

## NEWS AND NOTES

### PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

The 1959 annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association was held on May 2 and 3 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. President Taylor Cole delivered greetings from the American Political Science Association. The Saturday evening meeting also featured an address on "A Scientist Looks at International Politics," by Dr. Jerome Wiesner, Director of Research at the M.I.T. Electronics Laboratory and member of the United States Delegation to the Geneva Conference on Surprise Attack in 1958.

The Saturday afternoon panel on "France: The Beginnings of the Fifth Republic" was chaired by Samuel H. Beer of Harvard and included as participants Luther Allen of the University of Massachusetts, Stanley Hoffman of Harvard, Daniel Lerner of M.I.T. and Nicholas Wahl of Harvard.

Robert Dishman of the University of New Hampshire was chairman of the Sunday morning panel on "The Political Ecology of New England." Papers were delivered by Robert Dahl of Yale, Duane Lockard of Connecticut College, and James Burns of Williams. Serving as discussants were V. O. Key of Harvard, Robert Babcock of the University of Vermont (currently serving as Lieutenant Governor of Vermont), and Father William L. Lucey of Holy Cross.

Gwendolen Carter of Smith College was elected president for the coming year, James Burns of Williams will serve as vice president, and Vernon Ferwerda of Trinity will continue as secretary-treasurer. Norman Padelford of M.I.T., Laurence Radway of Dartmouth, and Walter Bogart of Middlebury were elected to the executive committee.

The Midwest Conference of Political Scientists held its seventeenth annual meeting April 30 to May 2 at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Featured speakers were Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee; Dr. Kevin McCann, consultant to President Eisenhower; and President Taylor Cole of the American Political Science Association, who analyzed "The West German Federal Constitutional Court."

The program was organized in terms of the local, state, national, comparative, international and professional "scenes." Papers on

the following subjects were read and discussed: "Newspaper Leadership and/or Control of Local Politics," "The Politics of Local Government Reform and Reorganization," "Re-evaluation of State Reorganization Trends," "The Politics of State Constitutional Revision," "Constancy in Voting Behavior," "What Should Public Law Contribute in Teaching and Research?" "Constituent and Representative," "Comparative Politics and Field Research in Interest Group Theory," "The Taxonomic Approach to Comparative Politics," "The German Problem: a Reassessment," "Colonialism in Africa," and "The Role of the Political Scientist in Public Affairs."

President Jasper Shannon chaired the business meeting of the Conference, which elected the following new officers: Amry Vandenbosch, Kentucky, president; E. Allen Helms, Ohio State, vice-president; and as members of the executive council, Clara Penniman, Wisconsin and William Riker, Lawrence. Vernon Van Dyke, Iowa State, was named to succeed David Fellman as Editor of the *Midwest Journal of Political Science*, and Harry R. Davis, Beloit, to succeed A. Leroy Bennett as secretary-treasurer.

The Northern California Political Science Association held its eleventh annual meeting at the University of San Francisco on May 2. Discussions were held on: "Press and Politics in California" "Professors and Politics" and "Creeping Partisanship in California." The first Presidential Award Citation for teaching, service to the profession, community service, and research was given to John M. Selig, City College of San Francisco. Officers elected for 1959-1960 were: president, Peter H. Odegard, University of California; vice president, Alexander Smetana, University of San Francisco; secretary-treasurer, John M. Selig, City College of San Francisco. The following were elected to the council: Gilbert Abcarian, Humboldt State College; Charles W. Black, Modesto Junior College; Karl Buckman, Fresno State College; Benjamin C. Franklin, Chico State College; Bernard Kronic, University of Santa Clara; Hubert N. Marshall, Stanford University; Paul Murray, Sacramento State College.

The Iowa Conference of Political Scientists devoted its annual meeting at Drake University, March 14, to discussions of state government reorganization, the governor's budgetary policy, and strengthening political party organization in Iowa. Officers elected for 1960 include: president, John Cotton Brown, Cornell College; secretary-treasurer, Donald E. Boles, Iowa State College; members of the council—John C. Norton, St. Ambrose; Harold Fletcher, Grinnell College; Ross B. Talbot, Iowa State College; Richard W. Taylor, Coe College; Elsworth P. Woods, Drake; Russell G. Whitesel, State University of Iowa; John R. Kapp, Iowa Wesleyan College; Jeffrey Mao, Central College.

The following were selected as officers of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association for 1959-60. President—Hugh A. Bone, University of Washington; vice president—Boyd A. Martin, University of Idaho; Secretary-treasurer—Donald Balmer, Lewis and Clark College; executive council 1959-62—Brock Dixon, Portland State College, and Paul Castleberry, Washington State College.

The 1960 meeting of the association will be held on the campus of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B. C.

A regional meeting of the American Society of International Law was held on April 16-17, 1959, at Tulane University, New Orleans. The general topic of the meeting was "International Law Developments and Latin America."

The meeting began on Thursday afternoon with an address by the President of the Society, Myres S. McDougal, of the Yale Law School, entitled "International Law and Contending Systems of World Order." Following the President's talk, papers were delivered by Brendan F. Brown, School of Law, Loyola University, entitled "Application of the International War Crimes Concept," and by Alan Karabus, School of Law, Tulane University, on "Modalities of Economic Aggression." Commentators for the session were: Clay Shaw, managing director, International Trade Mart, New Orleans; Carlos A. Mendoza, Tulane University School of Law; and Philip Taylor, Jr., department of political science, Tulane University.

At the Friday afternoon session, three papers were delivered by Thomas M. Rodgers, attorney and oil and gas consultant, New Orleans, on "Changing International Attitudes toward Oil Production Problems"; by Bernard

K. Oppenheim, attorney, New Orleans, on "Some Legal Aspects of Doing Business in Latin America"; and by Brunswick G. Deutsch, attorney, New Orleans, on "Developments in the Law of the Sea." Commentators at this session were Robert W. French, director of the Port, New Orleans, Frank L. Keller, department of economics, Tulane University, and Professor William J. Griffith, department of history, Tulane University.

The formal sessions noted above were open to the public. In addition to these, members of the Society and participants in the program were guests of the University at luncheons on Thursday and Friday. On Friday morning, Professor McDougal conducted an informal seminar for undergraduate, law and graduate students, at which contemporary problems of international law were discussed.

Members of the Local Committee for the meeting were: Eberhard P. Deutsch, New Orleans attorney; Max M. Schaumburger, New Orleans attorney; Professor Brendan F. Brown, Loyola University Law School; F. F. Stone, Tulane University Law School; and David R. Deener, department of political science, Tulane University.

The Woodrow Wilson Department of Foreign Affairs of the University of Virginia presented the Taraknath Das Memorial Conference on "India: Conditions and Prospects," May 8 and 9, 1959. The annual Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture was delivered at one of the conference sessions. The subjects discussed were: Social and Cultural Factors Conditioning Policy; Economic Development and Planning; India and the United States; Administrative and Political Factors; Foreign Policy and the United Nations. The participants were: Onkar P. Bhatnagar, visiting professor, Allahabad University; Paul C. Sherbert, Asia Society; Carl C. Taylor, formerly of the Ford Foundation; Eugene Staley, Stanford Research Institute; C. S. Jha, ambassador and head, Indian Mission to the United Nations; George V. Allen, director, U. S. Information Agency; Shiram B. Bapat, United Nations; Ralph Purcell, Wake Forest College; Phillips Talbot, American Universities Field Staff; Quincy Wright, foreign affairs department of the University of Virginia and Paul Appleby.

Three hundred students from twenty-three colleges and universities from five mid-western states attended a conference on "The Prospects for Democracy in the Underdeveloped Areas,"

April 30-May 2 at Wayne State University. Guest speakers at the conference were: Ambassador B. K. Nehru of India, "The View from India"; Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, "America's Responsibility"; Francis Wilcox, Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, Department of State, "The United States Program of Assistance to Underdeveloped Areas"; George Blanksten, Northwestern University, "The Prospects for Democratic Leadership"; Martin Bronfenbrenner, University of Minnesota, "The Role

of Government in Economic Improvement"; George Cressey, Syracuse University, "The Strategic Significance of the Middle East"; Melville Herskovits, Northwestern University "Acculturation and the Democratic Process." Discussants in political science were Edward Heubel and Max Mark, Wayne State University.

The conference was under the organization and direction of Maurice Waters, political science department, Wayne State University.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

The University of Texas, in cooperation with the County Auditors' Association of Texas, acted as sponsor to a County Auditors' Institute on May 21-22, 1959. The institute was planned as an intensive training course for the purpose of assisting the professional development of county auditors, clerks, and other county officials. Local arrangements were under the management of the Institute of Public Affairs, together with other divisions of the University. It is intended that this first effort will lead to an annual program built on these lines.

Harvard University announced the receipt of a grant of \$285,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation for the support of a research and training program in science and public policy, to be carried out by the graduate school of public administration.

The program will study the broad range of problems involved in the financing and administration of scientific research and in the application of science to the formulation and determination of public policy. It will also undertake to train a number of scientists and administrators who are actively concerned with these problems.

The University of Idaho has recently established a bureau of public affairs research primarily concerned with the functions and problems of state and local governmental officials. It is attached to the department of social sciences and headed by Robert J. Huckshorn, assistant professor of political science.

An institute for political education has been established at Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md., and will be opened this year,

(September, 1959). The project, made possible by a grant of \$103,000 from the Ford Foundation, is designed to encourage participation in practical politics among Morgan State students and alumni, as well as to train citizen politicians.

The director of the Institute is G. James Fleming, professor of political science at the college. Dwynal B. Pettengill, formerly on the faculty of Goucher College, is assistant director of the Morgan project, with the rank of assistant professor. A group of leading Maryland citizens, from the ranks of business, labor and education is serving as advisory committee.

The faculties of the department of political science and the school of public administration at Florida State University have joined forces in the newly organized department of government in the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Marian D. Irish has been appointed head of the department. The Government faculty now includes: professors: R. R. Oglesby, Malcolm B. Parsons, James W. Prothro, Elston E. Roady, Vincent V. Thursby, Odell Waldby; associate Professors: Juanita Gibson, Daisy Parker, Paul Piccard; assistant Professors: Richard B. Gray, John S. Vanderoeff.

The ACLS is exploring the possibility of expanding the present agreement on cultural, technical, and educational exchanges between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics so that it will provide additional opportunities for mature scholars in the humanities and social sciences of both countries to conduct research for periods of three months to a year. ACLS expects to prepare a statement for consideration in the renegotiation of the exchange agreement, and in this