

# NEWS AND NOTES

## PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

The Fifteenth Annual Conference of the Indian Political Science Association was held at the Muslim University in Aligarh on December 25-27, 1952. The Conference opened with an address of welcome by Dr. Zakir Husain, Vice-Chancellor of the Muslim University, and the presidential address of Professor Haroon Khan Sherwani (retired) of Osmania University, Hyderabad. Three main topics were considered during the Conference: "Civil Liberties in India since 1947," "Public Administration in India," and "The General Elections in India." Two public lectures were given, both by American political scientists. Dr. Norman D. Palmer, professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania and visiting Fulbright professor at the University of Delhi, read a paper on "Factors Shaping American Foreign Policy," and Mrs. Emily Ehle, of Philadelphia, cultural evaluation officer of the United States Information Service in New Delhi, discussed "Techniques of Public Opinion Analysis in the United States."

The following were elected as officers of the Association for 1953: Professor B. D. Sharma of Punjab University, president; Professor R. Bhaskaran of the University of Madras, general secretary; Professor S. V. Kogekar of Fergusson College, Poona, managing editor of the *Indian Journal of Political Science*. Professor D. N. Banerjee of Calcutta University and Professor S. V. Kogekar were designated as representatives to the International Political Science Association. The sixteenth session of the Indian Political Science Conference is to meet at Sangor University in December, 1953.—N.D.P.

On invitation from the Citizenship Clearing House, representatives of six colleges and universities met in an all-day session in the Law Center of New York University on November 8, 1952, to discuss their individual courses and methods to promote more effective preparation of college students for participation in politics after graduation. The group also discussed at length ways and means to measure the effectiveness of academic training for political participation. Colleges and universities represented were: Allegheny College, Pennsylvania College for Women, Ohio

Wesleyan University, Boston University, Hamline University, and Washington Square College. Each of these institutions, as well as the Citizenship Clearing House, is conducting programs under grants from the Maurice and Laura Falk Foundation of Pittsburgh to aid in the training of college students for political responsibilities.

The Grinnell College Institute of International Affairs, under the chairmanship of Joseph Dunner, held a spring session on the general theme, "Will There Be a United States of Europe?" The chief participants were: Gontran de Juniac, Minister Plenipotentiary of France; J. Graham Parsons, Deputy Director, Office of European Regional Affairs, U. S. Department of State; and Karl Loewenstein, of the Department of Political Science, Amherst College.

The Fourth National Conference sponsored by the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO will be held at the University of Minnesota, September 15-17, 1953, on the theme "America's Stake in World Affairs." The purpose of the Conference is to bring together a group of leaders, broadly representative of American life, to consider ways to improve our understanding of and participation in world affairs, particularly through the kinds of international cooperation represented by UNESCO. Invitations will be extended to national organizations and cultural institutions to send delegates.

The U. S. Section of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences met on March 8 in Washington, D. C. The forthcoming international Congress of the Institute, to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, September 6-14, 1953, was discussed. The tentative agenda of the Congress includes sessions on the administration of economic undertakings, international administrative jurisdiction, international administrative tribunals, grants-in-aid as techniques of administrative direction, training of public, including international employees, problems in the conduct of economic development programs, personal performance and ethics in government, case studies in the conduct of technical assistance programs, and

identification and correction of administrative deficiencies. Those interested in attending this Congress are invited to get in touch with Mr. Edwin T. Haeefe, Secretary, U. S. Section, 1313 East 60th St., Chicago 37, Ill., regarding travel arrangements, hotel accommodations and conference registration. Mr. Haeefe would also be glad to know of Americans planning to be in the Near East area next fall who should be invited to the Congress.

A UN-UNESCO Conference on *Social Aspects of Executing Technical Assistance Programs* was held at United Nations, New York from March 30 to April 4, 1953. Walter H. C. Laves, vice president of the Governmental Affairs Institute, served as Director and Chairman. The purpose of the Conference was to bring together a selected group of United Nations Technical Assistance Resident Representatives, experts who have served in Technical Assistance Programs, administrators of the program from headquarters and a few aca-

demie specialists in Technical Assistance Programs. The latter included Thomas C. Blaisdell, Bert Hoselitz, Wilbur E. Moore, Morris Opler and Anibal Buitron (Pan American Union). The Conference gave special attention to problems of timing and balance in technical assistance programs; the development of participation by governments and peoples of underdeveloped countries; the adjustment of technological knowledge to the needs of underdeveloped countries; the selection and training of experts for service in underdeveloped countries; problems of evaluation of technical assistance programs; and working relations with national and local officials. The Conference was limited to about 30 participants and 30 observers. It was opened by the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board, Mr. David Owen. It is expected that a report on the Conference will be published later this year.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

At the annual meeting held in Berkeley, California on April 10, new officers were elected for the Northern California Political Science Association as follows:

President—Joseph P. Harris, University of California

Vice-President—John Selig, City College of San Francisco

Sec.-Treasurer—Robert McKenzie, University of San Francisco

The American University has announced plans for a second Washington Semester program paralleling the present program for a semester's study of government in action in Washington, D. C. Colleges and universities now participating in the Washington Semester are: Allegheny, American, Beloit, Birmingham Southern, Bucknell, Wooster, Denison, Dickinson, Hamline, Hiram, Hollins, Kenyon, Lake Erie, Lindenwood, Millsaps, Oberlin, Transylvania, Westminster, Willamette, and William Jewell.

The new program will emphasize the political dynamics of political parties, public policy making and administration in the national government. Programs are under the supervision of Catheryn Seckler-Hudson, chairman of the department of political science and public administration, and Lowell H. Hattery, associate professor of political science and

public administration at the American University.

The Carnegie Corporation of New York has made a grant to Princeton University and the Organizational Behavior Section for a three-year project of basic research in international politics. Known as the Foreign Policy Analysis Project, the operation will be under the direction of Professor Richard C. Snyder of the department of politics, in association with Mr. Burton Sapin (political scientist) and Mr. Henry Bruck (sociologist), both of whom have been members of the Section. Professor Harold Sprout will serve as general adviser to the project. An interdisciplinary seminar comprised of faculty members and pre-doctoral candidates meets regularly as part of the program. It is anticipated that the project will be executed in three stages: first, an attempt to classify and evaluate various approaches to the study of international politics on the basis of a conceptual scheme developed during the past two years in the Organizational Behavior Section; second, an attempt to build analytical bridges between international politics and other disciplines, particularly the social sciences; finally, an attempt to discuss research priorities and problems of research in this field. A publication series is contemplated.