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NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Philip Handler, now chairman of the Department of Biochemistry at Duke University, will begin a six year term as President of the National Academy of Sciences on July 1.

The National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council is a private, non-profit organization of distinguished scientists and engineers dedicated to the furtherance of science and its use for the general welfare. The Academy was established in 1863 under a congressional charter signed by President Lincoln. Empowered to provide for all activities appropriate to academies of science, it is also called upon by its charter to act as an advisor to the federal government in scientific matters. This provision accounts for the close ties that have always existed between the Academy and the government, although the Academy is not a government agency. Each year the Academy elects up to 35 scientists and engineers to its membership. Its members now number over 700.

The National Research Council was organized in 1916 at the request of President Wilson, to enable the broad community of U.S. scientists to associate their efforts with those of the limited membership of the Academy in service to science and the nation. Political science is one of the disciplines in the Behavioral Sciences Division of the NRC.

Because of the role of the social sciences, and political science particularly, in the scientific community, Handler's feelings about the place of the social sciences in the NAS-NRC are of some note. In an interview with the *NAS News Report*, Handler made this response to the question, "Do you feel the Academy should move more energetically to broaden its membership in new fields such as the social sciences? It has elected something like five or six social scientists in recent years, but there is no section specifically in the social sciences."

"HANDLER: There are two prior questions. How large shall the Academy be? And what

are the virtues or disadvantages of a very restricted membership? The Royal Society of London elects about the same number of people annually as does the Academy but from a population base which is about one-fifth of ours and from a scientific population base which is perhaps one-tenth of ours. This occurs without injury to the Royal Society. Accordingly, we may, one day, consider substantial enlargement of the Academy membership. In so doing we could create an opportunity to invite to membership a larger proportion of social scientists.

"I do not know whether the social sciences have solutions for the serious problems of our society. My friends in the social sciences tell me they are not ready. They didn't invent the problems; they study them. But our society can't wait. Its problems grow ever more acute. Hence, we shall have to find ways to make the limited understanding of the social sciences as useful as possible. If this Academy is to contribute to solution of the nation's problems it requires easy access to those who are knowledgeable and have a kind of expertise that most members of the Academy lack. In a sense, this reflects one of the difficulties that I find in the structure of the National Research Council. The Divisions are organized along disciplinary lines: biology, chemistry, physics, behavioral sciences, engineering. But few of the problems of our society neatly pigeonhole in the same way. To be sure, there are problems in agriculture that are nicely, cleanly agricultural, but they also involve people called farmers, others called consumers, and the whole of "agribusiness." The same holds true for medicine. This suggests that the National Research Council may require restructuring in some ways. If the Academy is to be more than an honorary body, if its membership is to be so composed as to make it possible to do what the Charter demands, provide the most reliable available advice to the agencies of the Federal Government, we will have to expand in the social sciences."

PROFESSIONAL NOTES

CENTER FOR POLICY RESEARCH

A Center for Policy Research has been established in Washington under the direction of Amitai Etzioni. The main purpose of the Center is to provide facilities for an intellectual environment conducive to research leading to the formulation and reformulation of public policy, especially with regard to social domestic issues.

A research council, which will review the Center's work and participate in guiding its future direction, has been selected. Members are Robert P. Abelson, Yale University; Stephen K. Bailey, Syracuse University; Warren Bennis, SUNY at Buffalo; Bernard Berelson, Population Council; Kenneth B. Clark, Metropolitan Applied Research Center; Robert Coles, Harvard University School of Public Health; Henry David, National Academy of Sciences; Talcott Parsons, Harvard University; Gordon B. Turner, American Council of Learned Societies.

Address of the Center is 800 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024.

POLITICAL CONSULTANTS GROUP FORMED

Sixty political campaign consultants met in January in New York to establish the American Association of Political Consultants. Joseph Napolitan was elected president and F. Clifton White vice-president. Other officers are Martin Ryan Haley, treasurer and Walter DeVries, secretary. Michel Bongrand of Paris, president of the recently-established International Association of Political Campaign Consultants, spoke at the meeting. It is expected that the group will sponsor seminars on such subjects as media use, computer use and campaign financing. For further information, write to 1028 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY FEDERALISM CENTER

The Center for the Study of Federalism is an interdisciplinary institute affiliated with the Temple University Department of Political Science. The Director is Daniel J. Elazar. The Center is devoted to the study of federal principles, institutions and processes as a means of organizing political power. Current projects are in three categories, the American Federal

System, Comparative Problems of Political Unification and Diffusion of Power, and Theory and Philosophy of Federalism. The Center will also undertake contractual and consulting services, and a series of publications. The Center also grants a limited number of research assistantships. For a list of available publications or further information, contact the Director, Center for the Study of Federalism, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19122.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMISSION

The Commission on Party Structure and Delegate Selection (McGovern Commission) of the Democratic National Committee is currently undertaking a study of problems of participation in the party. A brief statement, "The Origins, Mandate and Guidelines of the Commission," is available from the Democratic National Committee, 2600 Virginia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

ISA SYLLABI

The International Studies Association has published an Anthology of Syllabi for basic courses in International Relations, compiled and edited by Vincent Davis and Arthur N. Gilbert. Fifteen course outlines are included from approximately fifty submitted. Appendices include information on course level, size of school, frequency of citation of assigned reading, and a list of contributors.

From a total of 475 books assigned as required reading in the syllabi, only 37 were assigned by five or more professors. Of 560 articles, eight appeared five or more times.

Royalties from the book have been assigned to the ISA, which anticipates further volumes of syllabi on other courses, and updating of already published syllabi. The book is available from Sage Publications, 275 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90212.

SOCIAL REPORT STUDY

The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has issued *Toward A Social Report*, a recommendation of the Panel on Social Indicators. The study calls for an annual social report, to "improve the Nation's ability to chart its social progress." Copies are available from the U.S. Government Printing Office.

URBAN AFFAIRS SEMESTER PROGRAM

The American University's School of Government and Public Administration will offer a new urban affairs program for undergraduates beginning in the fall of 1969. The nine credit hour program is fashioned after the School's Washington Semester Program. Its focus, however, is on urban problems and intergovernmental relations rather than solely on the national government. Students in the program will attend three seminars per week with federal, state and local officials and with representatives of special and public interest groups headquartered in Washington. In addition to the seminars, each student will write an independent research project. The program in the first semester will be limited primarily to American University students. Students from other universities will be eligible for participation in later semesters. Further information on the Urban Affairs Semester Program may be obtained from A. Lee Fritschler or B. Douglas Harman, School of Government and Public Administration, American University, Washington, D.C. 20016.

SREB CURRICULUM RESEARCH MONOGRAPH

The Southern Regional Education Board, 130 Sixth Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30313, has issued Research Monograph Number 14, "Contemporary College Students and the Curriculum," by Lewis B. Mayhew. The paper is concerned with the implications of changing student values and attitudes for the college curriculum.

FEDERAL EXECUTIVE INSTITUTE

The Federal Executive Institute, supported fully by the Civil Service Commission as a part of its training and development activities, opened in Charlottesville, Virginia in October, 1968. The Institute has a resident faculty, in collaboration with the University of Virginia. Eight week programs for federal executives at GS-16 grade or above are given, limited to 60 executives in each session. Aims of the Institute are to heighten responsiveness to national needs and goals, increase appreciation of the totality of the governmental system and to improve knowledge of managerial processes. Further information is available from Director, Federal Executive Institute, Route 29 North, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903.

COLUMBIA TEACHERS COLLEGE ANALYSIS PROGRAM

In an attempt to combine administrative and social science analysis in dealing with educational problems, Columbia University Teachers College is developing an experimental "situational analysis" program. Researchers in political science, sociology, social psychology, anthropology and economics will be called upon to consider how their disciplines can be applied most effectively to educational systems. The resulting descriptive framework will be applied to a series of school systems in order to illuminate critical education decisions. The program is currently seeking ideas and research proposals, particularly from those in the New York City area, and applications are being sought for prospective fellows in a three year multi-disciplinary doctoral program in educational administration. Information is available from Arthur J. Lewis, Chairman, Department of Educational Administration, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, New York 10027.

NEW TEACHING "NON-JOURNAL"

New Directions in Teaching is devoted to the improvement of undergraduate teaching, and calls itself a non-journal. The publication is a quarterly, and is just completing the first year of publication. *New Directions in Teaching* is published by the Department of Education, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402. Articles, reviews, short or extended comments are invited without regard to style regulations. Subscription rate is \$4 a year for four issues; graduate assistants and teaching fellows, \$2.50.

DSG STUDY

The Democratic Study Group in the U.S. House of Representatives issued March 10 a study on "Voting in the House." The study is in two parts, the first describing voting patterns of Democrats associated with the Democratic Study Group compared with non-DSG Democrats and Republicans. The second part examines the voting performance of Democratic committee and subcommittee chairmen. The study is based primarily on 30 key votes during the 90th Congress. The 20 page study is available from the Democratic Study Group, U.S. House of Representatives, Room 1422, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20025.

GOSNELL DINNER

A small dinner to honor Harold Gosnell is being planned for the APSA Annual Meeting in New York in September. Those interested should contact Frank J. Sorauf, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, 1414 Social Sciences Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455, or Theodore J. Lowi, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

NIPA OCCASIONAL PAPERS

The National Institute of Public Affairs has issued two occasional papers. "The College of the City," by Paul P. Harbrecht, discusses the urban community college. "Notes on Future Politics," by Carl F. Stover, President of the Institute, covers trends in political practice. Both publications are available from the National Institute of Public Affairs, Suite 610, 1825 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006 for 50¢ apiece.

SYRACUSE POLICY INSTITUTE

Stephen K. Bailey, former dean of Syracuse University's Maxwell School, has been appointed chairman of the Policy Institute, a new organization established by the Syracuse University Research Corporation in cooperation with the University. The Policy Institute represents a "new role for major universities, helping to provide the intellectual base for solution of the major policy issues confronting governments and societies in the world." The establishment of the Institute is based on the belief that talent can be drawn from the total university complex to help in the illumination and resolution of many of the problems confronting mankind, and that, in the process of providing this kind of articulated service, the educational programs of the University can be informed with a new relevance. The Institute will have a small core staff including Harlan Cleveland, U.S. Ambassador to NATO and also formerly dean of the Maxwell School. For further information, write to Policy Institute, Syracuse University Research Corporation, University Heights, Syracuse, New York 13210.

FOREIGN POLICY SERIES

The Department of State has begun publication of a series of pamphlets to aid in the study of world affairs, called "Issues in United States Foreign Policy." First in the series is a pamphlet on the Middle East, and future subjects will include Communist China, Food and

Population, Foreign Aid, Liberal Trade versus Protectionism, Latin America, NATO, East-West Trade, and others. Pamphlets cost 45¢ apiece, with volume discounts, from the U.S. Government Printing Office.

NEW URBAN AND REGIONAL INSTITUTE

The American Institute of Urban and Regional Affairs in Atlanta, Georgia, has been formed by a group of educational, business and governmental leaders. The Institute was created to provide an institutional framework in which "the profound and complex implications of urbanization could be studied and better understood." The Institute will include a doctoral degree-granting research center, information center, community development bank and technical services program. *The Urban and Regional Affairs Journal* will be published by the Institute. Sources of funds include foundation and government grants, contracts, and memberships in the organization. For information, contact the Institute at Fairlie and Walton Streets, N.W., P.O. Box 1913, Atlanta, Georgia 30301.

PRE-LAW HANDBOOK

The Association of American Law Schools has announced publication of its new pre-law handbook, "Law Study and Practice in the United States." It is intended to provide advice and assistance on the choice of law as a profession, the selection of a law school, and preparation for the study of law. Those who counsel pre-law students or others interested may obtain the handbook for \$1 from Law School and College Department, West Publishing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota.

FOREIGN SCHOLARS AVAILABLE

The Committee on International Exchange of Persons has issued an announcement on foreign scholars who are available for appointments in U.S. universities and colleges for the 1969-70 academic year under the provisions of the Fulbright-Hays Act. A list of professors is available from the Committee at 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20418.

EDUCATIONAL FILM LIST

The American Educational and Historical Film Center, which does not stock, rent or sell films, issues the "American Film Review." This list of films includes educational and his-

torical topics, with descriptions and grade levels, and places to obtain the films. The review is available from Eastern Baptist College, St. Davids, Pennsylvania.

MONTANA WORKSHOPS

Northern Montana College, Havre, Montana, is offering, starting this spring, a series of workshops on the methods of teaching social studies at the elementary and secondary level. These workshops are designed to inform teachers of social sciences about the changes currently taking place in the various subject areas and in the methods of teaching; they are designed as part of in-service training with local school districts rather than as courses at the college. The first workshop will be offered during April, 1969, and will introduce some of the changes taking place in the teaching of the social sciences, the second will be on problems related to teaching of history offered during October 1969, and the third will be on the problem of Area Studies: Asia, offered during April 1970. A unique feature of these workshops is that they are held, within the limits of the local-school districts, during the evening for a period of four weeks, and then a final, and last, meeting on Saturday for the purpose of stimulating discussion among teachers from other districts. For further information contact: Arthur Dolman, Department of History and Social Science, Northern Montana College, Havre, Montana 59501.

CAUCUS MEETING PLANS

At a meeting in New York on April 4-5, the Caucus for a New Political Science Executive Committee made a number of decisions on its plans for the Association's Annual Meeting in September. The Caucus will sponsor a set of panels, as indicated in the Program. In addition the Caucus will sponsor a special film program. There will be two general Caucus business meetings, one Tuesday evening and one on Friday evening. The Caucus will also submit a slate of officers [see COMMUNICATIONS].

The Executive Committee drafted and approved two resolutions, one on the Status of

Women in the Profession and one on legislative awards made by the Association. Two other resolutions, one on campus repression and one on the threat to academic life posed by spiraling national defense expenditures, were approved in principle. These resolutions will be submitted for publication in *P.S.* The resolutions will be submitted to the Association's Executive Committee, and will also be discussed at the Caucus' own business meeting.

The Caucus Executive Committee's statement on Constitutional Reform follows:

"The Executive Committee took note of the fact that the APSA has now established and largely staffed a commission under the chairmanship of Aaron Wildavsky on the reform of the APSA Constitution. The Executive Committee has strong attitudes on the need for constitutional reform in the APSA and, for example, is particularly adamant in its opposition to proposals for reform in the direction of the wide scale use of mail ballots. However, the Executive Committee believes that the APSA's commission on constitutional reform should be given ample opportunity to organize itself and to begin its work.

"In the interim, the Executive Committee established, under the chairmanship of Charles McCoy, its own commission on constitutional reform. The work of this commission is to collect and develop proposals on the subject and then to present these in due course before the APSA's commission. The Executive Committee assumes that other members of the Association having proposals for constitutional reform will be following a similar course."

Full details of these actions are available in the Caucus Newsletter.

URBAN SIMULATION AT ANNUAL MEETING

Association members interested in playing *City*, the computer-assisted urban gaming model, at the Annual Meeting are invited to contact Mr. Ben Laime, Environmetrics, 1775 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. The game is used for teaching and research on urban problems and politics.