

Association News

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.

Other Business

In other business the Council approved the establishment of a John Gaus Fund (see accompanying story) and confirmed the Council committee appointments of President Philip Converse. The Council approved the appointment of Joseph Cooper of Rice University as Program Chair, along with the following list of appointments:

Administrative Committee

Four Council members (two newly elected and two continuing) are appointed to the Administrative Committee. They are:

Twiley Barker, University of Illinois at Chicago

Morris P. Fiorina, Harvard University

Ole R. Holsti, Duke University

Helen Ingram, University of Arizona

They join these *ex-officio* members:

Philip E. Converse, University of Michigan, President

Richard F. Fenno, Jr., University of Rochester, President-Elect

Susan Welch, University of Nebraska, Treasurer

Elections Committee

Three members are appointed after the election from among newly elected and continuing Council members.

W. Phillips Shively, University of Minnesota, Chair

Ada Finifter, Michigan State University

Michael Walzer, Institute for Advanced Study

Rules Committee

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Gerald H. Kramer, California Institute of Technology, Chair

James W. Prothro, University of North Carolina

Arlene Saxonhouse, University of Michigan

In addition, the Council authorized President Converse to appoint an ad hoc committee to suggest ways APSA can estab-

lish a closer relationship with the Chinese Political Science Association and a second ad hoc committee to recommend steps to undertake a study of political science in the Soviet Union.

The next meeting of the Council will be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 29. Council meetings are open to APSA members.

Editor's note: Full Council minutes are reprinted in the Appendix of this issue of PS. □

John Gaus Fund Established

At the spring Council meeting, a John Gaus Fund was established to recognize achievement and to encourage scholarship in public administration. Gaus, a major figure in public administration, was president of the Association in 1945. He died in 1969, and the Association received a bequest from his estate in the fall of 1983.

The Council welcomes ideas on how to achieve the Fund's purposes with the annual income of approximately \$2,500. Please send your suggestions to Executive Director Thomas Mann. □

Biographies of APSA Presidents Sought

Barry D. Karl's 1974 work, *Charles E. Merriam and the Study of Politics*, published by the University of Chicago Press, is one of several biographies written about former APSA presidents.

If you know of other biographies of APSA presidents, please write Jean Walen at the national office so that APSA can maintain a complete list of these works. □

CONGRESS: WE THE PEOPLE Premieres in the Fall

CONGRESS: WE THE PEOPLE, one of the first telecourses to be funded by the An-