

Selected notable events in and around 1848

1840-

1847: Louis Rene Villermé publishes the first major study of workers' health in France, A Description of the Physical and Moral State of Workers Employed in Cotton, Linen, and Silk Mills (1840); in England, Edwin Chadwick publishes General Report on Sanitary Conditions of the Laboring Population in Great Britain (1842); first child labor laws in the Britain and the United States (1842); end of the Second Seminole War (1842); prison reform movement in the United States initiated by Dorothea Dix (1843); Frederick Engels publishes The Condition of the Working Class in England (1844); John Griscom publishes The Sanitary Condition of the Laboring Population of New York with Suggestions for Its Improvement (1845); Irish famine (1845-1848) despite high agricultural output and protests against British agricultural and trade policies; start of US-Mexican war (1846); Frederick Douglass founds The North Star, an anti-slavery newspaper (1847); Southwood Smith publishes An Address to the Working Classes of the United Kingdom on their Duty in the Present State of the Sanitary Question (1847)

1848:

- * World-wide cholera epidemic
- * Uprisings in Berlin, Paris, Vienna, Palermo, Milan, Naples, Parma, Rome, Warsaw, Prague, Budapest, and Dakar; start of Second Sikh war against British in India
- * In the midst of the 1848 revolution in Germany, Rudolf Virchow founds the medical journal Medical Reform (Medicinishe Reform), and writes his classic "Report on the Typhus Epidemic in Upper Silesia," in which he concludes that preserving health and preventing disease requires "full and unlimited democracy" and radical measures rather than "mere palliatives"
- * Revolution in France, abdication of Louis Philippe, worker uprising in Paris, and founding of The Second Republic, which creates a public health advisory committee attached to the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce and establishes network of local public health councils
- * First Public Health Act in Britain, which creates a General Board of Health, empowered to establish local boards of health to deal with the water supply, sewerage, and control of "offensive trades," and also to conduct surveys of sanitary conditions
- * The newly formed American Medical Association sets up a Public Hygiene Committee to address public health issues
- * First Women's Rights Convention in the United States, at Seneca Falls
- * Henry Thoreau publishes Civil Disobedience, to protest paying taxes to support the United State's war against Mexico
- *Karl Marx and Frederick Engels publish The Communist Manifesto

1849-

1854: Elizabeth Blackwell sets up the New York Dispensary for Poor Women and Children (1849); Lemuel Shattuck publishes Report of the Sanitary Commission of Massachusetts (1850); founding of the London Epidemiological Society (1850); Indian Wars in the southwest and far west (1849-1892); Compromise of 1850 retains slavery in the United States and Fugitive Slave Act passed; Harriet Beecher Stowe publishes Uncle Tom's Cabin (1852); Sojourner Truth delivers her "Ain't I a Woman" speech at the Fourth Seneca Fall convention (1853); John Snow removes the handle of the Broad Street Pump to stop the cholera epidemic in London (1854)

To learn more about – and become involved with – the Spirit of 1848 Caucus (founded in 1994 and affiliated with the American Public Health Association), please visit our website and subscribe to our email listserve:

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see also:

-- --Krieger N, Birn AE. A vision of social justice as the foundation of public health: commemorating 150 years of the spirit of 1848. *Am J Public Health* 1998; 88:1603-6 .

160 YEARS OF THE SPIRIT OF 1848



1848 revolution in Berlin

CRITICAL REFLECTIONS



Seneca Fall convention: 1848

CELEBRATION



1848 freeing of slaves in French colonies

AND INSPIRATION

MON, OCT 27, 2008

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (SESSION 3433.0)

SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER: ROOM 6C/F

American Public Health Association, 136th annual meeting
San Diego, CA, Oct 25-29, 2008

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Back in 1998, the Spirit of 1848 organized an extravaganza to commemorate 150 years of the Spirit of 1848. This year, to mark 160 years of the Spirit of 1848, we celebrate with a mini-extravaganza, featuring (like the one 10 years ago) a combination of music, poetry, dramatizations, photography, and academic presentations to stimulate reflection on and commitment to public health activism.

Join us in singing our closing song: “**Step by Step**,” based on the preamble of the 1863 constitution of the American Mineworkers Association, with the music arranged and adapted in 1948 by Waldemar Hill and Pete Seeger:

a cappella

Step by step the long - est march can be
 won, can be won. Man-y stones can form an
 arch, sing - ly none, sing - ly none. And by
 un - ion what we will can_ be ac-com - plished
 still. Drops of wa - ter turn a
 mill, sing - ly none, sing - ly none.



In the spirit of “Step by Step,” we seek in this session to regitalize the Spirit of 1848 – by asking both participants and the audience to think critically about the past 160 years in terms of the struggles and accomplishments we can recognize and celebrate, the setbacks endured and the suffering they have caused and, ultimately, the work we need to do now, in our generation, in our own times, to advance the agenda of social justice and public health.

| Time (pm) | Presentation |
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| 4:20 | Musical prelude “Step by Step” and “Ella’s Song” |
| 4:30 | Spirit of 1848: AE Birn -- Introduction |
| 4:35 | <i>American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Caucus:</i> Dean Seneca |
| 4:39 | <i>Occupational Health and Safety Section and Labor Caucus:</i> Peter Dooley |
| 4:43 | <i>Public Health Nursing Section:</i> Noncenba Lubanga |
| 4:48 | <i>International Health Section:</i> Samir Banoob |
| 4:52 | <i>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Caucus:</i> Seth Welles |
| 4:56 | <i>Black Caucus of Health Workers:</i> Jill Dingle |
| 5:00 | <i>School Health Education and Services:</i> Bill Cissell |
| 5:04 | <i>Socialist Caucus:</i> Martha Livingston |
| 5:08 | Spirit of 1848 Kirby Randolph/Lisa Moore – History |
| 5:13 | <i>Peace Caucus:</i> Kathleen Fagan |
| 5:17 | <i>Family Violence Prevention Forum:</i> Peggy Goodman |
| 5:21 | <i>Trade and Health Forum:</i> Susanna Bohme |
| 5:25 | <i>Medical Care Section:</i> Gordy Schiff |
| 5:29 | <i>Sigerist Circle:</i> Ted Brown |
| 5:33 | <i>Social Work Section:</i> Kim Jaffee |
| 5:37 | <i>Women’s Caucus:</i> Heather Brandt |
| 5:41 | <i>Latino Caucus:</i> Henry Montes |
| 5:45 | Spirit of 1848: Nancy Krieger – Closing |
| 5:50 | Andrea Kidd-Taylor lead everyone in “Step by Step” |

Honoré Daumier
 (French, 1808-1879)
The Uprising,
 1848 or later

