

News of the Profession

THE ASSOCIATION

The Board of Directors of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Inc., held its annual meeting in New York on May 14, 1966. Nine out of fifteen members were present.

In confirmation of previous action by the Board, John A. Armstrong and Holland Hunter were reelected president and vice-president, respectively, to serve through the second national convention March 30—April 1, 1967. Henry L. Roberts was reelected treasurer and Ralph T. Fisher, Jr., secretary through May 31, 1967.

To fill the offices of president and vice-president for the term 1967–70, the Board began with a slate of nine from which, by secret preferential ballot, it elected Edward J. Brown president and Leon Lipson vice-president. It was agreed without dissenting voice that, since it was now intended that the vice-president should serve a three-year term, the vice-president would no longer be expected to assume the presidency for the following term, though he could become a candidate along with others if the Board and he so wished.

Mr. Roberts presented a report of expenses during 1965 and an estimated budget for 1966, which was approved.

The Slavic and East European Subsection of the Association of College and Research Libraries (a division of the American Library Association) was accepted as an affiliate of the AAASS.

Finally, the Board voted that AATSEEL (the 1400-member American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages) be accepted as an affiliate and added to the list of organizations given representation on the Board. Only after the decision did our president-elect Mr. Brown, who had not taken an active part in the discussion of this question, confess that he himself was currently the president of AATSEEL!

The second national convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies will be held Thursday through Saturday, March 30—April 1, 1967, at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.

The Program Chairman, Richard E. Pipes, Russian Research Center, Harvard University, reports ten sessions planned. An economics session chaired by Herbert Levine, University of Pennsylvania, will examine "Economic Reforms in Eastern Europe," while another, chaired by Alexander Erlich, Columbia University, will deal with "Economic Growth in Eastern Europe," neither panel dealing with the USSR. A history session devoted to Russo-Tatar relations in the Middle Ages will be chaired by Ihor Ševčenko, Dumbarton Oaks; the other history session, chaired by Mr. Pipes, will be devoted to the Russian Revolution on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary. A session on literature of which Rufus Mathewson, Columbia University, will be chairman has the topic "Tolstoi and Dostoevski;" Victor Erlich, Yale University, is chairman of a session addressed to the topic "Twentieth Century Russian Poetry." A general session will deal with some aspect of Slavic and East European instruction and research; another will deal with Soviet science. Two sessions devoted to political science are planned. In addition there will be a luncheon and a dinner followed by an address.

SCHOLARS ABROAD

The Inter-University Committee on Travel Grants has supplied a list of thirty-one American candidates accepted for research work in the Soviet Union during the current academic year. Twenty-three, eight accompanied by their wives, are spending the entire academic year; eight are spending only a semester. Moscow State University is the host institution for twenty-one members of the group and Leningrad State University for nine; one was still undetermined. History is the discipline of eleven of the exchangees: F. M. Bartholomew (Princeton), Rochelle Goldberg (Rochester), T. Hegarty (Brandeis), R. E. Jones (Cornell), D. Matuszewski (University of Washington), J. Mazelis (Columbia), H. McFarlin (Indiana), C. Ruud (Berkeley), S. F. Starr (Princeton), R. H. Warner (New York University), and R. Wortman (Chicago.) Eight members of the group are stu-

dents of literature: M. A. Curran (Harvard), P. A. Fischer (Harvard), Jean Hellie (Chicago), J. Malmstad (Princeton), J. Manson (Harvard), Barbara Monter (Chicago), D. Whelan (Chicago), and R. Whittaker (Indiana). D. Gerould (San Francisco State College) is in the field of comparative literature. There are three political scientists: P. Cocks (Harvard), Renee Giere (Cornell), and O. R. Raymond, II (Harvard); and three Slavic linguists: M. S. Flier (Berkeley), W. A. Hansen (U.C.L.A.), and M. P. Lopez-Morillas (Columbia). Two participants are studying law: T. Hoya (Columbia) and J. Quigley (Harvard). Finally, E. Levy, Jr. (Indiana), is pursuing the history and philosophy of science, R. Gohstand (Berkeley) geography, and G. Guroff (Princeton) economic history. Economics proper is the discipline of none of this year's participants, although two of the nine other proposed candidates were in economics. Four members of the above group are doing postdoctoral research.

A postdoctoral exchange program with the Academy of Sciences of the USSR in the humanities and social sciences is conducted by the American Council of Learned Societies. Under its auspices James H. Billington, Professor of History at Princeton University, is currently spending six months at the Academy's Institute of History, completing a monograph on Russia under Tsar Aleksei Mikhailovich.

Exchanges with Poland, Rumania, and Yugoslavia are administered by the Institute of International Education. The programs for the first two countries were still unconfirmed as of late August, but for Yugoslavia the following participants were known: T. Buila (Cornell) in education, K. Clark (Berkeley) in architecture, D. Murphy (Berkeley) in Serbo-Croatian literature, and R. Price (recently of Indiana) in Slavic literatures.

APPOINTMENTS AND STAFF CHANGES

For visiting appointments, summer appointments, and leaves of absence see the *Newsletter*.

Brandeis University: Robert Szulkin promoted to Assistant Professor of Russian. *University of California, Davis*: Joseph Zeland of Brandeis University appointed Assistant Professor of Sociology. *Columbia University*: Severyn Bialer promoted to Assistant Professor of Government. *Florida Presbyterian College*: William H. Parsons

of Indiana University appointed Assistant Professor of History.

Fort Hays Kansas State College: Roman V. Kuchar promoted to Associate Professor of Language and Literature. *Lawrence College*: James M. Hittle of Harvard University appointed Instructor in History. *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*: William E. Griffith promoted to Professor of Political Science; Krystyna Pomorska promoted to Associate Professor of Russian. *Northwestern University*: David Joravsky of Brown University appointed Professor of History.

University of Notre Dame: George Brinkley promoted to Associate Professor of Government and International Studies; Theodore Ivanus of the International Documentation Center appointed Assistant Professor of Government and International Studies. *St. Peter's College, Jersey City, New Jersey*: Konstantyn Sawczuk promoted to Assistant Professor of History. *Simon Fraser University*: Evelyn Jasiulko Harden of Oberlin College appointed Assistant Professor of Russian.

Stanford University: Donald Fanger of Brown University appointed Associate Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures; Joseph A. Van Campen of Harvard University appointed Associate Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures. *U. S. Department of State*: Roger P. Morris of Harvard University appointed Foreign Service Officer attached to the American Consulate in Belgrade. *Stevenson College, University of California, Santa Cruz*: Peter Kenez of Harvard University appointed Acting Assistant Professor of History. *University of Tennessee*: George R. Feiwel of the University of Alberta appointed Professor of Economics.

University of Texas: John S. Kolsti of Harvard University appointed Assistant Professor of Slavic Languages. *University of Vermont*: William Gard of the University of Rhode Island appointed Instructor in History. *Yale University*: Piotr S. Wandycz of Indiana University appointed Associate Professor of History.

NOTES

The American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies is an international organization of persons interested in the Slavic and East European field. *Regular*

memberships are \$12.00 per year; *sustaining* memberships are \$25.00 per year. A special *student* membership (without vote) at \$5.00 per year is available to persons who are full-time students. (High postage costs, unfortunately, limit this special rate to those with U.S. mailing addresses. Students elsewhere may join as regular members.) There are also nonvoting *associate* memberships at \$12.00 per year. *Joint* memberships are available for a married couple both of whom wish to join the Association but who need only one copy of the publications; both names will be listed, but the fee and voting rights are those of a single membership.

All classes of membership receive the quarterly *Slavic Review*; the *American Bibliography of Russian and East European Studies* (regular price \$3.50), published yearly by Indiana University; the Association's *Newsletter* (regular price \$1.50 per year in the United States, \$1.80 abroad), published twice yearly at the University of Illinois; and the *Directory of the Association* (sold to nonmembers at \$5.00) in the years when it is published. Application blanks are available from the AAASS, 1207 West Oregon Street, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

Contributions both to this section and to

the *Newsletter* are welcome at any time. The deadlines for inclusion in this section are October 15 for the March issue, January 15 for the June issue, April 15 for the September issue, and July 15 for the December issue. The deadlines for the *Newsletter* are February 28 for the spring issue and September 30 for the fall issue. All items should be sent to Frank Y. Gladney in care of the AAASS in Urbana.

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GEORGE CHRISTOS SOULIS, 1927-1966

George Christos Soulis died of a heart attack in his Berkeley home on June 18, 1966, at the age of thirty-nine. He died young—some ancient Greeks taught that, until the age of forty-one, one was a *neaniskos*, a youth—and at the height of his intellectual powers and his academic career. This career was brilliant and rapid; it took him from his native city of Ioannina, where his father was the leading educator, to the United States, and there, rung by rung, from Tufts University (B.A., 1949) to Harvard Graduate School (M.A., 1950), Harvard Society of Fellows (Junior Fellow, 1952-55), the Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences (1957), the Harvard doctorate (1958), and to Harvard's Byzantine outpost at Dumbarton Oaks (Librarian, 1957-62, Lecturer in Byzantine History, 1959-62). After the Harvard years Soulis moved to Indiana University (Associate Professor, 1962-65) and finally to the University of California at Berkeley (1965).

Soulis first appeared in print when he was a mere seventeen; by the time of his death, his bibliography comprised about forty items, not counting his major work on Stepan Dušan. His scholarly interests developed in four main directions. Possessed of a vast bibliographical knowledge, he had a liking for bibliographical surveys and what the Germans call *Gelehrtengeschichte*—one of his first articles was devoted to the famous neo-Hellenist and bibliographer Emile Legrand. He cherished the recent past of his native country—hence his notes on Chateaubriand and the

Greek Revolution, on Thessalonica in 1821, on Adamantios Korais, and on the nineteenth-century poet Solomos. He investigated the various tesserae of the Balkan demographic mosaic—hence his articles on Slavic and Albanian settlements in medieval Greece and his classic study on the gypsies in Byzantium and the medieval Balkans (1961). Soulis's chief concern, however, and his most lasting contribution to our discipline, was the study of Byzantino-Serbian relations in the fourteenth century, especially during the reign of Tsar Stepan Dušan (1331–55). Dušan's period was the topic of his doctoral dissertation, of a number of articles, and the complementary Report which he was still able to prepare for the Thirteenth International Congress of Byzantine Studies held in Oxford in September 1966.

Through his early education Soulis developed a love for his country's Christian past and acquired familiarity with Greek of all epochs. His Harvard years taught him to combine his love for Greece with sympathetic interest in her medieval Slavic neighbors; they gave him a thorough grounding in bibliography, and the Dumbarton Oaks Library reaped the benefit of this training during Soulis's librarianship there; finally, these years provided him with knowledge of Slavic languages and cultures. In addition to the Balkans, Soulis studied medieval Russia, an interest which deepened during a year's stay in Leningrad (1962–63).

Such outlook and equipment determined the quality of Soulis's scholarship: in a field where yesterday's concerns and mutual ignorance sometimes warp the views of the remote past, he was dispassionate, liberal, and thoroughly informed and served no cause except that of research. In a chapter of his unpublished work on Dušan, Soulis expressed doubt that the Tsar had aimed at creating a national state. Dušan, Soulis maintained, had rather conceived himself as the head of a universal Christian empire. This was in agreement with the tenets of Byzantine political theory, the only theory with which Dušan's milieu was familiar.

This liberal bent, impartiality, soft-spoken authority coming from competence, and total absence of self-centeredness—that professional weakness of academics—characterized Soulis as a man, colleague, and teacher.

In the recent past, Byzantine studies have suffered more than their share of tragic losses in the ranks of young and brilliant members of the discipline. The interwar years took away John Sykoutres. The Second World War claimed Otto Treitinger and Stephan Binon. In the 1950s, an airplane crash bereaved us of Jacques Moreau, and an illness contracted on an expedition, of André Maricq. Now George Soulis has joined those *aōroi*, the untimely dead. Those who remain, whether young or old, hope that his book on Stepan Dušan and Byzantium will soon be published. Byzantino-Slavic studies owe it to themselves and to Soulis's memory.

The *Dumbarton Oaks Papers*, Vol. XXI (1967), will carry a full bibliography of George Soulis. For the readers of *Slavic Review*, I append a list of Soulis's articles dealing with Slavic topics. "The First Period of the Serbian Domination of Thessaly, 1348–1356," *Epetēris Hetaireias Byzantinōn Spoudōn*, XX (1950), 56–73 (in Greek); "Tsar Stepan Dušan and the Holy Mountain," *ibid.*, XXII (1952), 82–96 (in Greek); "On the Slavic Settlement in Hierissos in the Tenth Century," *Byzantion*, XXIII (1953), 67–72; "On the Mediaeval Albanian Tribes of the Malakasioi, Bouoi, and Mesaritai," *Epetēris Hetaireias Byzantinōn Spoudōn*, XXIII (1953), 213–16 (in Greek); "Tsar Dušan and Mount Athos," *Harvard Slavic Studies*, II (1954), 125–39; "The History of George Castriotes Scanderbeg in the Light of Recent Research," *Epetēris Hetaireias Byzantinōn Spoudōn*, XXVIII (1958), 446–57 (in Greek); "Notes on the History of the City of Serres under the Serbs (1345–1371)," *Aphierōma M. Triantaphyllidē* (1960), pp. 373–79; "The Gypsies in the Byzantine Empire

and in the Balkans in the Late Middle Ages," *Dumbarton Oaks Papers*, XV (1961), 141–65; "Historical Studies in the Balkans in Modern Times," *The Balkans in Transition*, ed. by C. and B. Jelavich (Berkeley and Los Angeles, 1963), 421–38; "The Legacy of Cyril and Methodius to the Southern Slavs," *Dumbarton Oaks Papers*, XIX (1965), 19–43; Supplementary Paper to Georges Ostrogorsky, "Problèmes des relations byzantino-serbes au XIVE siècle," *Thirteenth International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Oxford 1966*, Summaries of Supplementary Papers, pp. 11–15.

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