

# NEWS AND NOTES

## PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

The International Political Science Association, in conjunction with a meeting of its executive committee, sponsored a Round-table Conference on Comparative Public Administration in Paris, June 10-12, organized by Taylor Cole of Duke University. At a session on "New Areas for Research in Public Administration," Dean Edward H. Litchfield of Cornell University and Charles S. Ascher of the Public Administration Clearing House presented the current thought of a subcommittee on comparative administration of the committee on public administration of the American Political Science Association and the results of the Conference on Comparative Administration convened by Public Administration Clearing House in September, 1952. Other political scientists taking part from the United States were: Mrs. Jane Clark Carey, now resident in Rome; Carl J. Friedrich, Harvard University; and John A. Vieg, Pomona College. About twenty-five participated, including political scientists from Brazil, India, and Israel, as well as Western Europe.

The New England Political Science Association held its annual meeting at Amherst College, May 9, 1953, with an estimated 125 in attendance. The morning session discussed "National Interest as a Goal in International Relations," with a panel comprising Professors Earl Latham, Amherst College, chairman; Arnold Wolfers, Yale University; Karl Loewenstein, Amherst College; Sigmund Neumann, Wesleyan University; Alan Burr Overstreet, Smith College; McGeorge Bundy, Harvard University; and Daniel Cheever, Harvard University. The panel in the afternoon session on "The Role of Public Opinion in the Making of Foreign Policy" consisted of Professors Robert Dahl, Yale University, chairman; Ruth Lawson, Mount Holyoke College; Walter Filley, Wesleyan University; and John Wahlke, Amherst College. The following officers were elected for 1953-1954: Professor Earl Latham, Amherst College, president; Professor Andrew Nuquist, University of Vermont, vice-president; Professor Donald Matthews, Smith College, secretary-treasurer; The Rev. George A. Higgins, Holy Cross, Professor Athern Dagget, Bowdoin, Professor

Lowell Field, University of Connecticut, members of the executive council.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Midwest Conference of Political Scientists was held May 7-9 at Michigan State College with an attendance of 261 persons. The theme of the conference was "Group Relations in the Political Process," which was the topic of the address by David B. Truman of Columbia University at the opening general session. Pendleton Herring, President of the American Political Science Association, addressed a luncheon meeting on the activities and plans of the Association. A general round table on the subject "Is Pressure Group Activity Contrary to the Public Interest?" was also included in the program. Sectional round-table discussions were held on the following topics: "Theory of Group Relations," "Methods and Techniques in the Area of Parties, Elections and Public Opinion," "Influence of Organized Groups on Foreign Policy," "Groups in Federal-Municipal Relations," and "The Law and Its Relationship to Social Groups." The officers selected by the conference included: Harry W. Voltmer of DePauw University, president; Jasper B. Shannon of the University of Kentucky, vice-president; A. LeRoy Bennett of Michigan State College, secretary-treasurer; Wilfred E. Binkley of Ohio Northern University and Rudolph E. Morris of Marquette University, members of the executive council. The 1954 meeting of the Conference will be held at the University of Iowa, April 29 through May 1.

The Western Political Science Association met on March 30 and 31, on the campus of the University of Southern California. The following are the Association's newly elected officers: president, John Swarthout, Oregon State College; vice-president, Herman Trachsel, University of Wyoming; council members: Paul Hadley, University of Southern California; Egbert Wengert, University of Oregon; Curtis Martin, University of Colorado; and Totton J. Anderson, ex-officio. Officers retaining their positions for another year include secretary-treasurer Allan R. Richards, University of New Mexico, and council members Thomas Barclay, Stanford University; M. R. Merrill,

Utah State Agricultural College; and Hugh A. Bone, University of Washington. In 1954 the Association will hold a joint meeting with the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association at Oregon State College, Corvallis, Oregon. The Association amended its constitution to provide that the retiring president will serve in an ex-officio capacity on the executive council for a one-year period.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association was held at the University of Washington, April 10-11, 1953. "Research and Reevaluation" was the general theme of the meeting, which gave attention to revised policies under the new Administration. Four round tables were devoted to the following subjects: "Sectional and Economic Aspects of American Foreign Policy," "Political Characteristics of the Pacific Northwest: A Challenge to Research," "Conservatism Revisited," and "Natural Resources Research." New officers elected for 1953-54 are: Maure L. Goldschmidt, Reed College, president; Kline Swygard, Oregon State College, vice-president; Jonathan R. Cunningham, Spokane County, Washington, Planning Commission, secretary-treasurer. New members of the executive council include: Daniel O. Ogden, Jr., Washington State College; Boyd A. Martin, University of Idaho; and Waldo Schumacher, University of Oregon. Among the resolutions adopted by the Association was the following: "Resolved that the American Political Science Association hold its annual meeting in 1956 and each fifth year thereafter in one of the eleven Western states." Copies of this resolution were sent to the executive council of the American Political Science Association for consideration.

Political science teachers of institutions which form the University Center in Georgia (Agnes Scott College, Emory University, Oglethorpe University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, and the University of Georgia) assembled for the first time in May on the campus of Emory University. Professor Cullen B. Gossnell of Emory was elected chairman of the group. Morris W. H. Collins, Jr., assistant professor of political science at the University of Georgia, was elected vice-chairman, and Catherine S. Sims, associate professor of history and political science at Agnes Scott College, was elected secretary. Plans were made for the group to assemble at least twice each year to discuss common problems faced in the

teaching of political science in the University Center institutions.

The Sixth Annual Conference of the William Edgar Borah Outlawry of War Foundation on "The Causes of War and the Conditions of Peace" was held at the University of Idaho on March 18, 1953. The attention of the conference was directed to the Mutual Security and Technical Assistance Programs as positive projects in solving the problems of war and peace. A paper by William L. Shirer, entitled "America's Role in Building Global Prosperity and Peace," was presented to the Foundation. "Building Peace and Prosperity in Asia" was the subject of a second address delivered by Kenneth Lindsay, and H. L. Keenleyside, Director-General of the Technical Assistance Administration, United Nations, also addressed the conference on "The Impending Crisis." More than one hundred students and scholars representing study and interest groups through the entire Northwest attended the conference. Following each address there was a series of panel discussions relating to the major subject under consideration.

The department of political science and the Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois, jointly sponsored a two-session institute on "The Illinois General Assembly" during the latter part of April. The principal speakers were Warren L. Wood, Speaker, and Paul Powell, Minority Leader, of the House of Representatives; and George E. Drach, Majority Whip, and William J. Lynch, Minority Leader, of the Illinois State Senate. The purpose of the institute was to promote a better understanding on the part of University students of legislative procedure and of the role of political parties in the General Assembly.

A Management Conference was held June 4-5, 1953, at the University of New Mexico under the joint sponsorship of the University, the Society for Public Administration, and the Federal Personnel Council. Harold O. Ried of the University of New Mexico was the presiding chairman and Edward P. Ancona was the chairman of the committee on arrangements. Principal speakers were: Tom L. Popejoy, president of the University of New Mexico; Wallace S. Sayre, City College of New York; Milton M. Mandell, U. S. Civil Service Commission; Paul R. Beall, Air Research and Development Command at Baltimore; Elwood M. Brooks, president of the Central Bank and Trust Company of Denver; T. E. Shea, general

manager of the Sandia Corporation at Albuquerque; Albert H. Rosenthal, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Denver; and H. N. Oldham, operating manager of the Southern Union Gas Company, Dallas. The theme of the conference concerned human relations in management, especially as it influences policy formation. Because of heavy attendance, active support from both public and private organizations, and grass-root demand, the University of New Mexico intends to make the conference an annual event and to expand its program of conferences and related activities in the social sciences.

The problem of fitting lawyers, engineers and other "specialists" for important managerial positions in both industry and government was discussed during a special six-weeks executive development conference, sponsored by the School of Business and Public Administration at Cornell University. John J. Corson, manager of the Washington office of McKinsey and Company and former director of the U. S. Employment Service, directed the program, with the assistance of Richard E. Neustadt, assistant professor of public administration, School of Business and Public Administration. The teaching staff was drawn both from the faculty of the School and from outside specialists. The latter included: James D. Mooney, president of the F. L. Jacobs Company and formerly president of General Motors Overseas Corporation; James M. Mitchell, former U. S. Civil Service Commissioner and now deputy assistant secretary for manpower and personnel in the Department of Defense; Earl Brooks, assistant dean of the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations; Carl J. Friedrich, professor of government at Harvard, and others. The group of twenty-five representatives of middle and top business and governmental management met together in a series of seminars from July 13 through August 22. Among the topics considered were policy formulation and administration, personnel and human relations, finance, economic and political trends, and managerial responsibility.

The Citizenship Clearing House for Southern New York held its first annual conference on "The University and Student Political Par-

ticipation" on April 24-25 at the New York University Law Center. Representatives from fifteen colleges and universities in the Southern New York area attended and prominent persons holding public and party office participated in the proceedings. The principal address was delivered by the Honorable Emanuel Celler. Professor Ray F. Harvey, director of the Citizenship Clearing House for Southern New York, presided.

The annual meetings of the Social Science Section of the Ohio College Association were held in Columbus, March 19-20. Harvey C. Mansfield, president for 1952-53, arranged the program, featuring a panel discussion of movie censorship in Ohio; papers by Professors John F. Cady of Ohio University and Kazuo Kawai of the Ohio State University, on current problems in Southeast Asia and in Japan; and a debate on the role of the minority party in national politics in which Professor Norton E. Long of Western Reserve University participated. Professor Donovan F. Emch, University of Toledo, was elected vice-president for the coming year and Mona Fletcher, Kent State University, secretary-treasurer.

The Pennsylvania State College held its Second Institute of World Affairs and International Cooperation during the summer session, June 30 to August 8. A three-credit course on International Understanding, open to graduate and advanced undergraduate students, was given by Dr. Richard Heindel, on leave from his position as deputy director of the UNESCO Relations Staff of the Department of State in Washington, D. C. The Institute offered several supplementary programs, including a three-day conference on the Point Four and Technical Assistance Programs; weekly lectures by prominent specialists, including Henri Bonnet, French Ambassador to the United States, and Professors Hans J. Morgenthau, Otto Klineberg, and F. S. C. Northrop; weekly round tables by Penn State faculty members on various problems of international affairs; and special programs featuring international films, music, and art. Elton Atwater, associate professor of political science at the Pennsylvania State College, was the general coordinator of the Institute activities.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

The University of Puerto Rico is currently celebrating its 50th anniversary and several

political scientists have been active in this event. The President of the University is Dr.