

NEWS AND NOTES

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Midwest Conference of Political Scientists was held May 3-5 at Marquette University with 225 persons in attendance. Featured speakers were Denis W. Brogan of Cambridge University who spoke on "The Prospects of Political Science in Europe," Harold Lasswell whose topic was "The Professional Problems of Political Scientists," and Gerhart Niemeyer whose subject was "General Assumptions Concerning Soviet-American Relations." Round table discussions were conducted on the following topics: "Midwest Political Parties," "The Role of Political Theory in Political Science," "Woodrow Wilson as Domestic and Foreign Policy Leader," "Civil Liberties and National Security," "Political Implications of Land Reform in Asia and Latin America," and "National and International Implications of the Twentieth Party Congress."

The most important decision of the business meeting was the action to establish a *Midwest Political Science Journal* in cooperation with the Wayne University Press.

The officers elected by the Conference for 1956-1957 were Wilfred Binkley, Ohio Northern University, President; Marshall Knappen, University of Michigan, Vice President; Reginald Laing, Carleton College and Ivan Stone, Beloit College, members of the Executive Council for three year terms.

The 1957 meeting of the conference will be held in Springfield, Illinois on May 2-4. The program chairman is Ralph Straetz of Miami University. Co-chairmen of the Committee on Local Arrangements are Jack Isakoff of the Illinois Legislative Council and Philip Moneypenny of the University of Illinois.

The Northern California Political Science Association held its annual meeting on May 5 at Stanford University. There were papers delivered and panel discussions held on "Pre-convention Politics" in general and on the election issue politics of civil rights, foreign policy, farm and conservation. Professor Henry Ehrmann of the University of Colorado addressed the luncheon session on "Pressure Groups in France and Great Britain." Officers elected for 1956-57 were: President Arnaud B. Leavelle, Stanford University; Vice-

President, Earl C. Segrets, Sacramento State College; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Richard J. Roberts, University of Santa Clara. The following were named members of the council: Norman Jacobson, University of California (Berkeley); Hyman Palais, Humboldt State College; Vernon Puryear, University of California (Davis); Roy Archibald, College of San Mateo; Dean R. Cresap, San Jose State College; Robert L. Johnston, Mills College.

The Pacific Northwest Political Science Association held its Ninth Annual Meeting at Willamette University April 20-21. The following officers were elected: John Swarthout, President; George Wolfe, College of Idaho, Vice-President; Donald Balmer, Lewis and Clark College, Secretary-Treasurer; Board Members: Rev. Richard Twohy, S. J., Gonzaga University, and David Corbett, University of British Columbia.

The 1955-56 Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association was held on May 5th at the University of Connecticut. Four papers were presented: "Egypt in Transition," by Walter Sharp of Yale University; "An Approach to the Analysis of Political Systems," by David Easton of the University of Chicago; "The Presidential Press Conference," by Elmer Cornwell, Jr., of Brown University; and "The NAACP and the Courts" by Clement Vose of Bowdoin.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year: Athern Daggett, Bowdoin College, President; Guy H. Dodge of Brown University, Vice President; and George Goodwin, Jr., University of Massachusetts, Secretary-Treasurer. Elected to the executive committee were: Gwendolyn Carter, Smith College; James W. Fesler, Yale University and Andrew Gyorgy, Boston University.

The Eighth Annual Conference on American Foreign Policy was held at Colgate University July 2-6. The conference theme was "Waging Peace for Freedom." Approximately 50 outstanding speakers and discussion leaders participated in the conference.

The Committee on East European Studies

of the University of Texas will hold a three-day conference on "The Present Political State of East Europe" in Austin, October 11-13, 1956. The conference is being financed by a grant from the Social Science Research Council. Discussion leaders include Professor John Hazard of Columbia University; Professor Andrei Lobonov-Rostovsky of the University of Michigan; John Morrison, Geographic Consultant on the U.S.S.R.; Harrison Salisbury of *The New York Times*; and Professor Donald Hodgman of the University of California.

The Second Conference on Democratic Theory was held at Buck Hills Falls, Pennsylvania, June 11-19. Directed by William S. Stokes the conference was sponsored by The Foundation for American Studies which is financed by the William Volker Fund. Formal papers were given by Dwight Waldo, William McGovern, Eric Voegelin, Felix Morley, Henry S. Kariel, Alfred de Grazia, William S. Stokes, Willmoore Kendall, Herbert Butterfield.

On March 7-8 the Ninth Annual Conference of the William Edgar Borah Outlawry of War Foundation was held on the campus of the University of Idaho. The series of conferences is devoted to the general theme "The Causes and the Conditions of Peace." This year the specific theme was "Cultural Diversity and World Peace." Major addresses on this theme were delivered by Melville J. Herskovits, Northwestern University, George H. T. Kimple, Director of the African Survey of the Twentieth Century Fund; Harold H. Fisher, Director Emeritus, Hoover Institute and Library, and Boyd A. Martin, University of Idaho.

The Eighth Annual Workshop in Problems of State and Local Government was held at Indiana University, June 18-July 6, under the joint sponsorship of the department of government and the school of education. Louis E. Lambert of the department of government was chairman.

The World Affairs Council of Northern California held a conference on April 13-15. Among the speakers at the various sessions were Allan Dulles of the C.I.A., Carl Marcy, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Edwin Wright of the State Department and Morton A. Kaplan of the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences.

A workshop entitled "Germany: United or Divided" was sponsored by the department of political science, Marshall College, June 2-21. Visiting lecturers were Taylor Cole, Duke University, Herbert Weil, German Embassy, Conley H. Dillon, head of the department of political science, Marshall College. Carl Leiden of Marshall College directed the workshop.

The Seventh Annual Conference on Problems of American Foreign Policy was held at Indiana University June 29 and 30. The topic was "The Russian Enigma and Western Response." Professor Edward H. Buehrig served as Chairman. Speakers included Harry Schwartz of *The New York Times*; C. Burke Elbrick, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs; Brigadier General Charles H. Bonesteel III, Department of Defense; Mr. Nugroho, Minister Counselor of the Indonesian Embassy; Mr. Mahmood Shafqat, First Secretary of the Pakistan Mission to the United Nations; Mr. J. O. Udoji, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Eastern Region, Nigeria; and a panel consisting of Messrs. Robert Strausz-Hupe, Norman Palmer, Gerhart Niemeyer, and Colonel William R. Kintner.

The Third Mid-West Seminar on U. S. Foreign Policy will be held on the campus of the University of Wisconsin September 9-14, 1956. The Seminar is one of a series jointly sponsored by four midwest universities: Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin and financed by a grant from the Ford Foundation.

The final conference held by the Northwestern University department of political science in connection with its Curriculum Development Project (supported by the Carnegie Corporation) met March 15-17, 1956 and was concerned with the Study of the Community. Papers prepared in advance and discussed at the Conference were: "The Nature of Community and Methods of Community Analysis," by Gordon W. Blackwell, University of North Carolina; "The Political Implications of Community Identification," by Angus Campbell, University of Michigan; "Studying Associations and Organization Structure," by Peter H. Rossi, University of Chicago; and "Individual Participation in Mass Society," by Scott Greer, Occidental College. A limited number of copies of the above papers are available for distribution (as are a few copies of papers read at earlier conferences) from the Curriculum Development

Project, Northwestern University, Evanston Illinois.

The department of political science at the University of California at Los Angeles, in cooperation with the American Institute of Planners, sponsored a Planning Institute June 8 and 9 on the subject: Transportation and Metropolitan Planning. Professor Ernest A. Engelbert served as director of the Institute, and the research papers presented will be published.

The Public Administration Service of the department of government, University of New Hampshire, conducted a Public Affairs Institute on the revision of the New Hampshire Constitution on April 7, 1956.

The American University's department of government and public administration during the Summer Session sponsored again its regularly scheduled Public Affairs Laboratory. The Laboratory was under the direction of Catheryn Seckler-Hudson, chairman of the department of government and public administration, Charles M. Hersh, associate professor of government and public administration, and Royce Hanson, lecturer in government and public administration.

The District of Columbia Political Science Association (DCPSA) held its fourth meeting of the current year in the Lounge of the Brookings Institution, May 31, 1956. Sidney Hyman, author of *The American President*, delivered an address on "The Presidency and the Party System."

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Ford Foundation has given \$1,275,000 to Columbia University to further its work in international affairs. The grant will be used for three main purposes: to expand the Columbia staff in various fields of foreign policy; to develop and strengthen the work of the Near and Middle East Institute, and to produce a greater degree of integration in the teaching of law, business, economics and foreign problems.

The Fund for the Advancement of Education has granted \$13,950 to Fordham University's department of political philosophy and the social sciences for research and experimentation on the relationship of class size to the effective teaching of politics, economics and sociology.

The Claremont Graduate School has recently established the Story Program in Public Affairs leading to the Master of Arts degree. This program honors the late Russell McCulloch Story, former President of Claremont College and Professor of government. Concentrations are offered in business economics, government administration and international relations. The Story Program is designed to help prepare young men and women for responsible positions in business and government, at home and abroad.

A new program in natural resources administration is being offered on the graduate level by the Institute of Public Administra-

tion and the School of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan. The program combines the fields of public administration and conservation and leads to the degree of Master of Science in the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies.

The Social Science Research Council has recently announced three new programs of grants for research in fields of special interest to political scientists, as well as to other social scientists. The Committee on Comparative Politics will administer a program of grants for field studies of political groups in areas outside the United States. The Committee on National Security Policy Research will administer a program of grants for research on problems of national defense in the period 1939-1955; this program complements that for research on the history of American military policy, which will again be offered in 1956-57. The Committee on Political Behavior will administer a program of grants to individuals for research on American governmental processes; the program of grants for research on state politics in the United States will again be administered by this Committee in 1956-57. Awards are made under these programs on a competitive basis to individuals possessing the Ph.D. or its equivalent. Application forms and information about these programs may be obtained by writing to the Social Science Research Council, 726 Jackson Place N. W., Washington 6, D. C.