

NEWS AND NOTES

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

The Midwest Conference of Political Scientists held its nineteenth annual meeting May 11 to 13 at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri. General sessions of the Conference were addressed by Hon. Richard Bolling, Member of Congress, Fifth Congressional District of Missouri, on "The House Committee on Rules" and by President Emmette S. Redford of the American Political Science Association on "Perspectives for the Study of Regulation."

Panel sessions featured papers and discussions on the following topics: "The Effective Political Units of a Transitional Society," "Research on the Judicial Process: Some Comments on a Quantitative Approach," "Block Voting in State Appellate Courts," "Testing Relations between Judicial Characteristics and Judicial Decision Making," "Pre-Primary Endorsement and Party Cohesion," "Political Theory, Fruitful or Fruitless," "The Impact of Africa on the Political Process of the United Nations," "New Patterns of Voting in 1960" "The International Law of Space," "Access and Representation in Metropolitan Reorganization," "The Opposition Party in Congress," "The Political Scientist in Africa: Community Research Needs and Opportunities," "Journalism, Political Theory and Foreign Affairs," and "The Growth and Effects of Political Identification." A special panel session was held on simulation (gaming) techniques in research and teaching in international relations.

President Lloyd M. Short chaired the business meeting of the Conference, which elected the following new officers: Richard C. Spencer, Coe College, president; Mona Fletcher, Kent State University, vice-president; and as members of the executive council, Daniel S. McHargue, University of Michigan, and John E. Stoner, Indiana University.

The 1962 annual meeting will be held at the University of Notre Dame on April 26 to 28.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the New York Political Science Association was held at Cornell University on April 21 and 22, 1961. Panel sessions were devoted to "Government and Resources Development" and "The Politics of Developing Areas." At the dinner session Laurin Henry of the Brookings Institution, discussed "Presidential Transition." Officers for 1960-61 are: president, William R. Willoughby, St. Lawrence University; vice-president, Channing Richardson, Hamilton College; secretary-treasurer, Frederick T. Bent, Cornell University; council members: Frederick Engelman, Alfred University; James A. Riedel,

Union College, and Herbert Rosenbaum, Hofstra College. Retiring officers were president: Donald Bishop, Syracuse University; vice-president: William R. Willoughby, St. Lawrence University; secretary-treasurer: Frederick T. Bent, Cornell University; council members: Albert Gorvine, Brooklyn College, Alan K. Campbell of the State Controller's Office, and Walter Filley, Harpur College.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Oklahoma Political Science Association was held April 14-15, 1961 at the University of Oklahoma at Norman. Highlights of the program were a paper on "Causal Relationships in Studies of Municipal Politics," by Bertil Hanson, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, and a panel discussion on "Oklahoma State Finances," presided over by H. V. Thornton, University of Oklahoma, Norman.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Iowa Conference of Iowa Political Scientists was held on the campus of Cornell College, April 29, 1961. The morning meeting heard Professor Donald A. Boles of Iowa State University speak on "The Iowa Human Rights Commission—Unfinished Business." The main speaker was President Virgil M. Hancher of the State University of Iowa, who discussed his experiences as delegate to the United Nations. The afternoon session heard Professor Charles R. Foster of Cornell College (Iowa) speak on "Liberals and the Democratic Leadership in Congress."

Indiana University has received a grant of \$2,300,000 from the Ford Foundation for support of graduate training and research in non-Western and other international studies. Of the total grant, \$1,520,000 plus interest is for ten-year support partly for Russian and East European studies and partly for Asian Studies, including work on the Far East and Near East. The remaining \$780,000 plus interest is for five-year support of graduate training and research in comparative studies, African studies, international business administration, and folklore studies. Professor Edward H. Buehrig, department of government, served as chairman of the committee that prepared the request for the grant.

The Government Section of the Southwestern Social Science Association voted at its business meeting held April 1, 1961 to become the Southwestern Political Science Association while retaining its connection with the Southwestern

Social Science Association. Elected as program chairman for the upcoming year was Keith S. Petersen of the University of Arkansas while August O. Spain of Texas Christian University was elected as section editor for the *Southwestern Social Science Quarterly*.

The 1961-62 Officers of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association elected at the 1961 meeting held at Whitman College are: president: Boyd Martin, University of Idaho; vice-president: Paul Castleberry, Washington State University; secretary-treasurer: Donald Balmer, Lewis and Clark College; executive committee: Jean Laponce, University of British Columbia; C. W. Cassinelli, University of Washington; Thomas Payne, Montana State University; Austin Walter, Oregon State University; John Vloyantes, Pacific University; Brock Dixon, Portland State College.

Chicago area political scientists met on the evening of March 24, 1961 at Roosevelt University. Professor George I. Blankstein, Northwestern University, spoke on "The Cuban Situation."

The Northern California Political Science Association held its 13th annual meeting at the University of San Francisco on May 13th. Panels discussed: "Power Structures and Urban Politics" and "Scope, Method and Status of Political Science: Assessment of Approaches." Professor Leo Strauss, University of Chicago, addressed the meeting on the topic, "What is the theme of political theory?" The Presidential Award Citation for teaching, service to the profession, community service, and research was given to Karl Buckman of Fresno State College. Officers elected for 1961-62 were: president, Benjamin G. Franklin, Chico State College; vice-president, John H. Bunzel, Stanford University; secretary-treasurer, John M. Selig, City College of San Francisco. The following were elected to the council: Victor Ferkiss, Saint Mary's College; Norman Jacobson, University of California; Ross Y. Koen, Humboldt State College; Jack F. Leach, Monterey Peninsula College; Alexander

Smetana, University of San Francisco; Frederic A. Weed, San Jose State College; William W. Young, Fresno State College.

V. O. Key, professor of government at Harvard University, addressed the members of the Southern California Political Science Association who held their spring meeting on the campus of the University of Southern California. Professor Key's topic was "Public Opinion and the Decay of Democracy." Emmette S. Redford, professor of government at the University of Texas and president of the American Political Science Association, also spoke to the members regarding the activities of the national association.

The 1961 annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association was held on May 6 and 7 at the College of the Holy Cross. Norman Padelford of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was elected president for the coming year, and Sigmund Neumann of Wesleyan University will serve as vice-president. Gerald Grady of the University of Massachusetts was elected secretary-treasurer for the term 1961-1964. Louise Holborn of Connecticut College, Lawrence Howard of Brandeis University, and Donald Rothchild of Colby College were elected to the executive committee. The meeting opened with a Saturday afternoon panel on "The First One Hundred Days of the New Frontier: An Appraisal," chaired by Samuel Beer of Harvard University, and including Lawrence Fuchs of Brandeis University, Lucian Pye of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Frederick Schuman of Williams College. The Saturday evening dinner meeting featured an address on "The American Presidency" by Malcolm Moos of Johns Hopkins University, former special assistant to the president. The annual meeting closed with a Sunday morning panel on "Political Strategy for the Alienated Voter," at which Duane Lockard of Connecticut College served as chairman. Murray Levin of Boston University delivered a paper, and Elmer Cornwell of Brown University and Herbert Kaufman of Yale University served as discussants.

APPOINTMENTS AND STAFF CHANGES

Merritt Abrash has been appointed assistant professor in the department of history, government and international relations at Clark University, 1961-62.

Samir N. Anabtawi has been promoted to assistant professor of government at Dartmouth College.

Jeremy Azrael of the Russian Research Center at Harvard University, has been appointed assistant professor of political science at the University of Chicago.

Benjamin Baker has been promoted to the rank of professor at Rutgers University.