

The method of providing attractive syllabi is by no means widespread amongst organizers of lecture courses. The syllabus for the 1958 Commonwealth Fund Lectures, therefore, has much to commend it. Certainly, those who live far away from London will regard it with envy, for it outlines a course which is sufficiently small in chronological compass to be manageable and yet at the same time examines matters of sufficient importance to ensure that the auditors will take away not merely details of the passing hour but also something of the enduring themes of American government and politics.

B.A.A.S. GRANTS FOR RESEARCH IN AMERICAN STUDIES

The Rockefeller Foundation has generously made available a sum of money to the Association to encourage research in this country in American history, literature, and institutions. The Association proposes to make the following awards for the academic year 1958-59:-

- (1) Two grants, each of \$1,000, for research on American studies within the United Kingdom.
- (2) Two grants, each of \$3,000, to graduate students, to enable them to spend one academic year on research in the U.S.
- (3) Two grants, each of \$6,000, to established scholars to enable them to spend one academic year on research in the U.S.

These awards will be made in April 1958 by a Committee of Award, which is empowered to vary the amounts and number of the awards in the second and third categories to permit shorter visits if necessary.

Applications (eight copies) for any of these awards should be made by letter, stating qualifications, academic position and publications (if any), and giving precise indications of the research project in American studies. No testimonials should be sent but names should be given of two academic referees to whom reference may be made. Applications should reach the undersigned by March 26th, 1958:- Professor Esmond Wright, (Acting Hon. Sec. of the B.A.A.S.), Department of History, The University, Glasgow, W. 2.

B.A.A.S. THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Although members are to receive individual notification of the Conference, we reproduce below part of the Acting Secretary's circular for the convenience of any members who, through some postal mishap, may not have seen this announcement.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held from March 26th to March 29th, 1958, at the University College of Wales at Aberystwyth. Accommodation will be provided in Pantycelyn, the College's new hall of residence overlooking town and sea from the slopes of the hill alongside the National Library of Wales (single study-bedrooms and all mod. cons., with a few double bedrooms for married couples). Within five minutes driving (any direction except West) is the finest country in Wales; five minutes by Sputnik westward lies America. Members will provide their own vehicles.

Relevant particulars follow:-

ASSEMBLE: Tea, 4 p.m. March 26th; sherry at 6 p.m.
 ADDRESS: Pantycelyn Hall, Ponglais Road, Aberystwyth. Telephone: Aberystwyth 642.
 MEAL-TIMES: Breakfast 8.15; Lunch 1.00 p.m.; Tea 4 p.m.; Dinner 7.00 p.m.
 SPEAKERS: Carlos Baker (American Literature); Wallace Davies (American History); L. F. Freund (American Government); Possibly: C. Wright Mills (Sociology); S. K. Bailey (American Politics). Other speakers and discussion-groups may also be arranged.
 COST: From tea Wednesday (March 26th) to after breakfast Saturday (March 29th), £3. 7s. 6d.
 CONFERENCE SECRETARY: Alan Conway, Lecturer in American History at Aberystwyth, has nobly undertaken the duties of Conference Secretary.