

## NEWS AND NOTES

The National Office of the Association has arranged with TWA for a charter flight to Europe this summer, to leave New York on June 17 and return from Paris on August 29. The cost will be substantially below the regular fares and participation is open to all members of the Association and their immediate families. Notices have gone out to all members of the Association. The plane can take 74 passengers and reservations are being accepted in order they are received. If the program is successful, it will be continued and expanded in future years.

### PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

The International Political Science Association, at the invitation of APSA, will hold its next annual Round Table at Ann Arbor, Michigan in September 1960. The main topic will be: "The Contribution of Political Behavior Studies to Political Science." V. O. Key has agreed to serve as general rapporteur. Two sessions will also be devoted to the problems of polyethnic societies. The fifth World Congress of Political Science is to be held in Paris in September 1961. The program is being formulated and the Secretariat will welcome suggestions.

The third annual meeting of the Missouri Political Science Association was held at the University of Missouri, Columbia, on October 30, 1959. Sessions were devoted to "The Political Scientist and the Public Service," "Recent Developments in the Missouri Mental Health Program," "Political Prospects in Underdeveloped Areas," and "Criminal Justice in Missouri." Jerry Hauptmann of Park College was elected president for the coming year. The association now comprises eighty members.

The District of Columbia Political Science Association held its annual business meeting on 3 December, 1959. During the year the District Association heard Samuel Lubell, Harold Lasswell, Taylor Cole, Paul Nitze, and Earl Mazo. The officers elected at the December meeting were: Vincent Browne, Howard University, President; Schuyler Foster, De-

partment of State, First Vice President; Eugene Hedberg, Department of Defense, Second Vice President; and H. Field Haviland, Jr., The Brookings Institution, member of the Executive Council. Holdover Council members are Mrs. Helen Hill Miller and William Prendergast. Retiring officers of the Association were: Howard Penniman, Georgetown University, President; Vincent Browne, First Vice President; Nathan Pelcovits, Department of State, Second Vice President; and Lyle Belsley, member of the Executive Council. Chester B. Earle, The American University, was selected by the Executive Council in 1959 for a two-year term as Secretary-Treasurer.

The Kansas City Assembly on the United States and Africa, sponsored by the International Relations Council and The American Assembly, was held at the Pembroke Country Day School in Kansas City, Missouri, October 30–November 1, 1959. Africa south of the Sahara and north of the Union of South Africa was the area considered by the participants, who were from the fields of business, medicine, education, labor, religion, military affairs, government and civic affairs. The director of the Assembly was Eliot S. Berkley, dean of administration, Kansas City Art Institute and School of Design and executive director of the International Relations Council. Alhaji Umaru Gwandu, Speaker of the House Assembly, Northern Region, Nigeria, addressed the Assembly on the subject, "The

Aspirations of the Peoples of Africa"; Mr. C. Vaughan Ferguson, Jr., Director, Office of Middle and Southern African Affairs, Department of State, spoke on "The United States and Africa"; and Sir Andrew Cohen, United Kingdom Representative on the Trusteeship Council, The United Nations, discussed

"Africa and the Western World." Panel leaders were Dr. Ted Brannen, Vice-Chancellor, University of Kansas City; Dr. Clifford P. Ketzler, Assistant Professor of Political Science, The University of Kansas; and Dr. Ernest Manheim, Professor of Sociology, University of Kansas City.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

The National Office and the Executive Committee of the Association have been investigating the possibility of offering term life insurance on a group basis to members of the Association. As a non-profit professional organization, it appears feasible for us to establish a group plan that will provide term insurance with a nationally known and reputable company at a low rate to supplement insurance already carried by members. If details can be worked out satisfactorily, a plan should be ready to present to members at the Annual Meeting of the Association in New York this September. Further information will be carried in future issues of the REVIEW.

This past fall the Association received a number of grants in aid: For the Congressional Fellowship Program, \$717,000.00 from the Ford Foundation, \$3,000.00 from the Poynter Fund, \$11,280.00 from the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation, \$500.00 from Time, Inc., \$500.00 from the New York Times Foundation, \$500.00 from the Shinner Foundation, \$250.00 from the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times Foundation, \$500.00 from Cyrus Eaton, and \$2,840.00 from the Helen Dwight Reid Foundation. For the Regional Seminars, \$120,000.00 from the Ford Foundation. For the Public Affairs Reporting Awards, \$150,000.00 from the Ford Foundation and \$1,000 from the Poynter Fund. For a membership recruitment campaign, \$3,500.00 from the Alexander Freeman Foundation. For holding the Round Table and Executive Committee meetings of IPSA in the United States in 1960, \$25,000.00 from the American Council of Learned Societies, up to \$1,500.00 from IPSA, and assistance from the University of Michigan. For the Asian Congressional Fellowship Program, \$30,000.00 from the Asia Foundation. The larger grants are applicable over terms of years. Grants received during the fall for these special programs totalled \$1,067,370. The Association wishes to express its appreciation to all the donors.

A Department of Political Science has been established recently at Montana State University as a result of the separation of the Department of History and Political Science.

In observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of its founding, the Department of Political Science of the University of Michigan is planning to hold a conference-seminar at Ann Arbor on April 8-9, 1960. The general topic will be "The Present Status and Prospects of Political Science as a Discipline."

The Murray Seasongood Good Government Fund for the past three years has been sending Visitors to interested colleges and Universities in southwestern Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, with a view to interesting students in local government both as a career and as citizen-participants. Some sixteen institutions have received Visitors during this period, usually under the auspices of the Political Science Department. The program has met with such an enthusiastic response that it is planned to continue it in the future. Information concerning it can be secured by writing Mr. Robert Goldman, Seasongood Good Government Fund, Union Central Building, Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

Northern Illinois University has recently established an Institute for social research with