

NEWS AND NOTES

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association will be held September 9-11, 1954, at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago. The Chairman of the Program Committee is Professor Stephen K. Bailey, Wesleyan University; the Chairman of the Committee on Local Arrangements is Professor C. Herman Pritchett, University of Chicago.

The Fifty-Ninth National Conference on Government of the National Municipal League was held in Richmond, Virginia, November 8-11, and attracted 1033 registered visitors, as well as hundreds of high school and college students. An important aspect of the meeting was the method by which the Conference and its facilities were made available to all of Richmond's high schools, colleges, and universities. Seven school and college assemblies were arranged at which six leading Conference participants delivered addresses on the general topic "Youth in Civic Affairs." Among the speakers were George Gallup, Director of the American Institute of Public Opinion and new president of the National Municipal League; Charles Edison, former Governor of New Jersey; and Charles Coates, General Manager of the Citizens' Committee for the Hoover Report. More than 7,000 students were reached by these speakers.

Main speakers at the luncheon and dinner meetings of the Conference were Mr. Gallup and Mr. Edison, Frank C. Moore, former Lieutenant Governor of New York, Karl Detzer, Roving Editor of *Reader's Digest* and Spencer Miller, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Labor. More than 400 civic and business leaders, state and local officials, political scientists, and interested citizens attended the twenty-two panel sessions of the Conference. Among the topics discussed were: "Cities and the National Government," led by Sherwood Reeder, President of the Pennsylvania Economy League; "Consider the Whole City," Hugh Pomeroy, Planning Director of Westchester County, New York; "Effective Citizens' Associations," Mrs. Siegel W. Judd, Grand Rapids Citizens' Action; "Ethics for Legislators," Professor Belle Zeller, Brooklyn College; "Women as Campaigners," Margaret

Hickey, Public Affairs Editor, *Ladies Home Journal*; "More Responsible States," Frank C. Moore, President, Government Affairs Foundation, Inc.; "The Newspaper as a Civic Force," Virginius Dabney, Editor, *Richmond Times-Dispatch*; and "Policymaking Machinery in the Council-Manager Plan," J. M. Kernochan, Columbia University.

Featured at the Conference was the presentation of twenty-two "cases," before a jury of twelve, by finalist cities in fifteen states competing for the 1953 "All-America Cities" awards. Half of those communities competing will be selected later in the year. The awards will be given on the basis of evidence presented before the jury of local progress achieved as the result of citizen action. The contest is sponsored jointly by *Look Magazine* and the National Municipal League.

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association was held on November 5-7 at the University of Florida in Gainesville as a part of the centennial celebration of that institution. Approximately 160 persons were in attendance. Panel discussions were devoted to the following topics: "The First Nine Months of the Eisenhower Administration," "Problems of Suburbia," "Southern Politics—Effects of the 1952 Elections," "The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952," "Recent Trends in Methodology in Political Science," "Problems in United States Foreign Policy," and "The Supreme Court and Segregation." The presidential address was delivered by Professor Charles B. Robson, and Dr. Hugh L. Elsbree, Managing Editor of the *AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW*, addressed the meeting briefly as representative of the American Political Science Association. Two other

major addresses were delivered by Professors Francis W. Coker and John Gaus on the respective subjects, "Free Speech and the Silent Professor" and "The University, Political Science and the Public Service." Special recognition was accorded to the past presidents of the Association on this Twenty-Fifth Anniversary occasion, and Professor Cullen B. Gosnell of Emory University, first president of the Association, responded on behalf of the past presidents. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Professor Walter H. Bennett, University of Alabama, president; Professor John Hallowell, Duke University, vice-president; Professor Arthur B. Dugan, University of the South, recording secretary; Professor David R. Deener, Tulane University, Professor Robert K. Gooch, University of Virginia, and Dr. Robert E. Lowry, Tennessee Valley Authority, members of the executive council. Professor Lee S. Greene of the University of Tennessee was elected Editor of the *Journal of Politics* for the remaining two years of the unexpired term of Professor René de Visme Williamson who had resigned.

From August 29 to September 4, the Citizenship Clearing House sponsored three regional workshops in practical politics for a selected group of young teachers in political science who are interested in training for political participation. The New England session was held at Newtown, Connecticut, under the direction of Professor E. E. Schattschneider; the Midwest Workshop, at Michigan State College, East Lansing, under the direction of Professor James W. Miller; and the Pacific Northwest meeting, at the University of Washington, Seattle, under the direction of Professor Hugh Bone.

Designed to provide an informal course on practical politics, these workshops were limited to twenty-five young political scientists. The emphasis was on informality, and much of the discussion was conducted through panel sessions. The faculties of the workshops were composed of political leaders and more experienced political scientists, and in the three workshops more than thirty political leaders and ninety-four political scientists were involved.

Among the political leaders at the New England session were: John M. Bailey, Connecticut Democratic State Chairman; Professor Stephen K. Bailey, Mayor of Middletown, Connecticut; General Raymond Watt,

former Assistant to Governor Lodge; Gus Tyler, Director of the Political Department, ILGWU. In the Midwest, political leaders included: Byron G. Allen, Minnesota Democratic National Committeeman; D. Hale Brake, State Treasurer of Michigan; Governor G. Mennen Williams; Mrs. Margaret Price, Michigan Democratic National Committeewoman; Bradshaw Mintener, Chairman, Minnesotans for Eisenhower; Owen J. Cleary, Michigan Secretary of State; John Feikens, Chairman, Michigan Republican State Committee, and Neil Staebler, Chairman, Michigan Democratic State Committee. Prominent at the Pacific Northwest Workshop were George C. Kinnear, Republican State Chairman; Ed Munro, Democratic State Committeeman; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Neuberger, members of the Oregon Legislature.

The discussion at these workshops was oriented toward encouraging students to participate in, as well as to understand, our governmental institutions. The scope of the conferences can perhaps be best illustrated by the program of the Midwest Workshop, which included such topics as: the development of course techniques and materials for interesting students in practical politics, field work courses, the importance of the political party in the lawmaking process, interdisciplinary studies in political behavior, local political surveys, programs and projects to provide both academic and political experience for students, and the role of college administrators in encouraging political participation by young college men and women.

The Political Science Group of the University Center in Georgia held a dinner meeting on November 23, at Stone Mountain, Georgia. Present were political scientists from Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Oglethorpe University, University of Georgia and the Atlanta Division, University of Georgia. Cullen B. Gosnell, chairman of the group, presided over the meeting. The topic of the program was "Techniques of Teaching the Introductory Course in Political Science." Participating on the panel which led the discussion were: Morris W. H. Collins, Jr., University of Georgia, who served as moderator; George Brasington, of Emory University; Samuel J. Mantel, Jr., of Georgia Tech.; Willard E. A. Range, of the University of Georgia; and Robert J. Steamer, of Oglethorpe University. Particular attention was given to newer techniques of instruction, viz., case

method, role-playing, laboratory field research, and use of audio-visual aids.

The annual Mid-West Conference of Political Scientists will be held on the University of Iowa campus on April 29, 30 and May 1. Presiding at the sessions will be President Harry Voltmer of DePauw University. The chairman of the program committee for the year is Professor David Fellman of the University of Wisconsin.

Through an oversight, the minutes of the September 9, 1953 meeting of the Council of the American Political Science Association, published in the December, 1953 issue of the

REVIEW, did not list the selections for the 1953 book awards, for which books published in 1952 were eligible.

The Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award for the best book in the field of government and democracy went to Clinton Rossiter's *Seedtime of the Republic*; the Franklin D. Roosevelt Foundation Award for the best book in the field of government and human welfare, to Mulford Q. Sibley and Philip E. Jacob's *Conscription of Conscience*; and the Freedom House, Willkie Memorial Building Award for the best book in the field of international relations, to F. S. C. Northrop's *The Taming of the Nations*.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Methods of nominating presidential candidates in the United States will be the subject of scientific study by the Brookings Institution, it was announced jointly in October by Robert D. Calkins, President of the Institution, and Francis H. Lindley, President of the Haynes Foundation of Los Angeles, which has made a grant of \$42,300 for the project. The investigation will be under the direction of Paul T. David, senior staff member of the Brookings Institution. The study will re-examine convention procedures. It will compare practices in states having presidential primaries for selecting delegates to national conventions with those using other methods. Also to be studied are the apportionment of voting strength among the states, instructed delegations, the unit rule, problems of communication among delegates and leaders during convention sessions, the pressures on the individual delegate, and similar topics. A special inquiry will be made into the voting behavior at the 1952 conventions to examine the conduct of delegations sent from state conventions as compared with that of delegations selected by state primaries.

The Brookings study is a sequel to the research now being completed by the American Political Science Association, scheduled for publication this spring under the title, *Presidential Nominating Politics in 1952*. This is a five-volume report prepared for the Association under the direction of Paul T. David, who was loaned by the Brookings Institution to the Association for the purpose.

A traveling seminar of professional persons to visit Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, and Egypt is an-

nounced by the San Francisco State College for the coming summer. Under the direction of Dr. Alfred G. Fisk, professor of philosophy, the group will leave New York by air on June 29 with return scheduled for September 1. Visits will be made to governmental ministries, educational and social service institutions, and historic sites, and interviews with prominent persons will be held in all the countries visited. The group will travel on a cooperative, non-profit basis. College credit is available but not required. Inquiries should be addressed to Dr. Alfred G. Fisk, San Francisco State College, San Francisco 27, California.

A new organization, The Population Council, Inc., has recently been established as a non-profit corporation to encourage research and education concerning the relationship of the world's population to its material and cultural resources. The Council plans to study the problems of the increasing population of the world, to support research, and to make known the results of such research. It will serve as a center for exchange of facts and information on population questions and cooperate with individuals and institutions having similar interests. The trustees of the Council are the Messrs. Frank G. Boudreau, Detlev W. Bronk, Karl T. Compton, Frank W. Notestein, Frederick Osborn, Dr. Thomas Parran, John D. Rockefeller, III, and Lewis L. Strauss.

The Council does not plan to conduct research or educational activities with its own staff. It has already made a small number of research grants to universities and other established organizations, and has established a number of fellowships for the training of students in the field of population. The purpose