

# NEWS AND NOTES

## PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

The Northern California Political Science Association marked its tenth anniversary with a meeting at the San Francisco State College campus April 26th on the general theme "Politics and Technology."

The program, departing from the precedents of a decade, leaned heavily upon men outside of political science. By turning for enlightenment to physical scientists and industrialists, there was a deliberate effort to make the Association members somewhat better aware of the implications which contemporary advances in technology have for political science. The experiment was fruitful.

The program opened with a general session addressed by Melvin Calvin, department of chemistry, University of California (Berkeley) on "Government in Science," and by Albert V. Baez, Department of Physics, Redlands University, on "The Social Responsibility of the Scientist."

At the luncheon meeting William B. Fretter, department of physics, University of California (Berkeley) described the planning for and administration of "The International Geophysical Year." Revealing of the connotations which "politics" has for the physical scientist was his preference not to use the title "The Politics of the IGY."

The afternoon was devoted to two panel discussions before the full membership each followed by questions and general discussion. The first, "Government and Private Industry in Atomic Development," with Peter H. Odegard, University of California (Berkeley) as chairman, had as participants, Howard M. Carlisle, San Francisco Office, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission; Albert Lepawsky, University of California (Berkeley); Hubert R. Marshall, Stanford University; Robert B. Richards, Atomic Power Equipment Department, General Electric Company; and Samuel E. Wood, Pacific Planning and Research Associates. The second, "Politics and Technology in National Defense," with Robert A. Walker, Stanford University as chairman, included Burton R. Brazil, San Jose State College; Karl Falk, Fresno State College; Ernst R. Haas, University of California (Berkeley); S. L. Swagert, San Jose State College; William L. White, Stanford Research Institute.

After an informal cocktail party, members of

the Association joined the guests of the CCH meeting for a joint dinner at which Albert R. Hibbs, of the California Institute of Technology's Jet Propulsion Laboratories, read a paper on "Politics and the Exploration of Space."

At its business meeting the Association elected Peter H. Odegard, University of California (Berkeley), vice-president (and president designate); John M. Selig, City College of San Francisco, secretary-treasurer; and as council members, Alexander Smetana, University of San Francisco, Benjamin C. Franklin, Chico State College, and Hubert R. Marshall, Stanford University.

The annual spring meeting of the Kansas Association of Teachers of Government was held at Kansas State College, March 21 and 22, 1958. David Fellman delivered the main address, "Problems of Literary Censorship" at the dinner meeting March 21. The Friday afternoon session was devoted to a panel discussion of "New Approaches to the Study of Comparative Government." Panel participants were Joe Hajda, chairman, John Grumm, John Millett, and Ed Janisch. Harold Sare, Robert Tomasek, Roy Laird, Harold Blostein, and Thayer Carmichael served as discussants. Issues facing the profession of political science—research design, improvement of instruction, and liaison with high school instruction—were discussed Saturday morning. Leaders were Francis Heller, A. David Miller, Walter Sandelius, and James Drury.

The 1957-58 annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association was held on May 4 and 5 at Brown University. The featured speaker was Merle Fainsod of Harvard who gave an analysis of Russian social classes and the possibility of change in the Soviet system.

Two panel discussions were held. Lucian W. Pye of Massachusetts Institute of Technology chaired the panel on "Government and Science" and Paul Hammond of Yale, Lewis Mainzer of the University of Massachusetts and Robert Wood of M.I.T. participated.

Herbert Marcuse of Brandeis University was chairman of the panel on "Recent De-

velopments in Marxist Theory," Alexander Ehrlich of Columbia University spoke on economic theory, Adam Ulam of Harvard University on political theory and Robert Cohen of Boston University on science. George Fischer of Brandeis acted as discussant.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year: James W. Fesler, Yale, president; Gwendolen M. Carter, Smith, Vice-President; Vernon L. Ferwerda, Trinity, secretary-treasurer. Samuel H. Beer, Harvard; Robert B. Dishman, New Hampshire; and William J. Lucey, S. J., Holy Cross, were elected to the executive committee.

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Political Science and Public Administration Association was held April 18-19. The panels included a discussion of "The Political Process in Pennsylvania" with Charles Gilbert, Swarthmore College discussing "The Teaching of Politics in Pennsylvania Colleges" and William J. Keefe of Chatham College discussing "Political Research in Pennsylvania." Henry Wells of the University of Pennsylvania, Luke T. Lee of Pennsylvania State University and Joseph J. Zasloff, University of Pittsburgh read papers under the general panel topic "New Developments in Comparative Government."

The eleventh annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association was held at Montana State University, Missoula Montana, May 2-3, 1958. The meeting was addressed by Peter H. Odegard, University of California (Berkeley) who spoke on "A Group Basis of Politics: A New Name for an Ancient Myth," Paul L. Beckett, Washington State College whose presidential address was entitled "Ad Astra Per Aspera: Meditations on the Ecology of Technical Assistance Work Abroad" and by the Honorable William J. Jameson, United States District Judge who spoke on "Current Problems affecting the Judicial Branch of the Government."

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Midwest Conference of Political Scientists met April 24-26, 1958 at the University of Michigan. Addresses were given by John M. Blum on "The Presidential Leadership of Theo-

dore Roosevelt," by V. O. Key on "Emerging Problems of the Profession," and by G. D. H. Cole who spoke on "The Political Situation in Great Britain." General topics dealt with in the various panels included "Rural-Urban Factionalism in the Midwestern States," "Recent Internal Political and Economic Developments in Soviet Policy," "Game Theory and its Relation to Political Theory," "Problems of United States Foreign Policy," "Re-assessing the Council-Manager Form of Government," "The Supreme Court as Policy Maker," "The Problem of Legislative-Executive Relationships in the Formulation and Control of Foreign Policy in Post World War II Europe," "The Nature of Community in a Democratic Society," "The States and Metropolitan Areas," and "Curbing the Supreme Court."

The Round Table of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences, held in Liège, Belgium, 27 June-3 July, 1958, attracted over 200 participants from 44 countries and eight international agencies. At the opening plenary session, Mr. René Cassin, of the Council of State of France, former president of IIAS, and member of the Commission on Human Rights of U.N. commemorated the Tenth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, stressing its importance for the public servant in achieving his goals and the prime contribution of the public servant toward its realization.

The participants from U.S.A. included: Charles Aikin, University of California; Charles S. Ascher, Institute of Public Administration (who served as chairman of delegation in the absence of Paul M. Herzog); David S. Brown, George Washington University; Milton Chernin, University of California; Michael J. Flack, University of Pittsburgh; William S. Flash, American University at Beirut; Irving Goldner, Fulbright fellow at IIAS; Lowell Hattery, American University; William F. Larsen, N.Y.U.; Frederick C. Mosher, University of California; Orin F. Nolting, ICMA; John Russell, ICA; Edgar L. Shor, Indiana University, Stephen B. Sweeney, University of Pennsylvania; Edward W. Weidner and Frederick R. Wickert, Michigan State University.