

## NEWS AND NOTES

### PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES AND INSTITUTES

The Northern California Political Science Association held its fourth annual meeting at Stanford University on April 14, 1951. The central theme of the conference was the present world ideological conflict and its impact upon the American scene. One of the sessions of the conference was devoted to a consideration of the "Sources of International Friction," with Covey Oliver of the University of California (Berkeley) and Holland Roberts, chairman of the American-Russian Institute, presenting opposite interpretations. Another session was given over to a panel discussion of "The Impact of the International Situation upon American Democratic Procedures and Institutions." Participants on the panel included: Robert Brady, professor of economics, University of California (Berkeley); Edward L. Barrett, Jr., professor of law, University of California (Berkeley); Laurence Sears, professor of American philosophy and theory, Mills College; and Rhoten Smith, graduate student in political science, University of California (Berkeley). Officers elected by the Association for 1951-52 are: Robert A. Walker of Stanford University, president; George Bemis of Sacramento State College, vice-president; Anthony T. Bouscaren of the University of San Francisco, secretary-treasurer; and Leslie Lipson of the University of California (Berkeley), Earl Buckman of Fresno State College, and Sidney Patzer of Santa Rosa College, members of the Executive Council.

The first meeting of the Oklahoma Political Science Association was held April 20-21, 1951, at Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater, Oklahoma. The following officers were elected at the meeting: W. V. Holloway of the University of Tulsa, president; Rob Roy MacGregor of Oklahoma City University, vice-president; and Joseph C. Pray of the University of Oklahoma, secretary-treasurer. The board members of the Association include, in addition to the officers named, the following persons: Dean R. R. Oglesby of Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College; President Charles F. Spencer of East Central State College; and Elmer Edge, city manager of Cushing, Oklahoma.

The School of Government of the Principia College of Liberal Arts held its thirteenth annual Public Affairs Conference at Elsah, Illinois, April 12-14, 1951. The program topic for the Conference was "A Problem in United States Foreign Policy: Integration of Western Europe." Participants included university professors, government officials and military experts.

The third annual Conference on the Far East was held at the University of Oregon, April 23-27, 1951. The program topic for the Conference was "The Far East, Russia and the United States—Nationalism." The guest participants were Nobutaka Ike and Robert C. North of the Hoover Institute and Library, Stanford University, and Julian Towster and Hubertus Johannes van Mook of the University of California (Berkeley). The program included public lectures

classroom talks, and student and faculty seminars. Paul S. Dull, coordinator of the Far Eastern studies curriculum at the University of Oregon, served as chairman for the Conference.

The fourth annual Institute of International Affairs, held at the University of Washington, June 25–27, 1951, under the sponsorship of the department of political science and the Division of Adult Education, was devoted to the subject "New Frontiers of American Foreign Policy." The program included the following addresses: "American Foreign Policy with Respect to Western Europe," by Schuyler C. Wallace of Columbia University; "Recent Trends in the Law of the United Nations," by Hans Kelsen of the University of California (Berkeley); "American Foreign Policy and the Point Four Program," by Haldore E. Hanson of the United States Department of State; "Selling Democracy Abroad," by James W. Brown of the University of Washington; and "International Understanding through Films," by Linden A. Mander of the University of Washington.

The third annual Colgate University Conference on American Foreign Policy was held July 21–26, 1951, under the direction of Charles Ray Wilson of the department of political science of Colgate University. The general theme for discussion was "Strength for a Free World." Twenty-two nations were represented at the Conference by official delegates.

An inter-university summer seminar, composed of political scientists and political sociologists, was held at the University of Chicago from June 18 to July 28, 1951, to examine and appraise the present state of research having to do with political behavior. A series of research papers and memoranda were discussed, utilizing the concepts of multiple group memberships and interactions upon the relations between the individual and the state. Members of the seminar were: Robert Bower, American University; Samuel Eldersveld, University of Michigan; Oliver Garceau, Bennington College; Alexander Heard, University of North Carolina; Samuel Huntington, Harvard University; Morris Janowitz, University of Chicago; Dayton McKean, Dartmouth College; and David Truman, Columbia University. The seminar was made possible through the generosity of the Markle Foundation and the Social Science Research Council.

The New York State Political Science Association will hold its fifth annual meeting in New York City, October 19–20, 1951. In a program session scheduled to convene in the new United Nations building on Friday afternoon, October 19, the opening meeting will feature UN personnel in a discussion of a problem of current significance in international affairs. This afternoon program will be followed by a tour of the building, or of so much of it as may be open to visitors at the time. The evening session will be held, following dinner, in the ballroom of the Beekman Tower Hotel, where President Luther Gulick of the American Political Science Association will present an Association representative

who will deliver the principal address. The conference will end with a morning session on Saturday, October 20, also in the Beekman Tower ballroom. The concluding meeting will be devoted to an examination of the subject of civil liberties in relation to academic freedom.

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES

With the opening of the national headquarters of the American Political Science Association in Washington, D. C., the established practice of conducting a personnel service for academic employment has been expanded to include government employment as well. To keep the membership informed of placement opportunities, a personnel newsletter is sent to department chairmen and to members of the Association who have registered with the personnel service. Consistent with the policies of other professional societies, employment information is kept confidential. The names of colleges in which vacancies occur are not released to applicants for positions. To simplify the work of department chairmen, applications of persons meeting the minimum requirements, as set forth by the departments in which the vacancies exist, are forwarded to the chairmen. The national office emphasizes that it is most essential for department chairmen to register vacancies with the personnel service, if the service is to be of maximum assistance to the profession. Members of the Association who desire to register for placement may secure appropriate personnel forms from the national office.

The Governmental Affairs Institute, organized in 1950 and later affiliated with the American Political Science Association, sponsored the visits of a number of foreign legislators to the United States during the months of May, June, July and August, 1951. In May the Institute sponsored the visit of members of the Internal and Police Affairs Committee of the West German *Bundestag*; in June, it sponsored the visit of fourteen additional members of the *Bundestag*; and, during June, July and August, it sponsored the visits of three separate groups of Japanese Diet members. Chartered as a non-profit organization, the Institute prepares professional programs for foreign leaders who come to the United States to study various aspects of American government or politics. It is under contract with the Department of State and the Department of the Army to sponsor visits of foreign leaders, who are brought to the United States under the Government's International Educational Exchange Program. Several American political scientists, including Taylor Cole, Pendleton Herring, Edward H. Litchfield, H. Philip Mettger, James K. Pollock, Harold S. Quigley, Donald C. Stone, and Roger H. Wells, serve on the Institute's Board of Directors. The offices of the Institute are at 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

An organization of Iowa political scientists was created on April 14, 1951. The organization, to be known as the Conference of Iowa Political Scientists, is successor to an association of political scientists and historians which existed in Iowa before World War II. Joseph Dunner and C. Edwin Gilmour,