

## NEWS AND NOTES

### NOMINATIONS

The Association's Committee on Nominations invites all members to propose candidates for the elective offices of the Association, to wit: President-Elect, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and eight members for two-year terms on the Council. Suggestions and supporting statements may be sent to any member of the Committee: Alexander Heard, University of North Carolina, chairman; Victoria Schuck, Mt. Holyoke College; Homer Durham, University of Utah; George Galloway, Library of Congress; Herman Pritchett, University of Chicago; Kenneth W. Thompson, Rockefeller Foundation. The sooner suggestions are received, the better; to be considered at all they must arrive by March 1, 1958.

### PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

#### *Fifty-Third Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Minutes of the Council Meeting*

The Council of the American Political Science Association met at 9:30 A.M., September 4, 1957 at the Henry Hudson Hotel, New York City, with President E. E. Schattschneider presiding. The following officers and members of the Council were present: President-Elect V. O. Key, Treasurer Max M. Kampelman, Vice-Presidents Carl Brent Swisher and Wilfred E. Binkley, Secretary Gladys M. Kammerer, Managing Editor of the *Review* Harvey C. Mansfield, Executive Director Evron M. Kirkpatrick, and Weldon Cooper, Paul T. David, Thomas Eliot, William T. R. Fox, Claude E. Hawley, Alexander Heard, Thomas P. Jenkin, Avery Leiserson, John D. Lewis, Louise Overacker, Austin Ranney, Charles B. Robson, Ruth Weintraub, and York Willbern. Also present at the Council meeting were the new nominees for the Council and offices of the Association; and Pendleton Herring, Ralph Bunche, and William Anderson, past Presidents of the Association.

Chairman Austin Ranney, reporting for the 1957 Program Committee, pointed to the Final Program for the meeting as the bulk of his report. He stressed also that the meeting of the Committee, instituted as a new practice last year, was extremely valuable; that the major problem of the committee was securing adherence to deadlines, not only in planning

and making up the program but in the receipt and duplication of papers at headquarters; and that the reproduction and sale of papers was an important innovation of the last few years which had tended to raise the intellectual level of the meetings and the discussion. He said the general policies and procedures now being followed worked well, but would be improved by the still earlier appointment of a program committee as planned for next year. The Council accepted the report and unanimously adopted a resolution thanking the Chairman and Committee for their excellent work on the 1957 program.

President Schattschneider announced that for the first time the Program Committee for the following year (1958) had been selected in the spring and would meet at the close of the Annual Meeting to begin planning for the 1958 Annual Meeting. This will be the earliest start ever made in program planning. The new Program Committee for the 1958 Meeting was announced as follows: Marver H. Bernstein, chairman, Robert A. Dahl, political theory; Leon Epstein, comparative government; William Goodman, political parties; Daniel R. Grant, local government; Edgar Furniss, Jr., international relations; Richard Neustadt, national government; Jack W. Peltason, public law; Richard C. Snyder, political behavior; and Frederick N. Cleaveland, public administration.

President Schattschneider, agreeing with Austin Ranney about the value of the reproduction and sale of the panel papers, asked the

Executive Director about their costs to the Association. Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that the deficit resulting from the sale of papers in 1956 had been between \$500.00 and \$600.00; he expected it to be somewhat larger in 1957, because of two factors: (1) the cost of reproduction of a number of the papers for the 1957 meeting exceeded the flat 50-cent selling price; one paper cost \$1.12 per copy, another \$0.97. Approximately half the papers cost more per copy than the selling price, in spite of the use of the central services of The American Council on Education at favorable rates. (2) All papers are reproduced in the same fixed number; the supply of some is completely exhausted, while very few of others are sold. With no way of estimating the demand accurately in advance, the fairly substantial cost of unsold papers to the Association is never recovered. After some discussion, it was agreed to retain the practice of reproduction and sale but the Program and Executive Committees for the coming year were instructed to try to devise a procedure that will reduce the Association deficit.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, David B. Truman, was not present but submitted a written report that was circulated in advance to Council members. The nominations were reported in the June issue of this REVIEW. Mr. Truman, in his report, strongly endorsed the holding of a face-to-face meeting of the nominating Committee, as was initiated in 1956. "Discussion in the meeting produced a genuine consensus in almost all cases rather than merely a preponderant vote, and we feel that this is a most important feature of the work of the nominating Committee under the constitutional arrangements of this Association." He also strongly urged that a request for suggestions to the nominating Committee be published in the REVIEW no later than the December issue. "We do not think that a large number of suggestions from the membership is necessary to the performance of the Committee's work but we do feel strongly that every opportunity should be given to all members of the Association to make their preferences known to members of the Committee." He further urged that the officers of the regional societies keep the Washington Office of the Association informed of changes in the lists of their officers, and that the Nominating Committee make an effort to secure recommendations from officers of the regional societies. The following nominees were unanimously agreed upon as officers and Council

members of the Association for 1957-58: President-Elect Taylor Cole (Duke University); Vice-Presidents, Francis O. Wilcox (Department of State), Earl Latham (Amherst College), and Cortez A. M. Ewing (University of Oklahoma); Secretary Ruth C. Silva (Pennsylvania State College); Treasurer Max M. Kampelman (Washington, D. C.); Members of the Council for two years, Marian D. Irish (Florida State University), Arthur Dugan (University of the South), John Davis (City College of New York), John Masland (Dartmouth College), H. Arthur Steiner (University of California, Los Angeles), Milton R. Merrill (Utah State Agricultural College), Ralph K. Huitt (University of Wisconsin), and J. Austin Ranney (University of Illinois).

The Treasurer, Max M. Kampelman, briefly discussed the Auditor's Report, the Treasurer's Report, and the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1958, all of which documents were in the hands of members of the Council. He pointed out that the 1957 budget, approved by the Council and Business Meeting in 1956, called for an estimated deficit of \$3,670 and that this had been cut considerably; the actual deficit was only a little over \$1000. He reminded the Council that in the fiscal year beginning August 1, 1954 a changeover had been made to an accrual basis accounting; the liabilities in this adjustment were \$26,934, which amount was reduced, by adjustments to record assets to \$14,554.12 as of October 31, 1954. This was further reduced to \$9,448.95 at the end of the fiscal year, July 31, 1955, by a surplus of \$5,105.17 of income over expenditures in that fiscal year. In the fiscal year ending July 31, 1956, the deficit was reduced still further by a surplus of income over expenditures of \$3,635.37. At the beginning of the fiscal year just passed, therefore, the accumulated deficit was \$5,866.93. The operating deficit of the current year has increased that figure by approximately \$1,000.00. It is important, he said, that the Association make an effort to wipe out this deficit entirely in the coming years and create a surplus that might go into endowment funds. The proposed budget for the coming fiscal year is approximately in balance: Income, \$83,444.00; Expenses, \$83,569.00.

Mr. Kampelman reported on income from grants in the past year. These included \$211,250 from the Ford Foundation for five years for the Congressional Fellowship Program, contingent on matching funds from other sources; \$12,500 from the Ford Founda-

tion for awards to young journalists for excellent reporting of state and local public affairs; \$9,000 from the Carnegie Corporation for official representation at international meetings; \$15,000 from Senator William Benton for the Congressional Distinguished Service Awards; \$1,000 from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation for the Woodrow Wilson Book Award; \$571 from various donors for the James Kimbrough Owen Memorial Award Fund; \$1,275.15 from various donors for the Birkhead Award; \$250 from the *Courier Journal* and *Louisville Times* and \$1,800 from the Poynter Fund for the Congressional Fellowship Program; and \$8,000 from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation for the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Volume. He mentioned a number of additional grants being considered by various foundations and individuals.

Mr. Kampelman noted that while, on the basis of this report, the Association seems to be in good financial shape, it is essential to keep in mind that the Association is faced with rising operating costs that will continue in the future and that make it essential for the Association continuously to seek new programs on terms that will make it possible to continue the kind of public services it has provided. The cost of office space rose from \$2,800 in 1956 to \$3,559.45 in 1957 and will increase to \$4,332 in 1958. This represents no increase in space but the greater cost for exactly the same space. The cost of the REVIEW was \$31,140.70 in 1957 and will increase to an estimated \$34,500 in 1958. This increase is due in part to a 12 to 15 per cent increase in printing costs under the new contract just negotiated, and in part to increased salaries for the Editor and his staff. Likewise salaries in the National Office, office supplies and equipment, travel, mimeographing, printing and other necessary costs have risen. Our situation, Mr. Kampelman reported, is like that of other professional associations. The Treasurer of The American Economic Association reported in 1956: "Expenses show a steady increase. Both administrative and printing costs are rising: e.g. office salaries and other administrative expenses, and editorial and clerical salaries are now about \$10,000 higher than they were five years ago, and *American Economic Review* and *Papers and Proceedings* printing costs are about \$4,500 higher. The explanation is apparent: We have found it necessary to employ more assistants and office help has become more expensive and good help has become more difficult to get and to hold; printing costs have

risen an average of 50 per cent since 1949. . . ."

Exactly the same thing can be said about The American Political Science Association in 1957.

Mr. Kampelman concluded by saying that he mentioned these things in order to emphasize the necessity to expand membership in the Association constantly and to develop new and significant programs which will enable the Association not only to continue what it is doing but also to enable it to be of even greater service to its members and to the whole of American society.

The Council voted unanimously to accept the report of the Treasurer and to thank him for his services to the Association both as Treasurer and as Counsel.

Mr. Schattschneider then called for a detailed examination and discussion of the proposed budget. The Executive Director went over the individual items and compared them with the budget for last year. There was discussion of a number of specific items. Mr. Mansfield recommended that the allowance for his reading assistant be increased from \$1,200 to \$1,800 and that an additional \$500 be included for compensation to the bibliographers and others; at the same time he recommended that the travel item for the REVIEW be cut by \$100. The motion was seconded and, after brief discussion, approved unanimously. This action increased the proposed expense item in the total budget by \$1,000 to \$84,569 and for the REVIEW budget to \$35,747. After further brief discussion, the Council unanimously voted to approve the proposed budget with the above revisions. The Council also unanimously approved a resolution allowing the Executive Director, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, to make shifts and alterations within the expense items in the budget as might be necessary during the year.

The Executive Director, Evron Kirkpatrick, reviewed the work of the National Office during the past year. He called attention to the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held during the year which had been submitted to Council members in advance and which reported on most of the activities. He also called attention to the reports of various committees and representatives of the Association to other organizations of which APSA is a constituent member. These documents had been distributed to the Council in advance and contained further reports on the work of the Association during the year. President Schattschneider asked for questions or discussion of

the matters reported in these materials. There were some questions and brief discussion. The Executive Director noted that membership was at the highest point in Association history, almost 7,000. He called attention to the documents on the Congressional Fellowship program that were distributed to the Council in advance of the meeting and which had been used in the efforts of the National Office to raise money to match the Ford Foundation grant of \$211,250. He pointed out that the acceptance of the Ford grant (which was conditional on the Association raising a like amount from other sources) had entailed a very heavy work load for the office in its attempt to raise matching funds. In addition to the cost in time, such an effort cost money for the preparation of materials, postage, and travel. It has, he noted, diverted the time and attention of an office staff hardly large enough to keep up with the day-to-day business of the office into money raising activities and thereby prevented the office from effectively doing the regular job it ought to be doing for the Association. He suggested that the Association should consider very carefully before accepting such conditional grants in the future. There was brief discussion of this point and the Council approved unanimously a resolution expressing the view that such grants should be accepted in the future only in exceptional circumstances and after determination that acceptance would not seriously handicap the National Office in performing its regular duties.

Mr. Kirkpatrick went on to point out that the Congressional Fellowship Program had been an outstanding success; he pointed to the increased prestige that had accrued to the Association as a result of the program and the recognition it had won both from the Congress and from the press. He expressed the view that the value of the program probably justified the efforts to raise money for its continuance but at the same time pointed out that it was important to recognize that these efforts were something for which the Association had paid a high price.

The Managing Editor of THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW, Harvey C. Mansfield, presented his report. He explained the departmentalization of the editorial work involved in getting out the REVIEW and the use of about seventy-five persons outside the editorial board to read and appraise articles submitted for publication. Mr. Mansfield reported that about two hundred fifty articles

had been submitted during the year, but that space had been available for publication of only thirty-six. Mr. Mansfield also submitted a report and analysis of comparative printing costs of the REVIEW and several similar publications and explained the increased printing costs entailed in getting out the REVIEW. The Managing Editor stated his policy of providing rotation on the Editorial Board each year, and nominated Vincent Ostrom of the University of Oregon as a replacement for Victor Jones of the University of California. The Council approved the general policy, elected Mr. Ostrom to the Editorial Board, and expressed their appreciation to the Editor and Editorial Board by unanimous vote.

President Schattschneider reported the recommendation of the Executive Committee for reappointment of Earl Latham as the representative of the Association on the Social Science Research Council. This recommendation was unanimously approved by the Council.

The invitation to APSA from the American Association for the Advancement of Science to plan a program for Section K of their annual meeting at Indianapolis was discussed. The American Political Science Association is a constituent member of and has a regular representative to the A.A.A.S. The Council unanimously voted to ask Clarence Berdahl, as president of the Midwest Political Science Association, to join the APSA in planning a program for the Indianapolis meeting of the A.A.A.S.

The request from a member of the Association to be nominated for one of the A.C.L.S. research grants was discussed at length. The A.C.L.S. has funds for grants to mature scholars for completion of work already started, but applicants must be nominated by institutions, corporations, organizations, and the deadline for applications was at hand. The President reported that the Executive Committee had suggested nomination of a member of the Association who had retired and was, therefore, without an institutional connection. The Executive Committee also recommended that a regular procedure be established by the Association for nominations next year. Discussion centered around the propriety and significance of the Association's support of an applicant this year, in the absence of any regularized procedures. A motion was approved that the President appoint an *ad hoc* committee of three Council members to make an immediate cursory evaluation of the ap-



plicant's project and report back to the Council forthwith. President Schattschneider appointed William T. R. Fox as chairman, Austin Ranney, and Charles B. Robson to serve on this committee. The committee reported back a motion to forward the application to the A.C.L.S., and after some amendment of the phrasology of this motion it was passed unanimously by the Council. The Council further unanimously voted to authorize the Executive Committee to work out procedures this year for the receipt and evaluation of any future applications by Association members for such A.C.L.S. research grants.

The President expressed the view that Association relations with the American Council of Learned Societies should be further developed. The Executive Committee, he informed the Council, had requested that the APSA representative to the A.C.L.S., Carl J. Friedrich, be asked to report to the Council next year as to how this might best be accomplished. The Executive Director stated that fruitful areas of mutual interest should be explored, and reported that he planned to discuss the matter during the course of the year with the new President of A.C.L.S. with whom he had already corresponded.

President Schattschneider reported that the proposal, which all Council members had received, for an Association program to aid experimentation with the introductory course, was still being actively considered by the Ford Foundation. He told the Council that the Ford Foundation had arranged for a special study of the proposal and of needs in this field by William Beaney of Princeton, and distributed copies of Beaney's study to the Council members. The study confirmed the earlier view of the Executive Committee and Council that there was great interest in this field and that a program could be fruitfully developed. There was discussion of both the proposal and the Ford Foundation study and the Council reaffirmed the decision taken during the year that the Association should make every effort to secure funds to proceed with the project submitted to the Ford Foundation last winter. In doing so, however, the Council expressed the view that the project should not be undertaken unless the funds received are adequate to do the job outlined and unless the Association is free to proceed with the project along the lines set forth in the proposal.

President Schattschneider announced that the Association had now received a grant from Senator William Benton for the Distinguished

Congressional Service Awards. He called on Mr. Kampelman, chairman of the committee that developed the project, to report further. Mr. Kampelman explained that the grant was pursuant to Council approval of the project as outlined and approved over a year ago. He reported that the Executive Committee had the previous day approved release of a statement to the press and authorized the President to take steps to inaugurate the program.

The President reported that the Executive Committee, on September 2, approved a request from A.C.L.S. for a revision of the ACLS by-laws. The revision approved by the Executive Committee was read and approved unanimously by the Council.

Upon consideration of a request from an Association member for reimbursement for the cost of duplicating a paper given at the 1956 Annual Meeting, the Council voted unanimously not to make reimbursement.

Cooperation with several other national organizations was discussed; the main discussion centered around cooperation with the American Association of University Professors. The Executive Director called attention to the appointment of Robert K. Carr, long active in the Association, as General Secretary of A.A.U.P. A letter from Allen Saunders, member of the Council, was read by the Executive Director. Professor Saunders suggested working with the A.A.U.P. in a joint research project. Several topics were proposed: democracy in university government, the effect of politics and political pressures on higher education, and the general question of academic freedom. The Council agreed that the Executive Director should discuss cooperation of APSA and A.A.U.P. with Mr. Carr and report to the Executive Committee during the course of the coming year. Cooperation with the Modern Language Association and the National Historical Publications Commission was also discussed. Mr. Binkley, a member of the Commission, explained its purpose and moved that the Association express its interest in the efforts of the Commission to encourage publication of major historical papers. This motion was adopted unanimously by the Council.

The Executive Director reported that the Carnegie Corporation had made a \$9,000 grant to APSA and each of the other social science organizations represented in SSRC to help make possible official representation at meetings of the respective international professional organizations. The proposal on which this grant was based was approved by the

Council a year ago and was presented to the Carnegie Corporation by APSA on behalf of all the social science organizations.

President Schattschneider called on Pendleton Herring, President of the SSRC, to report briefly on the grant SSRC received from the Carnegie Corporation to assist scholars in the social sciences in attending international professional meetings. Mr. Herring briefly outlined the purposes of the grant and reported that announcement of further details would be published by SSRC at a later date.

The Executive Director reported on the difficulties of the National Office in getting an important national figure from the Republican Party to address a dinner meeting during the New York convention. A number of prominent Republicans, including President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon, Sherman Adams, Governor Dewey, Mrs. Luce, Senator Knowland and Senator Javits had been invited but had been unable to accept. The dinner meeting was cancelled as a result of inability to get an appropriate speaker. An effort had then been made to get a prominent Republican for the luncheon on Friday, September 5, but it had not been possible to do so by the time the Final Program went to the printers. Mr. Kirkpatrick reported, however, that he had been assured by various persons in the Republican Party who had helped in the search for a speaker this year that it should be possible to have one at the meeting next year in St. Louis; similar assurances have been received from the Republican National Committee.

The Executive Director reported that Governor Harriman had consented to address the luncheon on Friday and had invited members of the Council and others to a reception at his New York home on Friday afternoon, September 5.

The Executive Director reported on the need for a new directory, a subject which the Council at its meeting in 1956 had requested be investigated. He reported on the exploration of possibilities for financial assistance, especially from government, a principal user of the directory, to defray costs of publication, and on the demand from all categories of users for a new edition. The directory cannot, from past experience, be considered a self-supporting project, and the national office cannot assume the additional burden of cost of staff time. The Council went on record as approving a Third Edition of the Directory of Political Scientists as early as possible in 1958 or 1959 and authorized the Executive Committee and

Executive Director to take the necessary and appropriate action.

President Schattschneider reported that the Executive Committee, pursuant to authorization by the Council at its meeting in 1956, had chosen St. Louis for the 1958 meeting. The 1959 meeting will be in Washington, D. C. in accordance with the established practice of meeting there every three years.

The Council adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

GLADYS M. KAMMERER, *Secretary*

### *Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting*

The Annual Business Meeting of The American Political Science Association was held at 4:30 P.M., Friday, September 6, 1957 in the Henry Hudson Hotel, New York City. The meeting was called to order by President Schattschneider, who reported briefly on the activities of the Association during the preceding year. He called special attention to the work of the Washington office of the Association and expressed the view that the creation and work of the office had been one of the most valuable contributions to the profession in this generation.

Mr. Austin Ranney, Chairman of the Program Committee for the 1957 meeting, reported on the work of his Committee. He expressed the view that the newly instituted practice of holding meetings of the Program Committee was a significant step forward in program planning. He called attention to the fact that the newly adopted procedures permitted the appointment of the Program Chairman for 1958 over a year in advance, that the full Committee for 1958 had been appointed, and that a first meeting of this committee would be held at the end of the 1957 meeting, Saturday, September 7, 1957. He commented on the importance of establishing and meeting deadlines and described the efforts that had been made to draw younger members of the Association into the program as paper readers. He noted that the 1957 Committee had made a concerted effort to avoid the use of any one person as a paper reader or discussant on more than one panel. He stressed the importance of the reproduction and sale of the papers at the meeting and recommended that this be continued even though it requires subsidization on the part of the Association. He concluded by thanking the members of the 1957 Committee and others who had participated in making the meeting a successful one.

At the conclusion of the Report, a resolution thanking the Program Committee and its Chairman for their excellent work was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Harvey Mansfield, Managing Editor of the REVIEW, reported on the work and character of the REVIEW for the preceding year. He noted that most of the articles were volunteered, not solicited. He reported that about one in eight of the articles submitted were printed, described the work of the Editorial Board, and discussed general problems of management and financing. He concluded by thanking the Editorial Board and the many contributors who had done so much to make the REVIEW a success. The meeting voted unanimously to accept the report and to thank the Editor and Editorial Board for their excellent work on the REVIEW.

Mr. Max M. Kampelman, Treasurer, presented the financial report on the preceding fiscal year, ending July 31, 1957. He noted that the Association had operated at a slight deficit but that the Auditor's report showed the Association to be in sound financial condition. He reviewed the Auditor's report briefly, outlined the budget for the coming fiscal year, and reported the minor changes recommended by the Council. Mr. Kampelman commented on the problems arising from increasing costs (rent, REVIEW printing, and salaries) and expressed the view that serious effort should be made to raise funds to put the Association on a firmer base in the future. He reported on the grants from individuals and foundations received in the preceding year (reported more fully in the Council Minutes) and proposed that the Association express its thanks to each of the foundations and individuals who had made grants or contributions. The report, including the proposed budget for the year ending July 31, 1958, was unanimously approved and appreciation expressed to Mr. Kampelman for his work as Treasurer and Counsel.

Miss Gladys M. Kammerer, Secretary, summarized the proceedings and decisions of the Council (reported in the Council Minutes above) at its meeting on September 4, 1957. A resolution accepting the report, approving actions taken by the Council, and expressing appreciation to Miss Kammerer was unanimously adopted.

Mr. David B. Truman, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the committee's unanimous nominations for officers and Council members for 1957-1958 as previously reported to the Council and published

in the June issue of this REVIEW. Mr. Truman also reported general satisfaction on the part of the Committee with the nomination and election procedures now followed. The Business Meeting voted to accept the report and to elect unanimously those persons nominated by the Committee. The meeting also voted its appreciation to Mr. Truman and members of the Committee for their work.

By resolution the meeting unanimously voted its thanks to Professor Ruth Weintraub of Hunter College and to members of the Local Arrangements Committee for their excellent work in planning and carrying out the Annual Meeting.

President Schattschneider asked the new President-Elect, Taylor Cole, to come to the platform and turned the gavel over to the new President, V. O. Key.

President Key declared the meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

GLADYS M. KAMMERER, *Secretary*

The fifteenth Annual Institute on World Affairs was held at San Diego State College, August 5-23, under the direction of Professor Minos D. Generales. The theme was "United Nations—Formula for Survival?" Among the speakers who participated were: Georges Barthelemy, Consul of Belgium; R. Bayly Winder, Department of Oriental Studies, Princeton University; Roeslan Baboe, Consul of Indonesia; Avraham Biran, Consul General of Israel; Nicholas Nyaradi, former Finance Minister of Hungary, now at the Institute of International Studies, Bradley University; Shigeru Nakamura, Consul General of Japan; L. Vincent Padgett, department of political science, San Diego State College; Eduard C. Schneider, Consul General of Germany; Roger Revelle, Director, Scripps Institute of Oceanography; Hans Friedrich, Convair-Astronautics; Ambrose R. Nichols, department of chemistry, San Diego State College; Louis Slichter, Institute of Geophysics, University of California at Los Angeles; Oscar Kaplan, department of psychology, San Diego State College; Thomas Pigford, General Atomic; Park Miller, General Atomic; William Rust, president, California Western University; Leonard Binder, department of political science, University of California at Los Angeles; Theodore Chen, department of Oriental studies, University of Southern California; Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, former Prime Minister of Poland, now President of the International Peasants Union; Ned V. Joy, department of

political science, San Diego State College; and Fred W. Neal, department of international relations, Claremont College.

The triennial Congress of the International Political Science Association will be held in Rome September 16-20, 1958. The program will center around six round tables: a) pressure groups; b) local government in underdeveloped countries; c) case studies in interstate conflicts; d) legislative-executive relations; e) political control of public enterprise; f) an undisclosed theme in political theory. For further information write to James Pollock, department of political science, University of Michigan.

The Third Annual Indiana Assessment Institute was held at Indiana University July 29-31st. The Institute was sponsored by the bureau of government research and the State Board of Tax Commissioners. Approximately 160 assessors and other local officials attended the conference which was devoted to discussion of better property assessment techniques. Edwin B. McPheron of Indiana's department of government served as director of the institute.

The Round-Table of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences, held at Opatija, Yugoslavia, 20-25 June 1957, at-

tracted about 110 participants from 32 countries, as well as 50 delegates from the host country. A main theme for discussion was Decentralization (deconcentration or devolution) for which Brian Chapman of the University of Manchester served as general rapporteur, and Oberburgomeister Hans Reschke of Mannheim as chairman. Twenty-five speakers were unanimous that this was a central problem under the most diverse systems—Ceylon, Chile, Finland, India, Liberia, Poland, USSR, Yugoslavia, as well as Western Europe—and urged that the problem be discussed at succeeding conferences. The other main theme was automation and the public service.

The Berlin meeting of the Council of the International Federation for Housing and Town Planning, 25-29 August 1957, brought together about 140 delegates from 21 countries, in Latin America, South Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe, as well as 12 countries of Western Europe and the U.S.A. The German Federation held its annual meeting jointly, with another 150 delegates. The substantive theme for discussion was large-scale land assembly for urban redevelopment. The statement of U.S. practice was made by John R. Searles, Jr., of the District of Columbia Land Redevelopment Agency; other statements were made from France, West Germany, The Netherlands and Poland.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

The University of Minnesota and the International Cooperation Administration have recently expanded their Korean contract to include the field of public administration. Under this contract a group of faculty members of Seoul National University and officials of the Republic of Korea will study at the Public Administration Center. A team of American professors and specialists will go to Korea to advise in the establishment of a public administration school at Seoul National University and in the work of the National Officers Training Institute in the Korean Government. Research activities will be encouraged. Assistance also will be given in the development of two special public administration libraries. The Korean Program is directed by George A. Warp.

New York City and New York University have been the recipients of a grant of \$250,000

from the Ford Foundation to initiate a program for the development of executive and intermediate management in the municipal agencies in the metropolitan New York area. Under the administrative direction of the graduate school of public administration and social service and the New York City personnel department, the project started in September.

The Michigan State Group in Saigon, has had its two year contract to offer public administration technical assistance to the Government of Vietnam extended for another two years. The program is expanding from 30 Michigan State people in Saigon to 54. They are assisting the Vietnam Government in the development of the National Institute of Administration for training civil servants, developing a police administration program, in-service training programs, and public administration consulting services. John T. Dorsey,