

NEWS AND NOTES

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

1956 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

The 1956 Annual Meeting of The American Political Science Association will be held September 6-8, 1956, in Washington, D.C. The Chairman of the Program Committee is Professor Earl Latham, of Amherst College; the Chairman of the Committee on Local Arrangements is The Reverend James B. Horigan, S.J., of Georgetown University.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association was held at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, November 3-5, 1955. Approximately 104 persons were registered as attending the meeting. Panel discussions were devoted to the following topics: "The Second Hoover Commission," "The Conservative Renaissance," "The Role of the Political Scientist in the Classroom," "Emerging Political Entities in Non-European Areas and Their Impact on World Politics," "The Contemporary Currents in Electoral Reform," "Atomic Energy: Public Policy and Political Science," "Trends in Federal-State Relations," "The Development of American Foreign Policy," "Government in Metropolitan Areas." The presidential address was delivered by Manning J. Dauer, and Evron Kirkpatrick addressed the meeting as the representative of the American Political Science Association. John J. Bebout, Assistant Director of the National Municipal League, addressed a luncheon meeting on "Agenda for American Federalism." The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Carl B. Swisher, Johns Hopkins University, president; Alexander Heard, University of North Carolina, vice-president; Arthur B. Dugan, University of the South, recording secretary; Wallace Mendelsohn, University of Tennessee, Vincent Thursby, Florida State University, and Amry Vandenbosch, University of Kentucky, members of the executive council. Lee S. Greene, of the University of Tennessee, was elected editor of the *Journal of Politics* for a three-year term.

The second annual conference of the District of Columbia Political Science Association

(DCPSA) was held on December 3, 1955, in the Hall of Government of George Washington University. The theme of the conference was "Policy Problems—1956." The general session was addressed by Francis O. Wilcox, Assistant Secretary of State and a past president of DCPSA; he spoke on "The Future of the United Nations." Six round tables dealt with the following topics: "The Kestnbaum Commission Report"; "Conflict of Interest—Is a Fresh Approach Needed?"; "Planning Ahead for National Party Conventions"; "The Hoover Commission Report"; "Agricultural Policy Problems—1956"; "Judicial Policy Problems—1956." Among the round table participants were Earl Butz, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; Adrian S. Fisher, former legal adviser of AEC and of the State Department; Warren J. Madden, Judge, United States Court of Claims; Edwin G. Nourse, former Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers; Robert Ramspeck, former Chairman of the U. S. Civil Service Commission; Tracy S. Voorhees, former Under Secretary of the Army; and Roger H. Wells, Chairman, Political Science Department of Bryn Mawr College.

Officers elected for the following year are: president, William H. Roberts, Catholic University of America; first vice-president, G. Lyle Belsley, Federal Civil Defense Administration; second vice-president, Howard R. Penniman, United States Information Agency. Additional executive committee members are: Don L. Bowen, University of Maryland; Jarold A. Kieffer, Executive Office of the President; S. McKee Rosen, International Cooperation Administration. Secretary-Treasurer: William B. Welsh, Legislative Assistant to Senator Herbert H. Lehman.

On January 31, 1956, DCPSA held its first meeting of the current year in the Lounge of the Brookings Institution. The topic of the evening was "Legislative Programming"; the panel consisted of Lloyd W. Jones, Staff Director, Republican Policy Committee—United States Senate; William Pincus, Associate General Counsel, House Committee on Government Operations; George E. Reedy, Staff Adviser, Democratic Policy Committee—United States Senate.

The Midwest Conference of Political Scientists will hold its annual meeting on the campus of Marquette University, May 3-5, 1956. Inquiries concerning the schedule, program, housing, or other arrangements may be addressed to the office of the secretary-treasurer at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

On December 29, 1955 in Atlanta the American Association for the Advancement of Science in co-sponsorship with the Southern Political Science Association devoted a program to "Political Trends in the South." Lynwood M. Holland, Emory University, presided. Lee S. Greene, University of Tennessee, discussed "The Decision-Making Structure in Southern Politics" and Jasper B. Shannon, of the University of Kentucky, dealt with "Southern Sectionalism and National Politics."

A two-day Conference on Political Theory was held at the University of Minnesota under the auspices of the department of political science and the Center for International Relations and Area Studies. The topic of the Conference was "The Role of Theory in the Study of Politics." Benjamin E. Lippincott acted as chairman. The speakers and their topics were as follows: William Anderson: "Scope and Methods of Political Science"; G. E. C. Catlin: "What Is Political Theory and Its Practical Significance?"; David Cooperman: "Meaning in Political Theory"; B. E. Lippincott: "Future Prospects for Political Theory";

Ralph G. Ross: "Fact, Law and Theory in Political Science"; and Mulford Sibley: "The Classics in the Study of Politics."

The Midwest Institute of International Affairs of Grinnell College and the Iowa Association for the United Nations conducted a conference on Latin American-United States problems November 10-12, 1955. Included among the speakers were: Victor Andrade, Ambassador of Bolivia; John C. Drier, United States Ambassador to the O.A.S.; Joseph Dunner, chairman of the department of political science, Grinnell College; Fernando Fournier, Ambassador of Costa Rica; Bourke Hickenlooper, United States Senate; Eberaldo Machado, Cultural Attaché of Brazil; and Rafael Aveleyra, Minister Plenipotentiary of Mexico. The Midwest Institute plans a similar conference on the specialized agencies of the United Nations April 26-28, 1956 on the campus of Grinnell College.

The Tenth Congress of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences will be held in Madrid, Spain from September 3-8, 1956. The three major subjects on the agenda of the Congress are as follows: "Contracts of Public Authorities for the Carrying-Out of Works"; "Present Tendencies in the Post-Entry Training of Higher Grade Civil Servants"; "A Study of Procedures for the Preparation and Implementation of Administrative Reforms." Further information can be obtained from Mr. Herbert Emmerich, chairman, United States Section, International Institute of Administrative Sciences, 1313 East 60th Street, Chicago 37, Illinois.

The American Association for Public Opinion Research will hold its annual conference on May 24 to 27, 1956 at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania. The conference will include sessions on "Studies in Popular Culture," "Communications Theory and Opinion Research," "Determinants of Political Behavior," "Research in Medicine and Public Health," "Research on Academic Freedom and other Civil Liberties," and "American and Soviet Propaganda."

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Southern California Political Science Association sent special greetings to William Bennett Munro, senior surviving president of the American Political Science Association, on the occasion of his 81st birthday. Professor

Munro, now residing at Pasadena, California, joined the national association in its first year.

The Social Science Research Council is sponsoring a seven-week summer research