

consensus building in an era of electronic narrowcasting, solving the nuclear dilemma and other problems of international politics in an age of ever-continuing nationalism, and providing more effective tools of analysis to anticipate issues are challenges of the future that will present opportunities for responses from political scientists. □

Reports

National Organization Promotes Wider Involvement in World Affairs

Promoting a wider understanding of the international political, economic, and social forces that shape world society, as well as urging a greater emphasis on the teaching of foreign languages in this country's school systems at every level is the twin mission of the National Council on Foreign Language and International Studies, a two-year-old organization created to advance the work of the President's Commission on Foreign Language and International Studies, which published its findings in late 1979.

The Commission, which was appointed by President Jimmy Carter, was charged with the responsibility of reviewing America's competence in languages other than English, and also to assess our ability to deal with urgent international issues. On both counts the Commission found serious deficiencies. Its report said in part, "We are profoundly alarmed by what we have found: a serious deterioration in this country's language and research capacity, at a time when an increasingly hazardous international military, political, and economic environment is making unprecedented demands on America's resources, intellectual capacity, and public sensitivity. . . . Nothing less is at issue than the nation's security."

According to Executive Director Dr. Rose L. Hayden, the Council, which received its initial support from private foundations, business corporations, with some assistance from government agencies, has a primary task of making a coherent,

persuasive, and persistent case that high quality foreign language and international studies programs are vital to America's future. It does this by enlisting the support of public opinion, and by attempting to influence public policy as it affects these issues. Dr. Hayden points out that the Council is not a foundation. "It is, rather," she says, "a non-profit organization that works with and through existing public and private organizations to help focus public attention on the importance to the United States of effective communication with and comprehensive understanding of the world beyond our borders."

Toward that end, the Council, among other activities, commissions studies, arranges for publication of their results, sponsors seminars and workshops, and acts as a resource to local community groups interested in promoting wider public awareness of international affairs. It also distributes, free of charge, a monthly publication, *Newsbrief*, which reports on major developments in the field. The National Council invites individuals and organizations concerned with promoting foreign language teaching and international studies to become more familiar with its programs, and to participate actively in its work. Anyone interested in receiving further information about the organization, or in being placed on the mailing list for *Newsbrief*, is welcome to contact: Executive Director, National Council on Foreign Language and International Studies, 605 Third Avenue, 17th Floor, New York, New York 10158; (212) 490-3520. □

Southwestern Political Science Association Elects New Officers

The Southwestern Political Science Association held its 1982 annual meeting on March 17-20 in San Antonio in conjunction with the Southwestern Social Science Association Convention.

American Political Science Association President Seymour Martin Lipset was the featured speaker at the program meeting on March 18. At the business meeting on

the same day, Ruth P. Morgan, Southern Methodist University, who was President-elect in 1981-82, assumed the office of president, succeeding Irving O. Dawson of The University of Texas at Arlington, who served during 1981-82.

Officers elected for the 1982-83 year are: President-elect, Murray C. Havens, Texas Tech University; Vice-President and Program Chair, Robert M. Stein, Rice University; and Secretary-Treasurer, Janice C. May, The University of Texas at Austin (two-year term).

Newly elected Executive Council members are: Joyotpaul Chaudhuri, New Mexico State University; Michael W. Mansfield, Baylor University; and Kenneth R. Mladenka, Texas A&M University. They join the following members, whose terms expire in 1983: David W. Brady, Rice University; Robert L. Savage, University of Arkansas; and Mary R. Mattingly, Texas A&I University.

Two awards for the best papers at the 1981 annual meeting were announced. Receiving the SWPSA award was Roy E. Miller, Southern Illinois University, for his paper, "Literature Drops in County Level Political Campaigns: What Do They Accomplish?" The Pi Sigma Alpha award went to John R. Todd and John P. Bradley, both of North Texas State University, for their paper, "The Apprenticeship Norm in the United States Senate: A Longitudinal and Multivariate Analysis."

In addition, three undergraduate students were honored with \$100 prizes for their papers: Kimberley Dello Russo, Southern Methodist University, whose paper, "The Fairness Doctrine: Is It Fair?" was nominated by Professor Philip Seib; Steven Heath of Loyola University for his paper, "United States Trade Policy Toward the Communist World: 1948-1981," nominated by Professor Conrad Raabe; and Van Wigginton of Lamar University for his paper, "Government Unemployment Programs in Western Europe," nominated by Professor Manfred Stevens. □

Calls for Papers

New York Group Seeks Paper Proposals

The 1983 Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association will be held April 8-9, 1983 in New York City. Proposals for papers, panels, special meetings, or other activities should be directed to the Program Chair or to individual section convenors. Proposals or offers to serve as discussants are welcomed until December 15, 1982.

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