
NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

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A grant of \$26,463 has been awarded the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies by the National Endowment for the Humanities to prepare the 1970-72 *American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies*. James P. Scanlan, professor of philosophy at the Ohio State University, will edit the bibliography.

A Planning and Action Conference held at the Neil House in Columbus, Ohio, October 26, 27, and 28, 1972, brought together over one hundred members of the Association to examine the work and activities of the various standing and ad hoc committees of the AAASS. Committees were charged to establish guidelines and priorities for action in the Slavic field in the immediate future, and to recommend procedures to be followed and, where possible and appropriate, to designate individuals or groups to initiate or oversee action. Committees met on Thursday and reported to a plenary session on Friday, where all participants in the conference were given the opportunity to comment on committee recommendations. Copies of all committee reports are available from the AAASS, Room 254, 190 W. Nineteenth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

The Research and Development Committee agreed on the following statement for its operations: It is the intention of the committee to use grant funds to support carefully selected conferences, short seminars, institutes, and special studies focusing on the Soviet Union, contemporary or historical, or on the Soviet Union and other regions comparatively. Programs supported should provide for the participation of scholars in a variety of academic disciplines and, where appropriate, allow the participation of scholars specializing in related problems or topics in other world areas. Programs should demonstrate promise of substantial impact on the research of the field and prospects for publication. Organizers of activity supported by the AAASS will be encouraged to seek support from other sources. Members will be invited to communicate with the cochairmen about specific research projects and especially existing gaps in the field. Cochairmen are George Hoffman, University of

Texas, and M. George Zaninovich, University of Oregon.

The Bibliography and Documentation Committee gave top priority to continuing prompt preparation and publication of the *American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies*. The 1967 issue, prepared at the Ohio State University, is now being printed; material for 1968-69, in a single volume, is nearly ready for printing. 1970-72 materials are presently being collected at Ohio State. The \$15,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to prepare the 1973 bibliography has enabled the Association to negotiate with the Library of Congress for preparation of materials for that edition. A tentative budget for that project was submitted. Other projects given high priority by the committee include a handbook on North American library and archival resources on the Soviet Union and prerevolutionary Russia, a series of specialized bibliographical surveys, a compilation of information on research in progress, and the collection and publication of reading lists on the entire range of subject areas in the Slavic field. Roger Kanet, presently with the Research Institute of Communist Affairs, Columbia University, is chairman of the committee.

The Education Committee, newly organized under the chairmanship of George Demko of the Ohio State University, divided its objectives into three major categories: liaison, materials and curricula, and educational services and training. The committee recommended procedures for establishing contact with other agencies and institutions in the academic and business communities to determine mutual needs and interests, to solicit information, and to expand opportunities for cooperation. The committee explored the role of the AAASS in surveying, collecting, and distributing educational materials relating to language and area studies in the field. High priority was given to a call for assessment of the availability of summer institutes for training in language and area studies and to a request for a pilot summer institute for high school and junior and community college teachers in the Slavic and East European fields.

The Publications Committee, taking note of the recent publication by the Association

of *The USSR Today: A Soviet View, a selection of readings from the Current Digest of the Soviet Press* and of *Soviet Union and Eastern Europe: Financial Aid, Exchanges, Language and Travel Programs* and *Russian and Soviet Studies: A Handbook*, recommended that a clear distinction be made in the future between the role of the Association as publisher and that of the compilers of such publications. The committee approved the use of materials from the *Current Digest* in assembling course readers and agreed to review these and other collections submitted for publication by the Association. In the immediate future the committee will investigate the problem of publishing intermediate-length manuscripts (i.e., falling between article and book length) of demonstrable scholarly value but limited sales potential. Chairman of the Publications Committee is Alfred Senn, University of Wisconsin.

The Committee on Language Training, chaired by George Kline, Bryn Mawr College, suggested that new efforts be made in language training in Russian and East European languages, including establishment of several regional domestic summer programs, support for immersion experiences in the USSR, and establishment of a national civilian center for intensive immersion during the academic year.

The program for the Sixth National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies meeting jointly with the Northeastern Slavic Conference will begin on Wednesday afternoon, April 18, 1973. The program committee, chaired by Michael Cherniavsky, University of Pittsburgh, plans twenty-two sessions, not including sessions offered by associated organizations.

ACTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the AAASS met on Saturday, October 28, 1972, to hear reports from the committee sessions held during the Planning and Action Conference and to approve recommendations emerging from the conference. The Board acted on the following issues:

1. Named Robert Ehlers editor of the *Current Digest of the Soviet Press* with full authority and responsibility for operations of the *Current Digest*, as specified in the By-Laws of the Association. Leo Grulow will resume the duties of editor upon completion of his three-year leave of absence.

2. Accepted the recommendations of the Committee on the *Current Digest of the Soviet Press* setting up guidelines for use of *Current Digest* materials in other publications. These guidelines cover both substantive and financial considerations.

3. Accepted the report of the Committee on Bibliography and Documentation, including the recommendation that the 1973 *American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies* be compiled at the Library of Congress.

4. Decided, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, that after distribution of the 1967 Bibliography, members will be asked to purchase the Bibliography at the lowest price the Association can arrange.

5. Decided not to increase membership dues, subject to the results of an intensive membership campaign. The Finance Committee pointed out that there has been no increase in dues by the AAASS for three years, although other organizations have been forced to revise dues on a number of occasions.

6. Authorized the newly formed Education Committee to take action on recommendations it had assigned high priority status (see Education Committee report, above). These recommendations deal primarily with liaison between the Association, representing Slavic scholars, and high schools, community and junior colleges, the business community, and the general public.

7. Agreed on a statement for operations of the Research and Development Committee (see report on Research and Development, above). The Executive Committee of the Board will give final approval for allocation of AAASS funds for research and development after study, review, and approval by the R and D Committee.

8. Approved two resolutions offered by the Publications Committee governing (a) the role of the Committee in reviewing and approving manuscripts and collections accepted for publication by the Association and the use of the Association's name on such publications, and (b) the use of materials from the *Current Digest of the Soviet Press*.

9. Accepted several recommendations, offered by the Council of Regional Affiliates: (a) that the Association continue to hold annual meetings, (b) that meetings be held in the fall rather than in the spring. It was pointed out that in the fall, travel funds are frequently more plentiful, that

fall is a better time for initiating job contacts, and that Association action for the academic year is better discussed in the fall. The Board agreed to hold the annual meeting in the fall of 1975 in conjunction with the Southern Slavic Conference. Location and actual dates will be determined later. The Council of Regional Affiliates recommended that the AAASS be strengthened as the leadership organization in the field, amalgamating other associations and organizations to the AAASS. The executive secretary was asked to clarify criteria to be met by associations desiring affiliation with AAASS. The Board will take final action on this question at its April meeting.

10. Approved the following proposals relating to membership: (a) all members of the Board of Directors and of standing or ad hoc committees must be members of the AAASS; (b) at national meetings, only members of the AAASS may present papers, except in unusual circumstances, to be reviewed by the program chairman and the executive secretary. The Board discussed, but postponed for further discussion in April, a resolution that, except under unusual circumstances, only members' work should be published in the *Slavic Review*.

11. Accepted a report from the Nomination Committee nominating the following for office. For president: Herbert J. Ellison, University of Washington, and Nicholas V. Riasanovsky, University of California, Berkeley. For vice-president: Alfred G. Meyer, University of Michigan, and Victor Erlich, Yale University.

12. Expressed "its deep concern about the difficult job situation of younger colleagues in the field of Slavic and East European studies and indicated its determination to investigate means by which the Association could contribute to improvement of that situation."

APPOINTMENTS AND STAFF CHANGES

University of Alberta: Alexandra Durani reappointed sessional lecturer in Ukrainian; Barbara K. Sharratt appointed sessional lecturer in Russian and Polish; Orest Pawliw appointed visiting assistant professor of Ukrainian language and literature.

Boston University: M. K. Dziewanowski, professor of history, to teach "Contemporary Russia and Eastern Europe" in 1972-73 in Brussels and West Berlin.

Bryn Mawr College: Ruth Pearce ap-

pointed chairman of the Russian Department.

Carleton University: Philip E. Uren, professor of geography, appointed director of the Institute of Soviet and East European Studies.

Fairleigh Dickinson University: Brutus Coste promoted to professor of history and political science.

University of Florida: Ethelbert C. Barksdale, Jr., University of California, Irvine, appointed assistant professor of Germanic and Slavic languages.

Harvard University: Andrij Hornjatkevyc promoted to lecturer in Ukrainian in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures.

London School of Economics and Political Science: Bohdan R. Bociurkiw, on leave from Carleton University for research in church-state relations in Eastern Europe.

State University of New York at Albany: Alex M. Shane appointed professor and chairman of the newly formed Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures; Irena Szwele appointed assistant professor of Slavic languages and literatures.

Ohio State University: Jan S. Adams promoted to assistant professor of political science; Craig Zum Brunnen, University of California, Berkeley, appointed instructor in geography; Mojmir Drvota, New York University, appointed associate professor of photography and cinema; Andrija Jakovljevic, University of Athens, Greece, appointed assistant professor of music; Frederic Snider, University of California, Berkeley, appointed assistant professor of history.

University of Pittsburgh: Michael Cherniavsky, University of Rochester, appointed professor of history.

Stetson University: Paul D. Steeves, University of Kansas, appointed assistant professor of history.

University of Virginia: Stephen L. Baehr, Columbia University, appointed assistant professor of Slavic languages and literatures; Ernest A. Scatton, Indiana University, appointed assistant professor of Slavic languages and literatures; John G. Garrard, chairman of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, appointed director of the Center for Russian and Communist Studies.

University of Washington: James E. Augerot promoted to associate professor of Slavic languages and literatures; Mircea Borcila of Cluj appointed visiting lecturer

in Rumanian; Jack V. Haney promoted to associate professor of Russian literature; Davor Kapetanić, Yugoslav Academy of Arts and Sciences, appointed associate professor of Serbo-Croatian language and literature; James D. West, University of Lancaster, U.K., appointed associate professor of Russian.

CONFERENCES

April 18–21, 1973: American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies meeting jointly with the Northeastern Slavic Conference in New York City at the Roosevelt Hotel. Program: Michael Cherniavsky, Department of History, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213. Local Arrangements: Paul Trensky, Department of Russian, Fordham University, New York, New York, 10458.

April 18–21, 1973: First scholarly meeting of the American Association for South Slavic Studies in conjunction with the AAASS annual meeting in New York City at the Roosevelt Hotel. Program: Kenneth E. Naylor, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

April 26–28, 1973: Rocky Mountain Association for Slavic Studies annual meeting, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming. Program: Betty M. Unterberger, Department of History, Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

April 26–28, 1973: Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages at the St. Paul Hilton Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota. Theme: "The Foreign Language Teacher: Present and Future Tense." Contact: Anthony Gradisnik, Milwaukee Public Schools, P.O. Drawer 10K, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201.

May 3–6, 1973: Bulgarian Studies Group Meeting, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. Contact: Thomas Butler, Slavic Department, Van Hise 720, 1220 Linden Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53706.

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Alliance College, Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, is formulating plans for a Summer Polish Cultural Program from June 15 to August 15. An extensive recrea-

tional-educational offering, under the patronage of the Polish National Alliance, will include guest lecturers in cultural and fine arts, linguistics, government, history, and education, presentations by art groups, and performances by folk dance groups, choral and drama troupes. The Slavic Studies Department at Alliance College will also present special programs in literature, history, and language. Association members interested in presenting a paper, lecture, or demonstration are invited to contact the Director, Summer Polish Cultural Institute, Alliance College, Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania 16403. Information regarding topic of presentation, availability, date, and fee should be included.

The Center for International Programs and International Studies of the State Education Department of New York organized a six-week summer seminar in Yugoslavia involving twenty-five American college and university faculty. Participants, from nine different states and a variety of disciplines, received three weeks of lectures on Yugoslav culture and affairs by government personnel and faculty at the University of Belgrade. The next three weeks were spent in travel throughout the country, including visits to major universities. The seminar was funded by the U.S. Office of Education and locally administered by the Center for International Studies of the University of Belgrade.

Joseph F. Zacek, State University of New York at Albany, was leader of the group. Other AAASS members who participated were Michael Hamm, Centre College, Danville, Kentucky; James Heizer, Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky; John Nicolopoulos, State University of New York at Albany; Dennis Reinhartz, Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia; Elmo Roach, Bradley University; and Jane Shapiro, Manhattanville College, Purchase, New York.

Bryn Mawr College and Haverford College have initiated a new cooperative undergraduate program in Russian studies. The requirements call for specialization in Russian history, economics, or philosophy plus a minimum of three years of work in Russian language and a year of work in a field of Russian studies outside the field of specialization. Students participate in a senior conference which brings together individuals from each of the disciplines—students majoring in Russian studies as

well as those majoring in Russian language and literature—for discussion of topics of interest to all. For additional information contact Ruth Pearce, Chairman, Russian Department, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010.

The Department of Slavic Languages of the University of Pennsylvania and the Russian Department of Bryn Mawr College have announced a cooperative program leading to the M.A. or Ph.D. degree in Russian language and literature, Slavic languages, and related fields. A coordinated curriculum from the two departments gives students a wider choice of course offerings, and the cooperative program allows them to work with faculty of both institutions and to use the research facilities of both libraries. Fellowships, scholarships, and other financial aids are available; applications must be received by the institution of the student's choice by February 1. For additional information write the Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104, or the Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010.

Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill offer a cooperative program in Russian and East European studies leading to the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in several disciplines. Graduate students admitted to one institution may elect to enroll in courses and seminars at the other school. Regular

contact between faculty and graduate students of each school is facilitated by a joint Duke-UNC Slavic Colloquium held six times each year. The two schools, twenty minutes apart, combine resources to offer a strong program of study and research on the USSR and Eastern Europe. Fields include history, political science, economics, sociology, art history, law, and languages and literatures (Russian, Polish, Czech, and Serbo-Croatian). Both universities offer fellowships, scholarships, and assistantships. Inquiries should be addressed to Vladimir G. Treml, Center for International Studies, 2101 Campus Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27706, or Walter N. Vickery, Department of Slavic Languages, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514.

George Washington University's Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures has introduced a new departmental major in Russian Literature and Culture. This major is a radical departure from majors traditionally offered by foreign language departments. It is designed to give the student who is interested in literature and culture rather than the study of language an opportunity to follow his interest with greater scope and depth. Though the student is expected to have a reading knowledge of Russian, the major emphasis is on the study of Russian culture, literary theory, and literary works in translation. The new major for undergraduates is intended for those students interested in the humanities or in preparing for graduate work in comparative literature.

VÁCLAV L. BENEŠ, 1910–1972

Professor Beneš, son of Senator Vojta Beneš of Czechoslovakia and a nephew of Edvard Beneš, the second president of Czechoslovakia, was born at Brandýs nad Labem, Czechoslovakia, on May 7, 1910. Upon his graduation from gymnasium in Prague he entered in 1929 the School of Law of Prague's Charles University, where he earned the title of doctor of laws in 1934. After serving the mandatory two years in the Czechoslovak army, he joined the Czechoslovak Foreign Service.

Following the German occupation of Czechoslovakia in March 1939, Václav Beneš left his native land for London, where he rendered significant services to the Czechoslovak government in exile and its efforts to liberate Czechoslovakia from Nazi rule. He was also instrumental in establishing in London a Czechoslovak branch of the International Law Association. He served as its secretary and coedited the *Czechoslovak Yearbook of International Law* published under its auspices in 1942. Toward the end of the war he was chosen by Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovakia's foreign minister, to serve as a member of the Czechoslovak delega-