

NEWS AND NOTES

INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The American Political Science Association held its annual meeting at Chicago, September 9-11, 1954. The proceedings included a symposium on "International Communism" chaired by Andrew Gyorgy, Boston University. The papers presented for this symposium included the following: *The Basis of Communist Strength in France* by Charles Micaud (University of Virginia); *Why Communism Is Weak in Britain* by Leslie Lipson (University of California, Berkeley); *The Impact of Communism on Turkey and Iran* by Dankwart Rustow (Princeton University); and *The Appeal of Communism in South East Asia: the Case of the Chinese in Malaya* by Lucian Pye (Princeton University).

The American Council of Learned Societies, Georgetown and George Washington Universities sponsored a series of radio broadcasts over station WCFM, Washington, D.C. in the spring, 1954. The series of eight lectures entitled *The Understanding of Other Cultures* included a talk by W. Chapin Huntington on Russia. The lectures, edited by William Ainsworth Parker, have been published in booklet form.

A project was set up in February, 1954 by the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report to study the economic development in the Communist world.

The research for this project is being done by a staff of six headed by Howard S. Piguot, senior specialist in international economics of the Legislative Reference Service, Library of Congress. Demitri Shimkin, formerly of Harvard University, is

handling the assembly and analysis of data on the Soviet Union.

The Institute for the Study of the History and Culture of the U.S.S.R. initiated the publication of the *Bulletin* in April, 1954. This monthly, English-language publication presents an analysis of contemporary events and detailed studies of Soviet history and culture by persons who have been Soviet citizens.

The Institute also publishes the *Vestnik*, a Russian-language, bi-monthly journal devoted to Soviet problems. From time to time individual monographs are likewise published on various subjects in the Russian language. Some of these monographs have been translated into English.

These publications initiate in the main office of the Institute in Munich, Germany. The Institute also has offices in Paris and New York. The staff members in charge of the Paris and New York offices are David I. Goldstein, and Jaan Pennar, respectively.

The Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages will be held on April 1-2, 1955 at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City. The host institution will be New York University.

The *Preliminary Analysis, American Personnel in Asian, African, and East European Studies* prepared by J. F. Wellemeyer, Jr. and Max H. North indicates that there are 1,085 specialists on Russia and the East European countries. Of this total the largest share is reported to be historians (217), followed by political scientists (213), and economists (205).

This report resulted from a National Registration of Humanities and Social Sciences and is based on the registration of some 25,000 members of twenty-three professional societies.

Six American students from the Russian Institute of Columbia University, City College of New York, and Oberlin College visited the Soviet Union during the summer, 1954.

The Columbia students, who paid their own way, were Francis Randall, Robert Curran, Gladys May Humphrey, and Jen Litzky.

Andrew Meisel and Clark Olsen were sent by the student bodies of the City College of New York and Oberlin College, respectively.

An Hungarian Studies Foundation and Advisory Council have been newly formed at Elmhurst College. The trustees to the Advisory Council include Joseph Remenyi, Western Reserve University; Stephen Szabo, Cleveland, Ohio; and August J. Molnar, chairman of the Department of Hungarian Studies, Elmhurst College. Plans for the development and promotion of the Department of Hungarian Studies include issuing an annual publication, increasing the holdings of the Hungarian library at Elmhurst College, and the erection of a library-museum building.

The Department of Modern Languages, University of Alberta, introduced a compulsory course in practical training, including the use of tape recorders and language records, to supplement the regular courses in the Russian language.

The Department of Extension, University of Alberta, in 1954-55 is offering in its lecture series an evening course entitled *Ukrainian Literature of the Twentieth Century*.

The Department of Russian Studies, Colgate University, introduced a course on Soviet foreign policy entitled *The Soviet Union in World Affairs in 1954-55*. Albert Parry, chairman of the Department of Russian Studies, is teaching this new course.

Four years of Russian language instruction and a number of courses in Russian literature, history, and geography are now available to the students at Colgate University. There is also a special Area Course on the Soviet Union.

Both elementary and intermediate courses in Russian are being offered again in the Foreign Language Department of the School of Arts and Sciences, Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical School in 1954-55 after a three year period of readjustment in the programs. Mrs. Eugenia Afanasiev teaches the courses in Russian. Courses are also offered in comparative literature, Russian history and institutions at Oklahoma A. & M. Alfred Levin conducts the courses in history.

APPOINTMENTS AND STAFF CHANGES

William B. Ballis has returned to his post in the Far Eastern and Russian Institute, University of Washington, after having served in the capacity of the American Advisor to the Institute for the Study of the History and Culture of the U.S.S.R. in Munich, Germany.

Leon J. Barat was appointed Deputy Advisor to the Institute for the Study of the History and Culture of the U.S.S.R. in Munich, Germany, in 1954-55.

Robert F. Byrnes, of Harvard University and Amherst College, has been appointed director of research of the Mid-European Studies Center

of the National Committee for a Free Europe in 1954-55.

Vera Micheles Dean of the Foreign Policy Association has been appointed professor of government at the University of Rochester for 1954-55.

Peter Dembowski of the Université de Paris has been appointed lecturer in the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of British Columbia, for 1954-55.

H. H. Fisher of the Hoover Institute and Library on War, Revolution, and Peace, Stanford University, spent the summer 1954, in Japan.

Oliver J. Frederiksen, formerly with the Department of History and Government at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, was appointed American Advisor to the Institute for the Study of the History and Culture of the U.S.S.R. in Munich, Germany, in 1954-55.

Franklyn Holzman was promoted to the rank of associate professor of economics at the University of Washington in 1954-55.

J. B. Hoptner left the position of director of research at the Mid-European Studies Center to join the staff of the East European Studies Program, Columbia University in 1954-55.

Naum Jasny lectured at the Agricultural Economic Research Institute of the University of Oxford in the summer, 1954. Dr. Jasny also held seminars on the Soviet economy in Germany under the auspices of the University of Kiel, the Institute of Economic Research in Berlin, and the Institute for Agricultural Market Research at Brunswick in the summer, 1954.

Jack A. Posin took a sabbatical leave in the spring, 1953-54, from the

Department of Asiatic and Slavic Studies, Stanford University. Professor Posin used his time during that leave to translate the entries in the new and old editions of the Great Soviet Encyclopedia entitled *Dialectic Materialism*. The facilities of the Hoover Library on War, Revolution, and Peace were extended to Professor Posin for this project.

Orest Starchuk was promoted to assistant professor in the Department of Modern Languages, University of Alberta, in 1954-55.

Robert Sullivant of the University of South Dakota has been granted a leave of absence in 1954-55 to participate in a research project on Russian government at Georgetown University.

Julian Towster was promoted to the full professorship at the University of California (Berkeley). Professor Towster took a semi-sabbatical in residence during the autumn, 1954.

A. G. Vavrus has returned to the faculty of the Department of Modern Languages, University of Oklahoma in 1954-55 as an instructor. Mr. Vavrus had previously resigned from the same faculty in order to complete two years of residence with the Department of Slavic Languages, Columbia University.

Ruth Widmayer was appointed assistant professor at the University of Oregon in 1954-55.

AWARDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alvin Lafayette Grisby of Colgate University is using a Ford fellowship to study sociology and Russian studies at Harvard University in 1954-55.

Wsevolod W. Isajiw of LaSalle College received an undergraduate stipend from the Social Science Research Council in 1953-54 to undertake an examination of the social status of recent Ukrainian immigrants in Philadelphia.

Igor Kopytoff of Northwestern University received an undergraduate stipend from the Social Science Research Council in 1953-54 to undertake a systematic analysis of the process of change in certain Siberian cultures.

Beatrice Lauter of Indiana University received an undergraduate stipend from the Social Science Research Council in 1953-54 to undertake a study of William C. Bullitt's diplomatic activities as ambassador to Russia.

Udo Posch of Vienna University spent 1953-54 at the Far Eastern and Russian Institute, University of Washington on a Fulbright fellowship.

Alfred J. Rieber of Colgate University is using a Ford Foundation Fellowship to continue his doctoral studies at the Russian Institute, Columbia University in 1954-55.

W. J. Rose received the LL.D. degree *Honoris Causa* from the University of British Columbia in 1954-55.

Janusz K. Zawodny, a doctoral candidate in political science at Stanford University, received a research training fellowship from the Social Science Research Council in 1953-54 for research on the position of workers in the Soviet factories.

The University of Notre Dame re-

ceived a grant of \$57,500 from the Ford Foundation to expand their research on the Soviet Union and East European countries in the next five years.

Faculty members who form the nucleus of the research staff include: Stephen Kertesz, the East European countries and Soviet diplomacy; Michael Pap, the internal problems of Russia and Eastern Europe; F. A. Hermens, government structure and problems; A. R. Caponigri and Herman Reith, Marxist philosophy; Boleslaw Szczesniak, Russian history; and John Fizer, Slavic languages.

The Ford Foundation is continuing for a second year a series of awards designed to assist persons who wish to begin or continue study of the Soviet Union or the peripheral Slavic and East European areas. The three types of fellowships are: 1) Graduate area training fellowships for persons completing college in June, 1954, for graduate students in the early stages of study in the social sciences or humanities, and for graduate students now enrolled in the first or second year of a Soviet or East European area study program; 2) pre-doctoral fellowships and 3) post-doctoral fellowships. Applications were encouraged from those beginning Slavic area studies in fields now believed to be underrepresented, namely cultural anthropology, sociology, social psychology, the natural sciences, economic geography, economics, philosophy, religion, education, music, the fine arts and architecture. Applications closed January 7, 1955 at the office of the Foundation, 477 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York.