

NEWS AND NOTES

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Carl M. Frasure served as chairman of the Committee-in-Charge of the Pre-Legislative Conference sponsored by West Virginia University at the Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia on November 15 and 16, 1957. In attendance were members of the State Legislature, The Board of Public Works, Supreme Court of Appeals, Congressional Delegation, and sixty invited guests representing the political, economic and educational life of the state. Subjects under discussion included renewable natural resources, equalization and revaluation of general property and taxation and finance, with particular reference to schools and roads.

The Pre-Legislative Conference was financed by a grant from the Ford Foundation.

The first annual fall meeting of the Missouri Political Science Association was held at Fulton on October 25, 1957. William Yandell Elliott delivered the opening address, "Meeting the Political Strategy and Tactics of the Soviet and Chinese Communist Bloc in the Post-Stalin Period." United States Senator Stuart Symington addressed the group at luncheon. The afternoon was devoted to a general discussion of the beginning course in political science. At the evening program Martin L. Faust, University of Missouri, presented a paper on "The Need for Constitutional Reform in Missouri; subsequent discussion was led by Carl A. McCandless of Washington University, Henry Schmandt of St. Louis University, and Dean William L. Bradshaw of the University of Missouri. Officers elected for 1958 were David C. Scott of Southwest Missouri State College, president, Paul G. Steinbicker of St. Louis University, vice president, and Robert F. Karsch of the University of Missouri, secretary-treasurer (re-elected). Jerzy Hauptmann of Park College and Laura Ellen Wadsworth of Flat River Junior College were elected to the executive council.

On December 7, 1957, the District of Columbia Political Science Association held its Third Annual Conference on the campus of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. The chairman of the committee on Program and Arrangements was G. Lyle Belsley, Assistant

Administrator, Federal Civil Defense Administration. Others involved in the planning and conducting of the conference were the following: President, Ward Stewart, U. S. Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; first vice president, Charles J. Zinn, House Committee on the Judiciary; second vice president, Vincent W. Browne, Howard University; executive council members, Karl Cerny, Georgetown University, Charles A. H. Thompson, Brookings Institution, and S. McKee Rosen, International Cooperation Administration; secretary-treasurer, Martha K. Trytten, legislative assistant to Senator Thomas C. Hennings; also William H. Roberts, Catholic University, and Paul T. David, Brookings Institution.

The conference had the largest registration and the largest attendance of any sponsored by the D. C. Association to date. The speaker at the opening general session was Robert K. Carr, Professor of Law and Political Science at Dartmouth College, now on leave as general secretary of the American Association of University Professors, who spoke on "The Courts, Civil, and Academic Freedom."

The round tables and participants were as follows:

"Federal Responsibilities in Metropolitan Areas"; chairman, Franklin L. Burdette, professor and director, bureau of governmental Research, University of Maryland; principal speaker, Robert H. Connery, professor of political science, Duke University, consultant, Governmental Affairs Institute; participants, Robert E. Merriam, assistant director, Bureau of the Budget; Louis Brownlow, former director, Public Administration Clearing House; Mrs. Kathryn H. Stone, member of the House of Delegates of Virginia; Paul T. David, director, governmental studies, Brookings Institution.

"Treaty Power and Executive Agreements"; chairman, Charles J. Zinn, law revision counsel, House Judiciary Committee; participants, Loftus E. Becker, legal adviser, Department of State; Col. Howard S. Levie, International Affairs Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General U. S. Army; Richard W. Van Wagenen, dean, graduate school, American University.

"The Courts and School Desegregation: Status and Prospects"; chairman, Don Shoemaker, executive director, Southern Education Reporting Service; participants, Walter E. Hager, president, District of Columbia Teachers College; James M. Nabrit, secretary, Howard University; Alfons J. Beitzinger, assistant professor of politics, Catholic University; Edmund D. Campbell, attorney and former member of Arlington County Board; B. M. Miller, the Constitution Party, Arlington, Virginia.

"The Determination of Fiscal Policy"; chairman, Dr. Gerhard Colm, National Planning Association; participants, Joseph Pechman, Committee for Economic Development; Norman Ture, staff, Joint Economic Committee; Edwin L. Dale, financial correspondent, *New York Times*.

"Defense Policy—The Next Ten Years"; chairman, Col. Charles A. H. Thomson, Brookings Institution, consultant to Department of Defense; participants, William Y. Elliott, Professor of Government, Harvard University; consultant to the Office of Defense Mobilization and the Department of State; Roger Hilsman, Legislative Reference Service, Library of Congress; James E. King, Jr., research associate, Washington Center for Foreign Policy Research, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University; James D. Atkinson, assistant professor of government, Georgetown University; Brig. Gen. Thomas R. Phillips, U.S.A. ret., military analyst, *St. Louis Post Dispatch*.

"The Congress and Its Politics"; chairman, Max M. Kampelman, attorney and former Counsel to Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota; participants, Ernest S. Griffith, Director, Legislative Reference Service, Library of Congress; dean designate, School of International Service, American University; Gerald W. Siegel, counsel, Majority Policy Committee, U. S. Senate; Robert A. Forsythe, administrative assistant to Senator Edward J. Thye of Minnesota; Colonel J. Donald Hittle, U. S. Marine Corps., legislative assistant to the Commandant; Michael B. Deane, vice president, American Watch Association.

The program included an informal luncheon and concluded with the annual business meeting. The new officers elected for 1958 are: president, Charles J. Zinn; first vice president, Wolfgang H. Kraus, George Washington University; second vice president, Robert E. Goostree, American University; executive council, G. Lyle Belsley.

The International Institute of Administrative Science will hold a round-table in Liege, Belgium 27 June–3 July 1958. Themes for discussion include Automation and the Public Service, Deconcentration (or Decentralization), and Public Consultation in Administrative Decision-Making. The discussions will be intimate and informal, since this is a limited meeting, not a congress. Persons interested in being included in the U.S. delegation may obtain further details from Mr. Robert Matteson, executive director, ASPA and secretary of the International Committee of IIAS, 6042 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago 37, Illinois.

The XXIVth Congress of the International Federation for Housing and Town Planning will be held in Liege, Belgium 31 August–3 September 1958. The theme is "Planning in the Region: The Home, The Community, The Region." This is an open congress that should attract nearly 1,000 delegates from over 30 countries. Americans interested in participating may obtain further details from the U.S. member of the executive board, Mr. Dennis O'Harrow, American Society of Planning Officials, 1313 East 60th Street, Chicago 37, Illinois.

The Southern Political Science Association held its 29th annual meeting at Gatlinburg, Tennessee, November 21–23, 1957. Professors V. O. Key and Robert Cushman were special guests of the Association, and the following officers were elected to serve during 1958: Professor Lee S. Greene of the University of Tennessee, president; Robert Highsaw of the University of Alabama, vice-president, and Richard H. Leach of Duke University, recording secretary. Peter Fleiss, Louisiana State University; Charles Lerche, Emory University, and Robert Gill, Morgan State College, were elected to membership on the executive council.

The Midwest Conference of Political Scientists will hold its annual meeting at the University of Michigan on April 24–26, 1958. Featured speakers will include G. D. H. Cole, V. O. Key and John M. Blum. Inquiries concerning the schedule, program, housing or other arrangements may be addressed to A. LeRoy Bennett, secretary, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Indiana University's bureau of government research held a planning conference on Novem-

ber 25 and 26 with representatives of 18 counties of the State of Indiana for setting up a system of records of county highway operations which are to be centrally analyzed to provide management information to the County Highway Department of the state. Professors John E. Stoner and York Willbern of the department of government led the conference.

The Southern California Political Science Association held its fall meeting at U.C.L.A. on November 8, 1957. The topic under consideration was: "The Political Impact of Little Rock." Panelists included: Austin Ranney, University of Illinois; William Buchanan, University of Southern California; and James Coleman, University of California (Los Angeles).

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Duke University has been awarded a grant of \$90,000 for a number of projects designed to promote research in the relationship between Christianity and politics. The grant was made by the Lilly Endowment, Inc., for a three year period. Director of the program will be John H. Hallowell.

Indiana University will hold a regional American Assembly Conference in April 1958 on the subject of "International Stability and Progress."

A Southern California Slavic Group was organized at a meeting held at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, on November 1, 1957.

On November 22nd and 23rd the school of government and public administration of The American University held its annual inter-institutional meetings for the representatives of 80 colleges and universities that participate in the Washington Semester Program. These representatives meet at The American University annually to see the program in action and to establish and revise policy which governs the program. Dean Catheryn Seckler-Hudson is the director of the Washington Semester, and Professor Robert E. Goostree is the coordinator. Emmet V. Mittlebeeler and Royce Hanson are academic directors in this undergraduate program of field study.

Fordham University has inaugurated an annual Moorhouse I. X. Millar lecture series in honor of the late founder of the University's department of political philosophy and the social sciences. Arthur F. Burns of Columbia University, former chairman of President Eisenhower's Council of Economic Advisers delivered the first series in October 1957.

At the University of Illinois, the Charles E. Merriam Fellowship in Political Science has been established carrying a stipend of \$1500. This has been made possible by a gift to the University by his son, Charles J. Merriam of Chicago.

The school of government of the George Washington University has inaugurated a summer seminar on the federal government. Part-time in-service training and direct observation of government will be included with class and research work. The program will be under the general supervision of Alfred G. Obern, assistant professor of public administration.

A new informal journal of research ideas and problems appeared in September and will appear bimonthly. It is called *Political Research: Organization and Design* (PROD) and is edited and published at Princeton, New Jersey. Alfred de Grazia is managing editor. Scholars active in PROD's publication are Karl Deutsch (M.I.T.), Richard C. Snyder (Northwestern), Chilton Bush (Stanford), Carl Stover (The Brookings Institution), and Ben Gedalecia (Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborn). Others will be named shortly.

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