

# NEWS AND NOTES

## PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

The Thirty-fifth Annual Session of the Institute of World Affairs, sponsored by the University of Southern California in co-operation with the colleges and universities of the Pacific area, was held at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel, Pasadena, California, December 7-10, 1958. The Institute of World Affairs is the oldest organization of this kind in the United States. This year's Session was under the directorship of Dr. J. William Robinson, chairman of the department of political science and international relations, Whittier College. The overall theme of the conference was "Agenda for American Action." Participants included: Myres S. McDougal, Sterling Professor of Law, Yale Law School, president, American Society of International Law; The Right Reverend James A. Pike, Bishop of California, Protestant Episcopal Church; Robert Strausz-Hupé, director, Foreign Policy Research Institute, University of Pennsylvania; Maxwell D. Taylor, General, Chief of Staff, United States Army; Raymond B. Allen, chancellor, University of California at Los Angeles; Hans J. Morgenthau, The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University, director, Center for the Study of American Foreign Policy, University of Chicago; Henry A. Kissinger, associate director, Center for International Affairs, Harvard University; George V. Allen, director, United States Information Agency; Arthur G. Coons, President, Occidental College; Paul S. Smith, president, Whittier College. Professor Paul E. Hadley, of the University of Southern California, is executive secretary of the Institute and Dr. Rufus B. von KleinSmid, Chancellor of the University of Southern California, is Chancellor of the Institute.

A "Conference on Democracy in the Mid-Twentieth Century," attended by 13 visiting scholars from major colleges and universities, was held at Washington University (St. Louis), May 22-23-24, 1958 under the auspices of the university's department of political science.

Purpose of the conference, which was made possible by a grant from James S. McDonnell, Jr., president of McDonnell Aircraft Corporation, was to examine the theoretical assumptions and problems of contemporary democracy and to consider what the university polit-

ical scientist can do in his teaching, writing and other activities to communicate more effectively as a competent specialist to his students and to the public.

Papers given at the conference included "Some Assumptions of Political Democracy" (Hartz), "Democracy and Economic Structure" (Lindblom), "Group Representation in British and American Democracy" (Beer), "Democracy and Foreign Policy: A Prefatory Survey" (Epstein), and "Democracy and Leadership" (Pennock).

The central focus which emerged from the Conference discussions was twofold. First, the point was made that our picture or "image" of democracy is not entirely realistic in the Mid-Twentieth Century, and it follows from this that hard thinking toward a renewed, more realistic, viable democratic image is required. Second, attention was called to the fact that we need carefully concentrated study and research on the actual operations of the American and other democratic systems so that current political problems may be examined in more realistic terms.

Plans and arrangements for the Conference were made by a committee composed of William N. Chambers, committee chairman, and Thomas H. Eliot and Roy C. Macridis, all of the department of political science, Washington University. The conference recorder was Robert H. Salisbury, of Washington University.

The Council of the International Federation for Housing and Planning will meet 6-9 September, 1959, at Perugia, on the invitation of its Italian vice-president, Mr. Olivetti. The theme for discussion will be Housing for the Lowest-Income Families. The Council includes delegates of member organizations and of individual members; its meetings attract about 150. Details about participation from the U. S. from Dennis O'Harrow, ASPO, 1313 East 60 Street, Chicago 37.

The fourteenth Congress of the International Union of Local Authorities is scheduled to be held 18-23 June, 1959, in West Berlin. The theme is social services of the municipality. The thirteenth Congress attracted nearly 1,000 officials and students of municipal affairs from nearly 40 countries. This is an open Congress. Details from Orin F. Nolting, ICMA, 1313 East 60 Street, Chicago 37.

The International Institute of Administrative Sciences will hold its eleventh Congress in Wiesbaden, German Federal Republic, 29 August–3 September, 1959. Themes include: The Structure and Function of the Ministry of Finance; Devolution of Powers to Autonomous Bodies, particularly the professions and the universities; Better Motivation of the Civil Servant (incentive, awards, staff participation); Automation and the Public Service, the Human Problems. The Congress should attract more than 500 officials and professors from over 30 universities. It is an open meeting. Details from Robert J. M. Matteson, American Society for Public Administration, 6942 So. Kimbark Ave., Chicago 37.

The third annual Institute in State and Local Government was held at Drake University, July 21–August 8, 1958, with an enrollment of 46. The program was under the joint direction of A. LeRoy Bennett and William I. Matthews of the Drake University political science department. Class time of three hours daily was divided approximately equally between regular classroom sessions and panel discussions of current problems of state and local government, with special emphasis upon Iowa.

Participants in the program included Governor Herschel Loveless and thirteen other public officials, five members of the political science faculties of other Iowa colleges and universities, nine faculty members from various departments at Drake University, four newspaper editors and writers, and five representatives of interest groups. Extensive newspaper and television coverage of the panel sessions was indicative of the high degree of public interest in the program.

The department of political science at Goucher College, in conjunction with the economics and history departments, held a symposium entitled, "The Congressional Elections of 1958," on 11 and 12 November 1958. Participants included: Elmo Roper; Earl Latham, Amherst College; George Soule, Washington College; Richard Strout, *Christian Science Monitor*; William Welsh, Democratic National Committee; Philip Wilder, Republican National Committee; James McDevitt, COPE; John Gosnell, National Small Businessmen's Association; Mrs. John Latimer, National League of Women Voters, and Ernest Baugh, *Baltimore Sun*.

A regional Conference on Asian Affairs was held at the University of Missouri on October

17–18, 1958. Present were representatives of all major universities between the Rockies and the Appalachians. This was the fourth such meeting and by far the largest. About 150 Asian specialists attended.

The department of political science of the University of Missouri, in conjunction with the State Committee on Legislative Research, sponsored a conference on legislative procedures for newly elected members of the state legislature on December 1–2, 1958, in Columbia. About seventy legislators attended. A similar conference was held in December of 1956.

The Woodrow Wilson Department of Foreign Affairs of the University of Virginia held a conference on the general topic: "United States Policies Toward Latin America" in celebration of The James Monroe Bicentennial, December 5–7, 1958. Among the participants were Herbert L. Matthews of the *New York Times*; Robert J. Alexander, professor of economics at Rutgers University; Merwin L. Bohan, former U.S. commercial attaché in various Latin American capitals; Wendell C. Gordon, professor of economics at the University of Texas; Alexandre Kafka, United Nations Secretariat; William Manger, Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of American States; Gerhard Masur, professor of history and chairman of History Department, Sweet Briar College; Virgil Salera, professor of economics at American University.

Tulane University, in cooperation with the American Assembly of Columbia University, will hold its fourth Southern Assembly at Biloxi, Mississippi on January 15–18. The topic for discussion is "The United States and Africa." The director of the Southern Assembly is Vaughan Howard, chairman of the department of political science.

More than two-thirds of the 150 members of the Indiana General Assembly attended a pre-legislative conference on the campus of Indiana University on November 13–15, 1958. The conference was called by Governor Harold W. Handley and planned by a committee composed of two members of the State Senate, two members of the House of Representatives, the state budget director, and members of the department of government at Indiana University. York Willbern served as director of the conference. A grant from the Ford Foundation provided funds for some of the conference expenses.

On October 2-4, 1958, the department of government at Indiana University in cooperation with the American Assembly of Columbia University was host to the first Central States Assembly, which discussed "Foreign Economic Policy and Competitive Coexistence."

The sessions, which drew participants from many fields of interest (including law, labor, business, civic affairs, and agriculture), followed the general pattern of other regional assemblies which have been held in cooperation with the American Assembly at Columbia University. Five states—Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois—were represented.

Several colleges in the Philadelphia area are

participating in the plans for a scholarly meeting to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the death of Alexis de Tocqueville. The scheduled date is the 13th and 14th of April, 1959. On the afternoon of the 13th, Session (A) ("Was Tocqueville an historian or a sociologist?") will take place at Chestnut Hill College. On the morning of the 14th, Session (B) ("Was Tocqueville a conservative or a liberal?") will be held on the campus of Villanova University, and in the afternoon the last session (C) ("Was Tocqueville a Catholic?") at La Salle College. On the same day, a luncheon session will be held at St. Joseph's College. Inquiries should be directed to Professor J. A. Lukacs, Williams' Corner, R.D. 2, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

Since the Roper Public Opinion Research Center was established at Williams College on July 1, 1957, forty-two additional university and commercial survey research organizations, both American and foreign, have decided to place the raw data of their past and current studies at the Center. The Center's operating staff has been increased from three to ten, and George Gallup, Clyde Hart, James A. Linen, III, and Elmo C. Wilson have been added to the Board of Trustees.

During the past year, the Center has started two subscription services. Interested and accredited individuals and institutions may now purchase annual subscriptions to the item index and authorized data releases developed by the Center.

President Hurst R. Anderson of The American University, Washington, D.C. has announced the establishment of a center for technology and administration studies in the school of government and public administration. Dean Catheryn Seckler-Hudson has designated Professor Lowell H. Hattery as director of the center.

The Program of the Center will be an expansion of activities already under way in the school of government and public administration. Full-time and part-time faculty research will be encouraged and supported, as will graduate training and research. A specialized collection of reference materials on the subject will be expanded, and publications on the subject contemplated.

Short-term training institutes will be added to those in administration of scientific research, attitude surveying, and electronics in

management which are already conducted by the School.

Queens College, Flushing, New York, has been awarded a grant by the Coe Foundation for a lecture series during the Spring semester under the title of: "The Challenge of Communism to America." The grant is being coordinated by Dr. Mary Earhart Dillon, professor of political science. Lecturers have included George S. Counts, W. W. Kulski, Alexander Korol, Adolph A. Berle, Jr., Felix Morley and Willmoore Kendall.

Fordham University's Millar Lectures were given this year by Edward S. Mason of Harvard, on "Government and Business in Economic Development."

Los Angeles State College has launched a new and interesting project in the field of international communication by establishing a Library-Museum for Southeast Asia, on its Los Angeles campus. The Library-Museum will contain thousands of volumes in the English, German, French, and Russian languages in the fields of anthropology, sociology, politics, art, literature, science, technology, travel, etc., and several thousands of stills, numerous motion pictures, artifacts, etc. to make it perhaps the most complete Library-Museum of its kind on the West Coast. The College received a grant of \$250,000 from the Mary Reynolds-Babcock Foundation to "initiate" the project. A team of three persons are presently in West Pakistan on behalf of the International Communications Foundation—an independent Foundation headed by a former Los Angeles State College student, Lawrence van Mourick, whose original idea it was to