

Association News

Report on the 1984 Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting Draws Largest Attendance In Fifteen Years

The 1984 Annual Meeting, held August 30-September 2 in Washington, D.C., drew the largest attendance in 15 years. With 3,391 registrants the meeting was by far the best attended since the 1969 meeting in New York (see Table 1).

Doris Graber chaired the Program Committee for the 1984 conference which was responsible for organizing 227 of the over 450 panels at the meeting. The remainder included both the 51 panels organized by APSA Organized Sections (see Table 2) and those organized by unaffiliated groups. Approximately 650 papers were presented at the Program Committee and Organized Section panels.

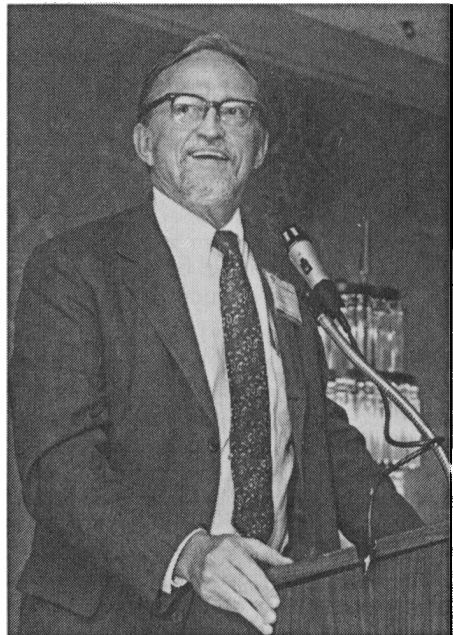
TABLE 1
Annual Meeting Registration
1967-84*

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| 1967 | 2473 (Chicago) |
| 1968 | 3723 (Washington, D.C.) |
| 1969 | 4142 (New York) |
| 1970 | 2397 (Los Angeles) |
| 1971 | 2732 (Chicago) |
| 1972 | 3380 (Washington, D.C.) |
| 1973 | 2312 (New Orleans) |
| 1974 | 2773 (Chicago) |
| 1975 | 2478 (San Francisco) |
| 1976 | 2295 (Chicago) |
| 1977 | 2624 (Washington, D.C.) |
| 1978 | 2373 (New York) |
| 1979 | 2687 (Washington, D.C.) |
| 1980 | 2745 (Washington, D.C.) |
| 1981 | 2887 (New York) |
| 1982 | 2205 (Denver) |
| 1983 | 2859 (Chicago) |
| 1984 | 3391 (Washington, D.C.) |

*1972-84 figures include exhibitors registered at the meeting, since their fee for booth rental includes the cost of their registration.

TABLE 2
1984 Annual Meeting
APSA Organized Section Panels

| Section | Number of Panels |
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| Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations | 15 |
| Law, Courts, and Judicial Process | 4 |
| Legislative Studies | 7 |
| Policy Studies | 10 |
| Political Organizations and Parties | 1 |
| Public Administration, Organizations, and Executives | 14 |



President Philip E. Converse of the University of Michigan delivers the Presidential Address, "Power and the Monopoly of Information," which will appear in the *APSR*.

NEW

APSA Research Grant Program

The Council of the American Political Science Association
announces a new small grant program to
support research in all fields of Political Science.

Scope of Award

Projects must address a significant problem in political science. Funds may be used for such research activities as: travel to archives; travel to conduct interviews; administration and coding of survey instruments; and purchase of data sets. This list is merely illustrative, but specifically excluded from funding are: travel to professional meetings; secretarial costs except for the preparation of final manuscripts for publication; and salary support for the principal investigator.

Eligibility

Applicants must be APSA members. In addition, the principal investigator must be one of the following:

- (a) a political science faculty member at a college or university that does not award a PhD in political science;
- (b) a political scientist not affiliated with an academic institution.

Funding

Grants will be awarded annually by the Committee on Research Support. The Council has made \$10,000 available for 1985 research grants. Individual grants will not exceed \$1500 and are not renewable.

The awards will be paid directly to the principal investigator. At the end of the project, a financial report must be submitted to the Association, and any unexpended funds returned to the APSA. In addition, grantees will be expected to submit a brief summary of their research accomplishments.

Format

Proposals should be no more than three pages (single-spaced) with a budget and curriculum vitae attached.

Proposals should describe the project and indicate the precise purposes for which the requested funds will be used. Any financial support the principal investigator is already receiving or anticipates receiving should be specified in the proposal.

Eight (8) copies of the proposal with accompanying budget and curriculum vitae should be submitted to:

APSA Research Grants

American Political Science Association

1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

Submission Deadline

The Deadline for the 1985 competition is FEBRUARY 1, 1985.
Decisions will be announced by May 1, 1985.

The three plenary sessions, held on each of the three evenings of the conference, drew capacity audiences. At the first plenary session Bruce Bueno de Mesquita presented APSA's awards to outstanding scholars and Philip E. Converse delivered the Presidential Address, which will appear in the March 1985 issue of the *American Political Science Review*. The second plenary was the Lasswell Symposium, titled "Lasswell and Orwell: The Relationship Between Political Language and Political Reality," with presentations by honorees Murray Edelman, Jean Bethke Elshtain, and Hanna Pitkin, and presided by John S. Nelson. The third plenary, held on Saturday evening, was "Presidential Selection Reform: 1984 and Beyond." Presenters were William Crotty, Nelson W. Polsby, John P. Sears, and Judy Woodruff. Austin Ranney was moderator. (See separate stories on the plenary sessions in this issue of *PS*.)

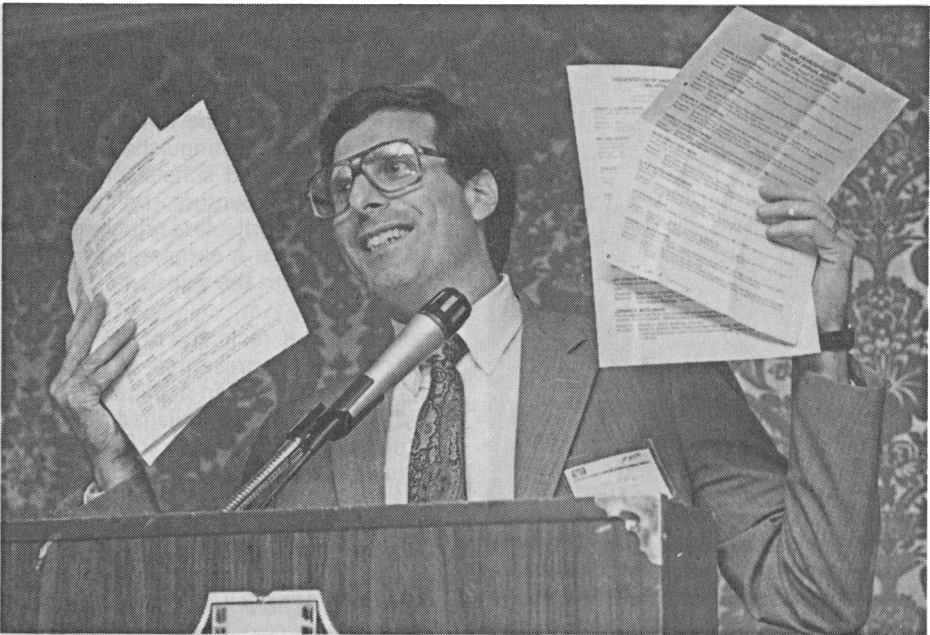
The second and third plenary sessions reflected the 1984 conference theme: George Orwell's *1984*. Nine panel sessions in the Official Program also dealt with ideas sparked by the novelist's futuristic work.

The Madison Lecture, delivered by Nobel Laureate Herbert A. Simon on "Human Nature in Politics: The Dialogue of Psychology with Politics" and introduced by APSA President Philip E. Converse, was heard by a standing room only crowd on Friday afternoon.

Besides the plenary sessions and the Madison Lecture, the five best attended sessions at the meeting were all APSA Program Committee panels. First was the Roundtable on the Foundations of Justice: Objectivity or Relativism? with 130 in attendance. Next were the Roundtable on the Problem of Nuclear War (110), Roundtable on the Future of Political Theory (105), Attacking the Leviathan: States and Social Conflicts (103), and Presidential Elections and the International System (96). □

Brademas, Kempton, Kennan and Simon Receive Awards

John Brademas, president of New York University, former Democratic member and leader of the U.S. House of Repre-



Bruce Bueno de Mesquita of the University of Rochester presides over the presentation of awards at the annual meeting.