
Australian Parliamentary Political Science Fellowship

The President of the Senate, Sir Magnus Cormack, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Sir William Aston, have announced that Edward J. G. Prince, Ph.D. candidate from the University of Monash has been selected as the 1972 Australian Commonwealth Parliamentary Political Science Fellow.

The Fellowship, awarded annually, enables a promising young political scientist to gain a practical appreciation of the way Parliament functions for a period of twelve months while attached to the Legislative Research Service of the Parliamentary Library.

Canadian Parliamentary Internship Program

The Canadian Parliamentary Internship Program sponsored by the Canadian Political Science Association is now in its second year of operation. The Program, designed to allow Canadian University graduates the opportunity of gaining a practical first hand knowledge of the day to day operation of the Canadian Parliament and daily work of M.P.'s, is composed of ten graduate students from political science and history. It is directed by James Ross Hurley of the Department of Political Science of the University of Ottawa. Participants in the 1971-72 Program are: Gerald Bellomo, Carleton University; Wendy Carter, University of British Columbia; Maria Cordeau, University of Toronto; Kenneth MacDonald, Yale University; Jim McDonald, Carleton University; Jean Racicot, University of Quebec, Montreal; Kathy Swinton, University of Alberta; Paul Thomas, University of Toronto; Bruce Thordarson, Carleton University; Yvon Turcotte, Laval University.

1971 Annual Meeting of the Japanese Political Science Association

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The two themes of "political unrest" and "methodology in the study of comparative politics" dominated the two-day 1971 annual meeting of the Japanese Political Science Association (Nihon Seiji Gakkai), held at Okayama, Japan, October 11-12. As the only foreigner in attendance and concerned over the lack of feedback from Japan on the state of the discipline, I felt it incumbent on me to bring to the attention of my American colleagues something of the activities of our co-professionals in Japan as seen at this meeting.

My first impression concerned the small number of scholars as yet fully committed to the discipline in Japan which has now half the population of the United States. Instead of a luxurious downtown hotel (of which there are many similar to those used by the APSA in the States) where numerous small rooms buzz with specific panels and a grand ballroom serves for the business meeting, an amphetheatrical lecture hall at Okayama University served for most of the reports and discussions and regular classrooms were used for the few more specialized papers that were read. About three hundred persons were in attendance the first day and two hundred the second, out of the total membership of the Association which is around four hundred. Of course, it is true that the Public Administration meeting was held separately the following day and the International Law Association four days later in Kyoto.

While universities are the usual loci of the annual meetings in Japan, concentration of membership in Tokyo and the exclusiveness of the older institutions had broken down to the degree that for the first time the meeting was being held at a university that had been established since the Second World War. As a matter of fact, the bright, clean, new buildings of the campus that had formerly been an imperial military headquarters contrasted happily with the shabby, almost studied neglect of the physical facilities at the older, more prestigious universities. Also a glance at the Okayama University *Bulletin* indicated that the

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