be used widely as a textbook, come to the Association.

The Sixth International Conference of the ICSA will be held in the buildings of the venerable (founded 1632) University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, from July 7 to 9, 1998; its theme is 'Utopian Communities and Sustainability.' The program will include three plenary sessions and also many parallel sessions. Detailed information on the conference can be secured from the Executive Director of ICSA, Prof. Yaacov Oved, Yad Tabenkin, Ramat-Efal 52960, Israel, or from the resident conference director, Saskia Poldervaart, Conference ICSA-6, University of Amsterdam, O.Z. Achterburgwal 237, 1012 DL, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Readers of *Communal Societies* will be interested to learn of the launching of a new journal, *Community, Work & Family*, the first issue of which is announced for April, 1998. An international board of editors has been recruited to publish the journal. Subscriptions can be secured in the USA from Carfax Publishing Company, 875-81 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139. Further information can be had via the Internet number: <http://www.carfax.co.uk>.

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