

NEWS AND NOTES

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PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Midwest Conference of Political Scientists was held May 2-4 in Springfield, Illinois, with the Illinois Legislative Council and the University of Illinois as co-hosts. The attendance was 290. Featured speakers were Quincy Wright of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace whose topic was "The Place of International Law in the Contemporary Study and Practice of International Relations" and E. E. Schattschneider, president of the American Political Science Association who spoke on "The New Politics." John Corcoran of the Public Administration Service addressed a breakfast meeting sponsored by the Springfield APSA chapter.

Topics for round table discussion included the following: "Interest Groups in India," "The 1956 Elections," "The Political Theorist and the Problem of Political Morale," "Military Power in International Relations," "Suburbia—the Parties' New Battleground," "The French Radical Party and the Creation of the Republican Front," "Predictability in the Exercise of Administrative Discretion," "The Theory of Constitutional Government and Its Relation to the Loyalty and Liberties of Citizens," "Soviet Policy and Communist Strategy in India," and "Scientific Theory as a Goal of Graduate Training." Ralph Straetz of Miami University was the chairman of the program committee.

The new officers of the Conference for 1957-1958 are: Clarence A. Berdahl, University of Illinois, president; William O. Farber, University of South Dakota, vice-president; Raymond English, Kenyon College, and Frank Grace, University of Michigan, members of the executive council for three-year terms. Clark F. Norton of DePauw University is chairman of the program committee for the 1958 meeting which will be held at the University of Michigan on April 24-26.

The 1956-57 annual meeting of the New

England Political Science Association was held on April 25 and 26 at Dartmouth College. Two panel discussions were held. Andrew Gyorgy of Boston University was chairman of the panel on "Regional Security Arrangements and American Foreign Policy." Participants were Walter Filley of Wesleyan, John S. Gibson of Boston University, George Little of Vermont and Lucian W. Pye of M.I.T.

James W. Fesler of Yale chaired the panel on "Metropolitan Politics" in which Lawrence H. Fuchs of Brandeis, Herbert Kaufman of Yale and Allan P. Sindler of Yale participated. The meeting also heard an address by Dr. Joost A. Meerloo entitled "The Psychology of the East-West Controversy."

At the business meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year: Guy H. Dodge, Brown, president; James W. Fesler, Yale, vice-president; George Goodwin, Jr., University of Massachusetts, secretary-treasurer. Elected to the executive committee were: G. Lowell Field, University of Connecticut; John W. Masland, Dartmouth; Lucian W. Pye, M.I.T.

H. Arthur Steiner of U.C.L.A. served as director of a Western Regional Conference on "The United States and The Far East" at the University of California's Lake Arrowhead Center, June 13-16, 1957, sponsored jointly by the University of California at Los Angeles and the American Assembly of Columbia University. Political scientists present included William B. Ballis of the University of Washington, G. Homer Durham of the University of Utah (who served as chairman of Round Table I), Eric C. Bellquist of the University of California (Berkeley), (chairman of Round Table II) and Josiah W. Bennett, Political Officer, Office of Chinese Affairs, Department of State. Also present were some fifty representatives of business, industry, government, and the press.

The Tenth Annual Conference of the Northern California Political Science Association was held at San Jose State College on April 27, 1957. The program consisted of two general sessions, in the morning on a constitutional amendment of the State of California which was defeated in the last election, and in the afternoon on the reaction of the United Nations to recent revolutions. The luncheon speaker was Professor William A. Robson, Professor of Public Administration, London School of Economics and Political Science, visiting at the University of California, Berkeley.

The newly elected slate of officers is as follows: president, James T. Watkins IV, Stanford University; vice president, Carl Buckman, Fresno State College; secretary-treasurer, Norman Jacobson, University of California, Berkeley; counselors, Roy Archibald, College of San Mateo; Robert C. Johnston, Mills College, Oakland; Earl C. Segrest, Sacramento State College; Frank Mesple, San Francisco State College; Burton Brazil, San Jose State College; Alma Patterson, Jr., City College, San Francisco.

At the tenth annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association the following officers were elected: Paul Beckett, Washington State College, president; Charles Schlicher, University of Oregon, vice-president; Robert Hosack, University of Idaho, and Howard Dean, University of Oregon, two-year term on the executive committee; Ruth Widmayer, Portland State College, one-year term on the executive committee. The 1958 meeting will be held at Montana State University, Missoula, Montana.

The Thirteenth Congress of the International Union of Local Authorities, held at The Hague, June 12-18, 1957, attracted nearly 900 registered participants from 35 countries and 20 international organizations. Two main themes were discussed: "Problems of Expanding Towns" and "Traffic Congestion in the City Center."

R. J. Oud, retired burgomaster of Rotterdam, was reelected president. New members of the executive committee are: Orin Nolting, International City Managers Association; C. A. Anderson, chairman, city council, Stockholm; G. Agron, mayor of Jerusalem; Mohammed Abdel Halim, chairman, municipal council, Khartoum; and a member from Asia to be designated. The next Congress is to be held in West Berlin in 1959.

An Institute on Governmental Problems of Metropolitan Cincinnati was held by the department of political science of the University of Cincinnati June 10-21. It was under the direction of George L. Willis, who also served as moderator at each session. Problems of finance, transportation, public health, police and community planning and zoning, as well as the general problem of organization of the metropolitan area were discussed by panels made up of local government officials and officers of private organizations concerned with metropolitan area problems.

At the University of California, Berkeley, a faculty seminar on the metropolitan community was held during the spring semester under the chairmanship of Coleman Woodbury, visiting professor of political science, city and regional planning and public health. The seminar was attended by 25 members of faculties and institutes representing 12 social science and allied disciplines. The following political scientists, in addition to Coleman Woodbury, participated in the seminar: professors George Belknap, Victor Jones, and Eugene Lee; visiting professor William A. Robson of the London School of Economics; and George Duggar and Stanley Scott of the bureau of public administration.

The seventh annual meeting of the Iowa Conference of Political Scientists was held March 23 on the campus of St. Ambrose College. The morning meeting was devoted to a panel discussion on legislative reapportionment. At the noon meeting, John J. Rensbrink of Coe College discussed the topic "The United States and United Nations Diplomacy." LeRoy Bennett of Drake University was elected president and George B. Telford of Drake was reelected secretary.

The department of political science at Marshall College sponsored a workshop on American-Soviet relations June 3-21 under the direction of Conley H. Dillon. W. C. B. Lambert of Omaha University was guest lecturer and T. B. Larson, deputy chief of research for the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe in the Department of State, advised.

A small conference of young political theorists, sponsored by the Social Science Research Council, was held at Swarthmore College under the chairmanship of professor J. Roland Pennock, June 12-14, 1957. In addition to the regular members of the conference, Kenneth

Thompson of the Rockefeller Foundation, David Easton of the University of Chicago and Bryce Wood of the Social Science Research Council were present and participated in the conference for part of the time. Discussion, based upon papers circulated in advance, ranged widely within the general framework of

the subject of the conference: "Political Theory and the Organization and Processes of Modern Democracy." Special consideration was given to the opportunities for empirical and other research to contribute to the solution, clarification or validation of the theoretical problems discussed.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The American Political Science Association has announced a new award program, the J. Kimbrough Owen Memorial Award, for the most significant doctoral dissertation within the general field of state and local government. A lifetime membership in the Association, the cash value of which is \$250, will be awarded the author of the winning dissertation.

The John Hay Whitney Foundation, 630 Fifth Ave., New York 20, N. Y., announces the ninth year of its Opportunity Fellowships for 1958-59. The closing date for applications, to be presented on forms provided by the Foundation on request, is November 30. The competition is open to any citizen of the United States or territorial resident who has given positive evidence of special ability and superior promise and who has not had full opportunity to develop his talents because of arbitrary barriers, such as racial or cultural background or region of residence. Awards have been made in the past to Negroes, Spanish-Americans, Chinese- and Japanese-Americans, American Indians, residents of the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Guam, Alaska, Samoa and the Appalachian Mountain area. Candidates are in general expected to be between the ages of 22 and 35, and to have completed their undergraduate college education. Awards are for a full year of serious work in any field and normally range from \$1000 to \$3000. Results of the competition will be announced in the latter part of April, 1958.

The University of Chicago and the University of Virginia are sponsoring the publication of a new and complete edition of the papers of James Madison. The editors will appreciate information about the location of letters by or to James Madison or his wife, especially letters in private possession or among uncalendared manuscripts in the collection of public or private institutions. Please address The Papers of James Madison, 1126 East 59th St., Chicago 37, Illinois.

The Committee for Economic Development is conducting a competition of ideas on the question "What is the most important economic problem which the United States must face in the next twenty years?" Papers to be submitted are to be not more than two thousand words in length. The competition is open to anyone in the Free World except trustees, employees and their families, consultants and advisors to the committees or subcommittees of the Committee for Economic Development. The deadline for the papers is October 31, 1957. Entries should be addressed to "Problems of United States Economic Development" Committee for Economic Development, 444 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y.

Section K—Social and Economic Sciences—of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will hold a session for contributed papers at the annual meeting of the AAAS in Indianapolis, December 26-31, 1957. Association members interested in presenting a paper at this session should forward titles and abstracts not later than October 15 to the secretary of section K, Donald P. Ray, George Washington University, Washington 6, D. C. The American Political Science Association is an affiliate member of the section on Social and Economic Sciences of the AAAS.

Plans for a new School of International Service under the auspices of The American University in Washington have been announced by president Hurst R. Anderson. The school is not to be a foreign service school exclusively or even primarily. It is to be a school for the prep-