

mass media and by political leaders are examples," Graber said in describing the focus of the symposium.

The H. D. Lasswell Symposium was established by the American Political Science Association in 1982 to honor the renowned political scientist for his unique contributions to the social sciences. The Symposium is held each year in conjunction with the annual meeting of the association. As currently organized, the Symposium features three intellectual leaders selected to present essays on a common theme of wide interest to social scientists at a plenary session. The theme need not be limited to Lasswell's particular areas of interest.

APSA has established an interest-bearing fund to finance the Lasswell Symposium. Friends of Harold Lasswell and beneficiaries of his ideas and work are urged to contribute. Tax-exempt contributions should be made payable to APSA H. D. Lasswell Symposium, American Political Science Association, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. □

## DeWitt Collection To Be Displayed At Annual Meeting

The J. Doyle DeWitt Collection of Political Americana, the largest and most comprehensive private collection of its kind, will be on display at APSA's annual meeting, August 30-September 2 at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. This collection is second in national importance to that of the Smithsonian Institution.

Among its highlights are hundreds of presidential campaign artifacts in china, glass, metal, wood, and textiles; an important Lincoln collection; material dealing with the political history of the Confederacy; an extensive assortment of nineteenth century cartoons; material associated with women's rights, temperance-prohibition and civil rights movements; campaign music and original voice recordings of candidates dating back to Benjamin Harrison; a research library strong in early pamphlets and



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other printed matter; and a large and varied collection of minor or third party artifacts dating from the earliest political campaigns.

Portions of the DeWitt Collection have been exhibited at state and local historical societies in the northeast, at national political party conventions and in many public schools and libraries. The National Portrait Gallery, the Georges Pompidou Centre in Paris, the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth, the Lyndon B. Johnson Library in Austin, the New York Life Insurance Company, the League of Women Voters, the American Broadcasting Company and Montreal's Expo-67 are among the diverse organizations which have displayed or otherwise used material from the collection. During the 1976 Bicentennial Year, the United States Information Agency and the American Museum in Bath, England, co-sponsored a widely praised touring display entitled, "Campaigning American Style" which was exhibited in the House of Commons and in cities throughout England, Scotland and Wales.

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Over the years, artifacts from the Collection have been illustrated in school and college textbooks in this country and Europe as well as in popular magazines and scholarly journals.

On display at the APSA convention will be a representative selection of cartoons, prints, broadsides and other printed material dating from the time of George Washington. Cartoons by Adalbert Volck, David Johnston, Thomas Nast and the magnificent color creations from *Puck* and *Judge* as printed and distributed by Currier and Ives, *Harper's Weekly* and *Leslie's Weekly* and other sources will be on view. Broadsides—scurrilous and hortatory; posters depicting winners and also-rans, stalwarts and scoundrels; leaflets and inauguration and convention ephemera will round out an uncommon view of our political past. □

### **Council Decries Politicization Of USIA Program**

At its semi-annual meeting on April 6, the governing board of APSA unanimously passed a resolution "vehemently" protesting the "politicization of the USIA's speakers program," Amparts, and requesting Congress and USIA "to take steps to protect the integrity of USIA's programs and to prevent political manipulation of its speakers program."

Earlier in the day the Council met with USIA Acting Deputy Director, Leslie Lenkowsky, concerning the blacklisting of potential speakers, including some political scientists, by USIA. The Council also reviewed a report on the blacklist prepared by the USIA Office of Inspections that confirmed that partisan and ideological judgments had impinged on the selection of Amparts speakers.

The complete resolution passed by the Council reads:

WHEREAS the United States Information Agency has supported a variety of professional activities of importance to political scientists, including the Fulbright programs, the International Visitors pro-

gram, foreign student travel grants, exchanges with China, the IREX program, the Congressional Fellowship Program's Canadian Exchange, and the Amparts program; and

WHEREAS the United States Information Agency has used partisan and ideological criteria to select lecturers for its speakers program (Amparts); and

WHEREAS the application of those criteria was facilitated by an informal list of speakers whose political views were at variance with those of political appointees of USIA; and

WHEREAS the application of partisan or ideological criteria to the speakers program impugns the integrity of that program and threatens the viability of other activities of USIA in which political scientists participate; and

WHEREAS Congress has begun an investigation of the improper screening process used by USIA;

Therefore, be it resolved

1. That the Council of the American Political Science Association vehemently protests the politicization of USIA's speakers program; and
2. That the APSA Council asks Congress and USIA to take steps to protect the integrity of USIA's programs and to prevent political manipulation of its speakers program; and
3. That the APSA Council direct its Executive Director to monitor the Congressional oversight of this matter and to report back to the Council at its August meeting the following:
  - (a) What has been done to eliminate the use of improper criteria in the screening process of the speakers program, and
  - (b) What has been done to insure that in those programs where the intent is to advocate or defend administration policies, such intent is identified to the speaker and audience.

In carrying out this resolution, letters have been sent to selected members of Congress and to USIA Director Charles Z. Wick.