

NEWS AND NOTES

1959 ANNUAL MEETING AND SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1959-60

The 1959 Annual Meeting of the Association will be held September 10-12, at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C. Professor Emmette S. Redford, of the University of Texas, is Chairman of the Program Committee, and Vincent Rock, Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, is Chairman of the Committee on Local Arrangements.

At the Annual Business Meeting the Nominating Committee (comprising Kenneth W. Thompson, Chairman, George B. Gallo-way, Thomas P. Jenkin, John W. Masland, C. Herman Pritchett, and Donald S. Strong) will propose the following officers for 1959-60: President-Elect, Emmette S. Redford (University of Texas); Vice-Presidents, David Fellman (University of Wisconsin), George A. Graham (Brookings Institution), and Alpheus T. Mason (Princeton University); Secretary, Victoria Schuck (Mount Holyoke College); Treasurer, Max M. Kampelman (Washington, D. C.); Members of the Council for two years, Edward McN. Burns (Rutgers University), Charles E. Gilbert (Swarthmore College), Arthur Naftalin (Commissioner of Administration, State of Minnesota), George A. Shipman (University of Washington), George W. Spicer (University of Virginia), Paul G. Steinbicker (St. Louis University), Robert Walker (Stanford University) and Rene De Visme William-son (Louisiana State University).

PROGRAM: 1960 MEETINGS

Early appointment of the Program Committee for the annual meetings of the Association to be held in New York City in September, 1960, makes it timely now to invite anyone having program suggestions for the occasion to convey them as soon as may be convenient to the Chairman or an appropriate member of the Committee. Its members are: C. Herman Pritchett, University of Chicago, Chairman; Samuel Beer, Harvard University, Comparative Government; Harlan Cleveland, Syracuse University, International Relations; David Fellman, University of Wisconsin, Public Law; George A. Graham, Brookings Institution, Public Administration; John H. Hallowell, Duke University, Political Theory; Norton E. Long, Northwestern University, State and Local Government; John A. Vieg, Pomona College, Political Parties; and Ruth G. Weintraub, Hunter College, National Government.

NOTICE TO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Report of Executive Committee Action on the Report of The Committee on Finances and Program

Following the Executive Committee Meeting on November 1, 1958, President Cole, in accordance with action of the Committee, appointed a Committee on Finances and Program composed of Pendleton Herring, Chairman, Taylor Cole, Max M. Kampelman, V. O. Key, Harold D. Lasswell, and E. E. Schattschneider. The Committee was authorized to examine the financial situation of the Association, the Association's program, and other related matters, and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee and Council. The Committee met on January 20, 1959, and later drew up a two-part report, the first part dealing primarily with finances, the second part with program. The first section of the report follows:

"The problems presented to this Committee are not new ones nor are they peculiar to our Association. The year-by-year inflation of the past ten years—resulting in greatly increased printing costs, and in significantly increased costs for supplies, rent, postage, and services—has placed a severe strain on the Association's budget. This is all the more severe since a number of our basic costs have risen more rapidly than the general cost of living. For example, the cost of printing the REVIEW in 1947 was \$8,782; in 1959, it will run between \$26,000 and \$27,000. Direct cash expense for publication of the REVIEW doubled between 1949 and 1959. In 1950-1951, the direct costs for the REVIEW (these include only printing and editorial expenses) were approximately 50 per cent of the income from dues. Today, in spite of greatly increased membership, the direct costs for the REVIEW are approximately 68 per cent of the income from dues. These figures do not include handling memberships and subscriptions, billing, bookkeeping, central office expense, postage for returned REVIEWS and for remailing.

"By careful handling of the funds available and by a decrease in personnel and office efficiency, the Association's budget has been kept in balance. In his 1957 report and again in 1958, however, the Treasurer made clear that the Association would have to give serious consideration to ways of producing additional income if the activities and services of the

Association were to be efficiently maintained and continued.

"The financial problems of the Association have been discussed during the last two years by the Executive Committee and Council, and President Key brought them to the attention of the Council and Business Meeting in St. Louis in September, 1958. With a budget deficit of \$4,219.85 approved by the Council for 1958-59 and the expectation of continued inflation, the matter was again discussed at the first meeting this year of the Executive Committee, November 1, 1958, and President Cole was authorized to appoint this Committee to examine the program, activities, and financial situation of the Association and make recommendations to the Executive Committee and Council.

"All other comparable professional associations are faced with similar financial problems. Confronted with a deficit this past year, The American Economic Association appointed a committee on the deficit. The American Historical Association is reexamining its financial situation. In both cases, this has been necessary in spite of rather large endowments: over \$700,000 in the case of the historians, over \$170,000 in the case of the economists. The American Sociological Society has increased its dues to \$6 for students, \$12 for subscriptions to its *Review*, \$15 for regular members, and \$20 for Fellows (members of five years standing.) The American Association of Geographers increased dues last year from \$10 to \$15. The dues of The American Anthropological Association are \$8.50 for students, \$13.50 for members and Fellows. The American Psychological Association dues are \$20 for members and \$25 for members after two years.

"This Committee, having examined the program and activities of our Association, reviewed the budget and the financial problems that have resulted from inflation and that will, in all likelihood, be exacerbated by continued inflation, has come to three conclusions. On the basis of current income, one, a number of current Association activities will have to be discontinued or further cut down; two, additional programs or activities of the kind that have been approved but not implemented, for example, publication of a new *Directory*, cannot be undertaken. Finally, failure to maintain present activities and to implement those that have been approved will undermine the stand-

ing of the profession and decrease the possibility of recruiting new members, of obtaining endowment, or of securing foundation support for those activities that should be undertaken. The committee, therefore, recommends that three lines of action be pursued simultaneously:

- I. Dues, as defined in 1949, should be increased to:
 - A. Student members \$ 6.00
 - B. Regular members and Subscribers . . . \$ 15.00
 - C. Life members: either eliminate or increase to \$1,000.00
 - D. Retired members: for those who have maintained membership for thirty consecutive years prior to retirement Reduced dues
- II. A continuing program of membership recruitment should be carried on. The activities of the national office during the past year have been very helpful in this respect. Under a contract with ICA, membership has been made available to ICA trainees abroad at greatly reduced rates to the trainees. In addition, a grant has been received from The Asia Foundation to subsidize membership for Asian political scientists, libraries and research institutes. Finally, through the good offices of Francis Wilcox, a grant has been secured from the Alexander Freeman Foundation to carry on an intensive membership campaign over the next year.
The Committee believes, however, that a continuing long range membership campaign is a most essential part of the development program of the Association and warrants expenditure of regular staff time and funds through the years.
- III. Continuing efforts should be made to increase the endowment funds of the Association. Some steps can be taken without much expenditure of time or money, for example, printing a standard form of bequest in the REVIEW and calling attention to the possibility of furthering the purposes and functions of the Association by gift or bequest. Other efforts will require a greater expenditure of time and money, but should be made a continuing part of the Association's activities.

"The Committee believes that the above actions, if adopted and implemented will enable the Association to:

- (1) eliminate its deficit, maintain the stability and quality of the REVIEW in the face of rising costs of publishing, and maintain and strengthen the current program of the Association;
- (2) assure the possibility of continued sessions of the nominating, program, editorial and other essential committees together with a chance of a somewhat broader geographical representation;
- (3) carry on a continuing membership and endowment campaign;
- (4) publish a new *Directory*: a reserve fund should be set aside and the *Directory* published regularly at intervals to be determined by the Executive Committee and Council; and
- (5) provide funds for such committees as are needed in strengthening existing programs and developing those programs and activities that have been approved but not implemented."

This section of the report, along with other

relevant material, was thoroughly discussed by the Executive Committee on March 7, 1959. On a motion by Ralph Huitt, seconded by John Davis, the Executive Committee unanimously gave general approval to this section of the report. In addition, the Executive Committee took specific action, item by item, on the recommendations with respect to dues, as follows:

- A. With respect to student members: on a motion by Ralph Huitt, seconded by Harvey Mansfield, the Committee unanimously recommended to the Council that the student dues be increased to \$6.00.
- B. With respect to regular members and subscribers: on a motion by Emmette Redford, seconded by John Davis, the Committee unanimously recommended to the Council that (1) dues for regular members be fixed at \$15.00, and (2) that the Council be authorized to fix the dues for institutional and library subscribers at a rate not less than that for regular members.
- C. With respect to life members: on a motion by John Davis, seconded by Ralph Huitt, the Committee unanimously recommended to the Council that (1) the life membership be retained, (2) that it be called sustaining or contributing life membership, (3) that the dues for such membership be \$1000.00, and (4) that dues from such memberships be added to the endowment funds of the Association.
- D. With respect to retired members: on a motion by John Davis, seconded by Ralph Huitt, the Committee unanimously recommended to the Council that dues be fixed at \$8.00 for those members who have at least twenty consecutive years of membership immediately preceding retirement.

In brief summary, the second section of the Report of the Committee on Finances and Program, dealing with the Association program, follows:

"*Programs and activities.* The Committee believes it very important for the Association to contribute to the professional development of its members and to aid in creating an adequate image of political science and political scientists on the part of the public. . . .

"In considering future programs and activities, the Committee recommends that the Executive Committee and Council give priority to maintaining and strengthening present activities and those new activities that have already been approved before developing additional programs. Specifically, the committee recommends that first priority, and one which the financial recommendations above should make possible, be given to maintaining the stability and high quality of the REVIEW and the Annual Meetings. . . .

"Secondly, the Committee recommends the publication of a new *Directory*; it also recommends that the *Directory* be published on some regular schedule of three, four, or five years and that money be set aside each year in the

budget to make this possible. . . .

"Only when the above activities that have already been approved have been developed should the Association seek to move in new directions. When that time comes, however, the Committee recommends that special attention be given to the relation between the Association and the teaching of government in the secondary schools and to problems of documentation and improved methods of communication among political scientists."

The Executive Committee discussed the second section of the report very briefly, ex-

pressed general approval provided its recommendations do not place an increased financial strain on the Association, and agreed to discuss this section of the report further at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

Since the above matters require action of the Council and Business Meetings in September, 1959, the Executive Committee, on motion of Evron Kirkpatrick, seconded by Carl Swisher, unanimously approved the publication of this section of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of March 7, 1959 in the June issue of the REVIEW.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Section K—Social and Economic Sciences—of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will hold sessions for contributed papers at the annual meeting of the AAAS in Chicago, December 26–31, 1959. Association members interested in presenting a paper at these sessions should forward titles and abstracts not later than September 20 to Donald P. Ray, Secretary of AAAS Section K, National Academy of Economics and Political Science, George Washington University, Washington 6, D. C. Papers should be based on research recently completed by the author. The American Political Science Association is an affiliate member of the Section on Social and Economic Sciences of the AAAS.

The annual meeting of The Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists was held on The Ohio State University campus on Saturday, March 14. Papers were given on "Cooperative Federalism: Food and Drug Control Problems" by James A. Woodworth, of Miami University; "Party Politics in Ohio" by Thomas Flinn, of Oberlin College; "United States Policy in the Middle East" by John Kelly, of Ohio Wesleyan University, and "The Birth of a New Nation: Cyprus" by Roy P. Fairfield, of Ohio University. The president, H. A. VanDorn, Kent State University, presided at the luncheon. The guest speaker was Dunning Idle, of Western College for Women, who spoke on "Emerging Africa." The officers for 1959–60 are: president, Leland Gordon, economics, Denison University; vice-president, Ray H. Gusteson, political science, Ohio University; secretary-treasurer, Mona Fletcher, political science, Kent State University. Ninety-five were in attendance.

Representatives from over forty civic, professional and business groups of the National Capital region attended the Citizens' Conference on Washington Area Metropolitan Problems conducted by the School of Government and Public Administration of The American University, January 16 and 17, 1959.

The Conference was co-sponsored by the participating organizations. Its theme was "The Citizens' Role in Shaping the Future of the National Capital Region." Panel discussions centered upon the political aspects of metropolitan problems in transportation, economic development and water resources. Each panel held sessions to consider, in light of its particular problem, the following general questions: "What are the reasons for, and consequences of, continuing as we are?" What are the requirements for firm decisions equal to the multi-jurisdictional scope of the problem?" And "What immediate citizen, group and governmental action might be taken to satisfy the basic requirements for firm decisions?"

The Conference was keynoted by Senator Alan Bible of Nevada, Chairman of the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia. Senator R. Vance Hartke of Indiana, delivered the dinner address on "National Policy for Urban America." Conference director was Mr. Royce Hanson of the faculty of the School of Government and Public Administration.

More than 70 representatives from 37 colleges, universities, military institutes, newspapers, foundations, and government services gathered at the Ohio State University on February 27 and 28 to participate in a Conference on Civil-Military Relations. The