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A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION FROM ITS PRESIDENT

It gives me pleasure to announce that September 1 will mark the beginning of a full year of research, writing, and editing in the service of our Association by its Managing Editor, Dr. Theodore C. Blegen. For a long time it has been my hope that circumstances would permit him to devote his full energies to advancing the cause of the Association. This hope has now been translated into reality for Dr. Blegen has accepted a special Association Research Fellowship for one year, effective September 1.

The broad publication program of the Association has already been put before the membership in the special report entitled *A Review and a Challenge*. Dr. Blegen's year of service in the Association will mean, I believe, a notable advance toward the fulfillment of that program. In particular, I trust that these months of research and writing will result in a very substantial advance in the preparation of the second volume of his *Norwegian Migration to America*. I have asked him to give that work precedence in his planning of the year's activities, but he assures me that he will also find time to direct a wide range of editorial activities in our interest.

In bringing this news to the Association's membership, may I also comment on the fact that a notable new publication will be released by the Association on September 1. I refer to the late Professor L. M. Larson's *Log Book of a Young Immigrant*. Thus, as Dr. Blegen launches his year of special activity, we are able to produce this fruit of the Association's editorial progress during the past year.

These events point to a healthy and vigorous Association. I trust that our members will respond to these advances by renewed support and interest. We have a big program before us, and it calls for our united efforts.

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR ANDERSEN, *President*

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