

NEWS AND NOTES

INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Modern Language Association held its annual meeting in New York, December 27-29, 1954.

Michael Ginsburg (Indiana University) was chairman and William Edgerton (Pennsylvania State College) secretary of the Slavic and East European Literatures section. Papers were presented on: *The Pathetic Hero in Old Russian Literature* by William E. Harkins (Columbia University); *The Ideological World of the Brothers Denissov* by Serge Zenkovsky (Harvard University); *Contradictions in Belinski's Critical Theory* by Herbert E. Bowman (University of Oregon); and *Chekhov's Seagull and Shakespeare's Hamlet* by Thomas G. Winner (Duke University).

The Slavic and East European Linguistics section was chaired by Horace Lunt, and Zbigniew Folejewski (University of Wisconsin) served as secretary. The following presentations were made: *Adjectives with nt-formants in Slavic* by Panteleimon Kovaliv; *On Determining Gender Categories in Polish* by Alexander M. Schenker (Yale University); *Stress Pattern in the Russian Declension* by Edward Stankiewicz (Indiana University); *Observations on Consonant Sequences in Russian* by Morris Halle (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

The American Historical Association held its annual meeting in New York, December 28-30, 1954.

In a session entitled "Rome, Constantinople, and Moscow" chaired by Francis Dvornik (Dumbarton Oaks) the following papers were presented: *The Council of Florence and the Problem of the Union of Churches* by Deno Geanakoplos

(University of Illinois); *The Reception of the Council of Florence in Moscow* by Michael Cherniavsky (Wesleyan University); and *Intellectual Repercussions of the Council of Florence* by Ihor Sevcenko (University of Michigan).

"The Role of Air Power in Recent History" was the title of a session chaired by Stefan T. Possony at which the following papers were presented: *The Impact of Air Power on the International Scene, 1933 to 1940* by Herbert S. Dinerstein (RAND Corporation); *The Impact of Air Power on the Second World War and the Cold War to the Korean Armistice* by Brig. General Dale O. Smith (Air University); and *Soviet Attitudes to Modern Air Power* by Raymond L. Garthoff (RAND Corporation).

In a session entitled "Religious Crises in Sixteenth Century Eastern and Western Europe" chaired by Garrett Mattingly (Columbia University) the following papers were presented: *The Catholic Restoration in Poland* by Oscar Halecki (Fordham University) and *Tudor Ecclesiastical Policies* by Lacey Baldwin Smith (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

At a session entitled "The Soviet Union and the Grand Alliance in World War II" chaired by William L. Langer (Harvard University) the following papers were presented: *The War in Asia* by Ernest R. May (Harvard University) and *The War in the West* by Maurice Matloff (Department of the Army).

A Conference on Slavic and East European History was established by thirty-four members of the Association during the course of the Convention. It will organize programs, both scholarly and social,

at future conventions. Professor Michael Karpovich was elected President and Professor Robert F. Byrnes was elected Secretary. Further announcements as to its activities will appear in these columns in the autumn.

The Regional Program on the Soviet Union at Harvard University extended its coverage of Slavic languages and increased the opportunities for teaching and research in areas peripheral to the Soviet Union in 1954-55. The languages now offered include Russian, Czech, Polish, Serbo-Croatian, Bulgarian, Ukrainian, Byelorussian, and Macedonian. The peripheral areas now studied include regions in the Middle East, the Balkans, and Eastern Europe.

The program of Soviet studies at Harvard may now be continued for the doctorate in the appropriate departments in the following disciplines: anthropology, economics, government, history, law, sociology, language, and literature.

Adam B. Ulam is chairman of the Regional Program on the Soviet Union. William L. Langer is chairman of the parent body, the Committee on Regional Studies.

The Hoover Library, Stanford, California, recently acquired a collection of periodicals and newspapers published by Russian displaced persons in Germany and other Western European countries after World War II. Added to the prior holdings of this kind in the Hoover Library, this collection brings the number of files (titles) of these publications to over 100. Some of the publications did not survive more than the first issue; only a very few are still appearing. Although some of the files are incomplete, the collection now includes almost all

titles published, with approximately 85 percent of their published issues.

Early in 1954 the Hoover Institute and Library began publication of a *Collection Survey Series* with the intention of informing interested persons and institutions about the content of the several area collections. These collection surveys will not consist of lists of holdings or bibliographies of the material in the Hoover Library, but will rather be discussions of the holdings, arranged in a manner which combines topical concentration and chronology. They will attempt to evaluate the collections on particular countries for research purposes.

The first survey in the series, on the Russian collection, was prepared by Witold S. Sworakowski, Curator of the Eastern European Collections, (*The Hoover Library Collection on Russia*, Stanford University Press, 1954). A survey of the collection on Germany will appear shortly according to H. H. Fisher, Chairman of the Hoover Institute and Library. Another issue in this series, dealing with the collections on Czechoslovakia and Poland, will appear in the Spring, 1955.

A Mid- and East European Research Institute was set up by the Department of Slavonic Studies, The University of Montreal, Canada.

A number of courses were added to the offerings in Slavic studies in 1954-55: a historical, economic, and geopolitical survey of the Slavonic countries by Babinski and Sango-wicz; the Ukrainian language by Reverend Balesky and Levickyj; the history of the Polish language by Theodore F. Domaradzki; a seminar on the ethnography and pre-history of the East European countries by Radwanski; a course in Hungarian literature and culture by Francis Saad; and a course in Soviet litera-

ture by Walter Vickery. Over a dozen courses currently offered have parallel courses in a second or third language, for example: Russian literature is taught in French, English, and Russian; Polish literature in French and Polish; and Lithuanian literature in English and Lithuanian.

A lecture series held during November-December, 1954, at the University of Montreal included the following speeches: "Seizure of Power by the Communists in the Satellite States of the USSR" and "Persecution of the Church Behind the Iron Curtain" by Emile B. Walter; "The Press Under Government Control in the USSR" by Walter Vickery; and "Russian Civilization and the USSR" by Nicolas Arseniev.

The Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Montreal, is under the directorship of Theodore F. Domaradzki. At present the 26 faculty members give 40 courses to a student attendance exceeding 160.

The University of Alabama has inaugurated a program of Slavic area studies for all its extension centers throughout the state in 1954-55. This program includes offerings in Russian politics, culture, science, and economics.

Russian politics were discussed by Martin ten Hoor, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Frederic J. Cox, Department of History; Manfred C. Vernon, Department of Political Science; L. Boone Atkinson, Research Studies Institute, Air University.

Lectures on Soviet culture were given by Harold L. Titus, Department of Linguistics; Richard B. Freeman, Head of the Department of Art; Frederic J. Cox, Department of History; and Manfred C. Vernon, Department of Political Science.

Sessions on Soviet science in-

cluded presentations by Steward J. Lloyd, Dean Emeritus of the School of Chemistry, and Nandor L. Balass, Department of Physics.

Soviet economics was covered by Paul W. Paustian, and R. Murray Havens, Department of Economics, University of Alabama.

The Slavic area study program is under the general direction of Alex Pow and is coordinated by F. J. Cox.

A project for the study of five ethnic groups has been set up at the University of Chicago by a committee composed of Chauncy D. Harris (Geography), Bert F. Hose-litz (Economics), and George Barr Carson, Jr. (History). The five ethnic groups are Poles, Lithuanians, Czechs and Slovaks, Belorussians, and Ukrainians. The purpose of the project is to provide descriptive handbooks and bibliographical material to the Human Relations Area Files, the contracting agency, from research conducted in 1954-55.

The Canadian Association of Slavists, formerly the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages of Canada, held its meeting at the University of Manitoba on May 31, 1954. *Slavica Canadiana*, edited by J. B. Rudnycky (University of Manitoba), was adopted as the official publication of the society for the time being. The publication committee includes G. W. Simpson (University of Saskatchewan), G. Luckyj (University of Toronto), and L. Ignatieff (University of Western Ontario).

The Assembly of Captive European Nations held a two day meeting in October, 1954, which coincided with the opening of the United Nations General Assembly. The meeting was attended by 134 delegates representing committee of exiles from Al-

bania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Romania.

Enrollment in Slavic language courses has fallen in recent years according to Benjamin Fine, education editor of the *New York Times*. The enrollment in Russian language courses has fallen 35 percent from 1950 to 1954. In 1954-55 only 5,000 students at 183 American colleges and universities are studying the Russian language. Twenty-two schools now offer Polish and only eight schools present courses in the study of the Czech tongue. This survey reported that the consensus of academic opinion was that security considerations were paramount in this fall in enrollment in the Slavic language courses.

Yury Arbatsky has assembled a collection of recordings of rural Balkan music at the Newberry Library, Chicago. Through these recordings the present day music of rural areas in the Balkans may be related to music thought to be common only during the ancient Roman, Grecian, and Hebraic periods of history. Recordings of ancient instruments such as the tibia, dipla, roga, and tapen lend credence to this argument.

Le Moyne College has added a course, "Twentieth Century Russia," to the curriculum with G. C. Paikert as the instructor.

Two members of the Soviet Academy of Science, Andrei Levovich Kursanov, a physiologist, and Boris A. Rybakov, a professor of history, took part in the closing ceremonies of the Columbia University's Bicentennial celebration on October 30-31, 1954. The Russian scientists' visit resulted from the belated acceptance of an invitation tendered four years

previously by President Eisenhower who was then president of Columbia University. The two Russians expressed the hope that "many American scholars will be able to attend the bicentennial of Moscow University" scheduled for next year.

Oliver J. Frederiksen, American Advisor to the Institute for the Study of History and Culture of the U.S.S.R. in Munich, Germany, visited the United States during December-January, 1954-55, to acquaint himself with Soviet émigré scholars and Institute activities here.

William B. Ballis, Professor of Russian Government and Politics at the University of Washington, has returned to Seattle after a leave of absence of 18 months in which he served as adviser to the Institute for the Study of History and Culture of the U.S.S.R. in Munich.

Dr. Ballis reports that the Munich Institute has considerably increased its activities during the past year. The Institute's library now contains approximately 18,000 works on the Soviet Union and subscribes to some 400 periodicals. Even German scholars reportedly consider this the best library on the Soviet Union in Western Germany.

The Institute also has increased its publications: more monographs are being published, the Russian-language publication, *Vestnik*, is coming out bi-monthly, and an English-language *Bulletin*, is published monthly.

An extensive grant-in-aid program for émigré scholars has likewise been inaugurated to help them carry on scientific studies on the U.S.S.R.

APPOINTMENTS AND STAFF CHANGES

George Adamkiewicz, part-time Professor, has also been appointed

Research Attaché, Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Montreal, 1954-55.

Whitman Bassow was transferred from the Boston to the New York office of the United Press as a staff correspondent training for a foreign assignment in 1954-55.

Louis Greyfie de Bellecombe, formerly of the Russian Institute, Columbia University, has returned to the Faculty of Law, University of Paris, to complete the requirements for the doctorate in 1954-55.

Joseph S. Berliner, formerly Assistant Director of the Russian Research Center, Harvard University, joined the staff of the Council for Economic and Industry Research in Washington, D. C. in 1954-55.

Adam Bromke was appointed Lecturer in the summer, 1954, in the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Montreal.

Demetre Donzow, part-time Professor, has also been appointed Research Attaché in the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Montreal in 1954-55.

William B. Edgerton, on leave from Pennsylvania State University, is spending 1954-55 in the Department of Slavonic Languages and Literature, University of Michigan.

Alexander Erlich, formerly Research Fellow at the Russian Research Center, Harvard University, joined the staff of the National Bureau of Economic Research in New York City.

Boris Goreloff was appointed Auxiliary Professor in the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Montreal, for the summer 1954.

Edwin C. Hoyt, Jr., formerly of the Russian Institute, Columbia University, and until recently practicing law in New York City, has returned to Columbia University to complete requirements for the doctorate in 1954-55.

Walter C. Hucul of the Institute of Slavic Studies, University of California, was appointed Acting Instructor in History at the University of California (Davis) for 1954-55.

Firuz Kazemzadeh, formerly with Radio Free Europe, has been appointed Research Fellow at the Russian Research Center, Harvard University.

Clyde Kluckhohn resigned as Director of the Russian Research Center, Harvard University, to resume full-time teaching. Dr. Kluckhohn spent some time at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford, California, in 1954-55.

Jordan Kurland, formerly of the Russian Institute, Columbia University, was appointed Instructor in History at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in 1954-55.

Veljko Lalich was appointed Assistant and Research Attaché in the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Montreal, in 1954-55.

William L. Langer, Coolidge Professor of History at Harvard University, was appointed Director of the Russian Research Center, of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, and Chairman of the Committee on Regional Studies, Harvard University.

Martin Malia, Assistant Professor of History at Harvard University, was

appointed Research Fellow at the Russian Research Center in 1954-55.

Maria Mazur was appointed Assistant and Research Attaché in the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Montreal, in 1954-55.

Robert H. McNeal, formerly of the Russian Institute, Columbia University, was appointed an Instructor in Russian history at Princeton University in 1954-55.

Charles Murin, part-time Professor, was appointed Research Attaché in the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Montreal, in 1954-55.

I. Murin was appointed Assistant and Research Attaché in the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Montreal, in 1954-55.

Mieczeslaw Nawojcki was appointed Assistant and Research Attaché in the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Montreal, in 1954-55.

Irene Nazarko was appointed Research Attaché in the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Montreal, in 1954-55.

C. Bickford O'Brien was appointed Associate Professor of History at the University of California, Davis.

Masaru Ogawa has returned to the staff of the Nippon Times, Tokyo, after completing a year at the Russian Institute, Columbia University.

Mr. Ogawa's return trip took him through East Berlin, Yugoslavia, and the Middle East.

Edward J. O'Rosky, formerly of the Russian Institute, Columbia University, is currently with the U. S. Army in Japan.

Joseph S. Roucek, of the University of Bridgeport, spent the summer, 1954, as Visiting Professor of Education at the University of Oregon. Dr. Roucek also lectured during 1954-55 in Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and at the Air War College, Montgomery, Alabama, on current developments in the Soviet Union.

Robert A. Rupen, formerly Lecturer in Political Science at Bryn Mawr College, was appointed Research Fellow at the Russian Research Center, Harvard University, in 1954-55.

Francis Saád was appointed Assistant Professor in Hungarian language and literature in the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Montreal, in 1954-55.

Marshall D. Shulman, formerly Special Assistant to the Secretary of State, has been appointed Associate Director of the Russian Research Center, Harvard University.

George W. Simmonds, formerly of the Russian Institute, has become Instructor and Administrative Assistant in the Russian Institute, Columbia University in 1954-55.

Edward Stankiewicz, formerly Graduate Student Fellow at the Russian Research Center, Harvard University, was appointed Assistant Professor of Slavonic Languages at the University of Indiana in 1954-55.

John Stauber was appointed Assistant and Research Attaché in the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Montreal, in 1954-55.

John W. Thompson, formerly of the Russian Institute, Columbia University, entered the Foreign Service

of the United States and was assigned to the Embassy in Indonesia in 1954-55.

Tomas A. Tomasson, formerly of the Russian Institute, Columbia University, joined the staff of the Icelandic Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1954-55.

Toshio G. Tsukahira, formerly Research Fellow at the Russian Research Center, Harvard University, was appointed Acting Assistant Professor of History at the University of California in 1954-55.

Walter Vickery was appointed Auxiliary Professor in the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Montreal, for the summer 1954.

Gabriel Vrsic was appointed Assistant and Research Attaché in the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Montreal, in 1954-55.

Robert Gale Wesson, formerly of the Russian Institute, Columbia University, plans to move his export-import business from Costa Rica to Brazil in 1954-55.

George Wojciechowski was appointed Auxiliary Professor in the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Montreal, for the summer 1954.

AWARDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Department of Slavonic Studies, University of British Columbia, received a grant of \$10,000.00 from the Rockefeller Foundation for the year 1954-55. This grant brings to a total of \$101,500.00 the aid given by the Rockefeller Foundation to the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of British Columbia, in

the last six years. The current grant will be spent largely on library acquisitions according to J. St. Clair-Sobell, the head of the Department of Slavonic Studies.

Robert P. Browder, Assistant Professor of History at the University of Colorado and a former fellow of the Hoover Institute Slavonic Studies Program, is back on a Hoover fellowship in 1954-55. For his current study Mr. Browder is using the Hoover Library's resources on the Russian Provisional Government of 1917. As a Slavonic Studies fellow Mr. Browder used the Hoover Library materials for the preparation of his book, *The Origins of Soviet-American Diplomacy*, which was published by the Princeton University Press in 1953.

Dora Fischer of the Institute for Eastern European Affairs of the Free University at Berlin, Germany, is visiting the Russian Research Center, Harvard University, in 1954-55 under the auspices of a Fulbright Fellowship.

Alan Kassof, a graduate of the Soviet Union Regional Program, Harvard University, is staying on at the Russian Research Center on a Ford Foundation Fellowship in 1954-55.

Jindrich Kucera, Assistant Professor of Russian at the University of Florida, is visiting the Russian Research Center, Harvard University, in 1954-55 on a Ford Foundation Fellowship.

Herbert S. Levine, a graduate of the Soviet Union Regional Studies Program, has been serving as a Graduate Student Fellow at the Russian Research Center, Harvard University, in 1954-55.

Gregory Maisel, a graduate of the Soviet Union Regional Studies Program, has continued on at the Russian Research Center, Harvard University, on a fellowship in 1954-55.

Sidney Monas, formerly Graduate Student Fellow at the Russian Research Center, has continued his residence at Harvard University under a Ford Foundation Fellowship in 1954-55.

Fred Warner Neal, formerly Visiting Lecturer in Political Science at the University of Michigan, is in Yugoslavia in 1954-55 on a research project for the American Universities Field Staff. In connection with this project he also has a grant from the American Philosophical Society.

Mark Neuweld, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Western Re-

serve University, is visiting the Russian Research Center, Harvard University, in 1954-55 on a Ford Foundation Fellowship.

Samuel Pizar, a graduate of the law school of the University of Melbourne, Australia, was appointed Graduate Student Fellow at the Russian Research Center, Harvard University, in 1954-55.

Philip S. Spoerry, a graduate of the Soviet Union Regional Studies Program, was appointed Graduate Student Fellow at the Russian Research Center, Harvard University, in 1954-55.

T. H. Von Laue of Bryn Mawr College was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for study in Finland in 1954-55.

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