

## NEWS AND NOTES

Contributions to this section are welcome at any time. The deadlines for inclusion in the four issues are May 31—October issue; July 31—December issue; September 30—February issue; November 30—April issue.

### INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

A series of delegations to the Soviet Union and meetings during 1958-59 may lead to a better understanding of Soviet education. First, a delegation sponsored by the U. S. Department of Education toured the Soviet Union in the early summer, 1958. Secondly, a seminar of European, American, and former Soviet specialists on education was held at the Institute for the Study of the U.S.S.R. in Munich, Germany, during July, 1958. Thirdly, an unofficial delegation of some seventy educators toured the Soviet Union in August, 1958. The views of the members of each of the delegations and the seminar are to be reflected in separate published reports. The combination of the views of unofficial and official delegations and the reports of Soviet and ex-Soviet citizens may well provide a composite picture very close to the real situation in present day Soviet education.

The American members of the seminar in Munich included George Bereday of Teachers College, Columbia University, (Director of the group), Mark Field of Harvard University, William Johnson of the University of Pittsburgh, William Medlin of the U. S. Office of Education, Richard Rapacz of Columbia University, and Burton Rubin of Amherst College. The European and Asian members included Rudi Arbab of the University of Teheran (Iran), Alexander Dolberg of the Institute, Father Ulysses Floridi of the Collegium Russicum in Rome, Horst Gunther of the University of Marberg (Germany), Ramagan Karcha of the Institute, Georges Turkewicz of the Cité Universitaire de Paris, and Irene de Villebois of the University of Paris.

Some of the members of the seminar were also on the delegations. For example, George Bereday was on the official U. S. delegation to the U.S.S.R., whereas William Johnson was in the unofficial group.

An institute of Soviet Studies was established at Middlebury College (Vermont) in 1958-59. Courses (in Russian) on Soviet economics, foreign policy, government, and science have been among the offerings. As part of the special summer program Professors Mosely and Dallin of Columbia University gave lectures.

The Research Project on the History of the C.P.S.U. is reaching its culminating phases in 1958-59. A one-volume concise history of the Bolshevik Party written by Leonard Schapiro of the London School of Economics is to be published in 1958-59. A detailed three-volume history of the Party will appear later. The first volume, by Professor Schapiro, will trace events up to 1917. Harold H. Fisher, author of the second volume, covers the period from 1917 to 1935. The final volume by John A. Armstrong will run from 1935 to the present.

The Research Project is sponsored by an inter-university committee including Philip Mosely and Geroid Robinson of Columbia University, H. H. Fisher of Stanford University, and Merle Fainsod of Harvard. Mrs. Josephine B. Bruno is Executive Director of the Project.

A conference entitled "Rule of Law in the East" was held in Warsaw in September, 1958. A conference of the International Association of Legal Science on "Rule of Law in the West" had been held in Chicago in September, 1957. Among those attending both meetings was John Hazard of Columbia University.

An interdisciplinary summer session entitled "The Dynamics of Soviet Power" was held at the University of Pittsburgh from June 24-August 15, 1958. Credit for the courses was arranged in six departments: Economics, General Education, History, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology. William H. E. Johnson of the Department of General Education was coordinator of the session.

The Association for Asian Studies met in joint session with the American Oriental Society in New York, April 1-3, 1958. Several sessions included papers of interest to those in Slavic studies: In a session on

"Rates and Patterns of Industrial Growth in Modern China," Richard Moorsteen of the RAND Corporation presented a paper on "Early Patterns of Economic Development in Communist China and in the Soviet Union." In a session entitled "Russian Interest in Korea" the following papers were read: "Circumstance of the first Russian-Korean Contacts," Warren Smith, Jr., (Caracas, Venezuela); "Russian Scholarship on Korea in the Nineteenth Century," Ross Macdonald (University of Toronto); "Korean Studies in the Soviet Union," Glenn D. Paige (Northwestern University). The discussion included comments by Gregory Henderson of the Department of State. The session was chaired by Shannon McCune (University of Massachusetts).

The Inter-University Committee on Travel Grants under the direction of David Munford completed arrangements on the U. S. side for the first exchange of twenty American students with twenty Russian students. The Americans are spending 1958-59 at the Universities of Moscow and Leningrad.

A special seminar was held in the Spring, 1958, by the Research Project on Hungary. Some of the subjects discussed were political control, education, ideology, peasantry, and economic organizations in Hungary. Professors Roberts, Dallin, and Zinner of Columbia University directed the seminar. Completion and publication of a volume summarizing and interpreting some of the Project's findings was anticipated for 1958-59.

The American Historical Association is preparing a *Guide to Photocopied Historical Materials in the United States and Canada*, under a grant from the Council on Library Resources, Inc. The *Guide* will be a desk reference book, paralleling the *Guide to Historical Literature*, that will tell where to find important bodies of microfilmed and other photocopied materials and how to use and procure them. It is expected to be published late in 1959.

The Association's Committee on Documentary Reproduction, with the assistance of an Advisory Committee of experts from the Library and Archival field, is supervising the collection of materials and editing. In this work the Archives section of

the Canadian Historical Association is co-operating. The *Guide* will locate photocopied holdings of historical manuscripts by standard union list practices, according to traditional subject and period fields of history. This information is now being collected through co-operation with archives, libraries, and historical societies in both countries. Duplication of effort is currently avoided through the exchange of reports with the *Union List of Microfilms*. The method of preparing the text anticipates the possible issuance of supplements.

The Editor solicits the aid of historians in both countries in the discovery and accurate description of holdings of photocopied manuscripts wherever they may be. He welcomes information that will assist him in making the *Guide* as complete as possible. The Editor is Dr. Richard W. Hale, Jr. Please address correspondence to him at: Boston University, Copley Square Campus, 84 Exeter Street, Room 401, Boston 16, Mass.

A new journal entitled *Comparative Studies in Society and History* was initiated in October, 1958. It is designed to serve as a forum for research that lends itself to comparative study, for example, anthropology and comparative law.

Contributions are being solicited throughout the world. Correspondence regarding contributions should be directed to the editor, Faculty Exchange, Chicago 37, Illinois.

The Conference Group for Central European History, organized in New York on December 28, 1957, has appointed a standing Committee for the Study of the Problems of the Habsburg Monarchy. Working in cooperation with similar groups in Austria and elsewhere, this Committee is to encourage study in Austrian history in the United States. The members of the Committee are: Hans Kohn (Chairman), Friedrich Engel-Janosi, Robert A. Kann, Arthur J. May, S. Harrison Thomson, and R. John Rath (Secretary). Further announcements concerning the work of the group will be given in due time. Inquiries about this Committee should be sent to the Secretary: R. John Rath, Department of History, University of Texas, Austin 12, Texas.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND STAFF CHANGES

John Armstrong of the University of Wisconsin spent the Spring, 1958, at the Russian Institute (Columbia University).

Christopher Becker has been appointed Instructor in History at Yale University.

Joseph Berliner was promoted to associate professor in economics at Syracuse University in 1958-59.

William Edgerton was promoted to associate professor of Slavic Languages at Columbia University.

Zygmunt Gasiorowski of Harvard University gave a course on the diplomatic history of Eastern Europe since 1918 at Columbia University in the Spring, 1958.

John Hazard of Columbia University taught Soviet law in the new faculty of comparative law of the University of Luxembourg in August, 1958.

Rufus Mathewson of Columbia University was on research leave in France during 1958-59.

Oliver Radkey, Jr., of the University of Texas offered a seminar and a lecture course on Imperial Russia at Columbia University during 1957-58.

Francis Seton of Nuffield College, Oxford, is offering two courses on the Soviet economy at Columbia University in 1958-59. Dr. Seton spent several months in 1957-58 lecturing at universities in Japan.

Hugh Seton-Watson of the London School of Slavonic Studies presented several courses in Russian history at the Russian Institute (Columbia) in the Fall, 1957.

Ihor Sevchenko left the University of Michigan to join the staff of the Russian Institute (Columbia) in 1957-58. Professor Sevchenko offered courses in Kievan, Muscovite, and Byzantine history in 1957-58.

Lois Stone of the Russian Institute (Columbia) was an assistant professor of Political Science at Hollins College, Virginia, in 1957-58.

John Thompson of the Russian Institute (Columbia) left the Department of State to take a post as staff member of the Social Science Research Council in 1957-58.

Robert Tucker left the RAND Corporation, Washington, D. C., in the fall, 1958, to teach courses on Soviet political institutions in the Department of Government of Indiana University.

#### AWARDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Henry Aaron of the University of California (Los Angeles) received a Ford Fellowship for study of political science in the Russian area program at Harvard University in 1958-59.

Murray Adelman of Reed College is studying political science in 1958-59 at Harvard University in their Russian area program.

Vladimir Almendinger of Harvard University has a Ford Fellowship to continue his study of Soviet local government at the Library of Congress and Harvard University in 1958-59.

Patrick Alston of the University of California (Berkeley) is making a study of Russian liberalism and the Russian and Polish languages on a Ford Fellowship in 1958-59 at Berkeley and the Hoover Institution (Stanford University).

Jeremy Azrael of Harvard University has another Ford Fellowship in 1958-59 to continue his study of the impact of industrialization on the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Merritt Abrash of Columbia University has a Ford Fellowship to pursue Russian studies with an emphasis on international relations at Columbia University in 1958-59.

Stephen Barnett is pursuing Russian studies at Harvard University on a Ford Fellowship in 1958-59.

Charles Cooper of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is doing research in Geneva, Switzerland, on the regional integration in Eastern Europe in 1958-59.

Melvin Croan is completing his doctoral dissertation on Soviet foreign policy at Harvard University in 1958-59 with the assistance of a Ford Fellowship.

Carol Dietz of Radcliffe College has a Ford Fellowship in 1958-59 to continue her study of Slavic languages and literature.

John Franci is aided in 1958-59 by a Ford Fellowship to continue his Russian regional studies at Harvard University.

Franklin Gill is engaged in the study of Soviet law and government at Columbia University in 1958-59 with the assistance of a Ford Fellowship.

Ronald Helin of the University of California (Los Angeles) is enrolled in the Russian and East European area program at Columbia University in 1958-59 with the assistance of a Ford Fellowship.

Richard Judy is completing his doctoral work at Harvard University in Soviet economics with the assistance of a Ford Fellowship in 1958-59.

Warren Lerner is completing his doctoral dissertation of the political philosophy of

Karl Radek at Columbia University in 1958-59.

Thomas Riha of Harvard University is engaged in a study of modern Russian history at Harvard University and the libraries in New York and Washington, D. C. in 1958-59 on a Ford Fellowship.

Jack Perry is continuing his study of Soviet foreign policy at Columbia University in 1958-59 on a Ford Fellowship.

George Staller of Cornell University is continuing his study of industrial development in postwar Czechoslovakia on a Ford Fellowship in 1958-59.

William Shinn is engaged in Russian regional studies at Harvard University in 1958-59 with the assistance of a Ford Fellowship.

Robert Slusser, formerly a Research Associate of the Hoover Institution (Stanford University) continues his study of Russian history at Columbia and Stanford Universities on a Ford Fellowship in 1958-59.

Jaroslav Verner continues his study of East European history at Columbia University on a Ford Fellowship in 1958-59.