

NEWS AND NOTES

PERSONAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Compiled by the Managing Editor

Since the resignation of President Walter Williams, Dean Frederick A. Middlebush has been acting as president of the University of Missouri.

During the first half of the present academic year, Professor Rudolf Laun, of the University of Hamburg, is conducting a seminar in political science, international law, and the philosophy of law at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Harold W. Stoke, of the University of Nebraska, has been promoted from assistant to associate professor of political science.

Dr. John J. George, Jr., has been advanced from assistant to associate professor of political science at Rutgers University.

Professor Leon W. Godshall, recently of Union College, is serving this year as head of the department of history and political science at Dickinson Junior College, Williamsport, Pa.

Professor Hugh L. Elsbree, of Dartmouth College, is at present connected with the Federal Power Commission and is assisting in the preparation of legislative proposals which the Commission will submit to Congress at its next session.

Dr. George C. S. Benson has left Harvard University to become research consultant of the American Legislators' Association, and managing editor of *State Government*. During the fall quarter he is giving the introductory course on public administration at the University of Chicago.

Professor Jesse S. Reeves, of the University of Michigan, is on leave of absence during the first semester. In addition to attending meetings of the Institut de Droit International at Madrid, he is making a trip around the world, visiting the Dutch East Indies and the Philippine Islands as well as China and Japan.

Dr. Taraknath Das, author of *India in World Politics* and *British Expansion in Tibet*, is lecturing on Far Eastern affairs at the Catholic University, Washington, D. C., during the current academic year.

Professor F. K. Krüger, of Wittenberg College, has been invited to serve as American guest lecturer at the Deutsche Hochschule für Politik in Berlin during the winter semester.

Dr. Kenneth O. Warner, recently appointed director of the Arkansas Municipal League, has been promoted to associate professor of political science at the University of Arkansas.

Mr. William H. Allen, since 1915 director of the Institute for Public Service in New York City, became secretary of the New York City civil service commission on September 1.

Dr. Harlow J. Heneman, who received his advanced degree from the University of London in June, has been appointed to an instructorship at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Joseph E. Kallenbach, formerly an instructor at Iowa State College, has been appointed teaching fellow in political science at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Fritz M. Marx, of Princeton University, is in charge of the graduate course in municipal government and administration at New York University during the current academic year.

Dr. Robert J. Harris, Jr., who received his advanced degree at Princeton in June, has been appointed instructor in political science at the University of Cincinnati.

Dr. David Fellman, for the past two years a graduate student at Yale, has been appointed instructor in political science at the University of Nebraska.

Dr. Harry M. Satterfield, who received his advanced degree in political science from the University of Nebraska, has been promoted to assistant administrator in the FERA unit in Nebraska.

Dr. Charles W. Smith, Jr., who received his advanced degree at the University of Wisconsin during the summer, has accepted a teaching position at Rutgers University.

During the absence of Professor Frederick H. Guild, Professor Walter E. Sandelius is acting as head of the department of political science at the University of Kansas.

At Hamilton College, Dr. J. Q. Dealey, Jr., has been advanced from assistant to associate professor.

Mr. Hiram M. Stout, assistant professor of political science at DePauw University, received his doctor's degree from Harvard University in June and spent the summer in London studying aspects of British administration.

Dr. Harold Zink, professor of political science at DePauw University, has returned from a year's leave of absence spent in the Far East.

Mr. Donald C. Stone, director of the Public Administration Service, Chicago, was recently appointed executive director of the International Association of Public Works Officials and of the American Society of Municipal Engineers, both organizations having established new headquarters at 850 East 58th Street, Chicago.

At the meeting of the International Association of Governmental Labor Officials in Boston during the last week of September, Professor Leonard D. White, of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, delivered an address on the problem of administrative personnel. He participated also in conferences which led to a revision of the constitution of the Civil Service Assembly and to a decision to establish a headquarters office in Chicago.

Professor Jerome G. Kerwin has succeeded Professor Leonard D. White on the Social Science Research project dealing with the relation of school boards to city governments carried on at the University of Chicago by the school of education in conjunction with the department of political science.

There has been created at the University of Michigan a bureau of reference and research in government, with Mr. Harold D. Smith, director of the Michigan Municipal League, in charge.

Dr. Carroll K. Shaw, who completed his graduate work in public administration at the University of Illinois in 1933, and has since been with the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, has recently been appointed administrative assistant to the director of the Inspection Division. He has been assigned the duty of working out improved administrative methods and organization for this rapidly-expanding unit of the Administration with a view to making as effective as possible the enforcement of compliance with Public Works Administration requirements on the part of borrowers and contractors.

In appointing a special advisory commission on constitutional revision, Governor Clarence D. Martin of Washington included two political scientists—Professors Claudius O. Johnson, of the State College of Washington, and Joseph P. Harris, of the University of Washington. The commission will specially consider changes in the state constitution which are necessary to modernize state and local government. At a preliminary meeting in October, it went on record in favor of a unicameral legislature.

Dr. Roy V. Peel, associate professor of government and acting director of the Division of Research in Public Administration in Washington Square College, New York University, has been granted leave of absence from the University for the current academic year to conduct a survey

of public administration in the Scandinavian countries. The study will be made for the Institute of Public Administration, which received a special grant from the Spelman Fund to finance the project. Dr. Peel's post as acting director of the Division will be occupied temporarily by Professor Rinehart J. Swenson, chairman of the Washington Square College department of government. Mr. Howard P. Jones, secretary of the National Municipal League and editor of the *National Municipal Review*, and Mr. Russell McInnes, a member of the division of research in the municipal bond department of Lehman Brothers, New York City, have been appointed lecturers in government to take charge of some of Professor Peel's work.

American representatives at the meeting of the Institute of International Law held at Madrid October 15-25 included Dr. James Brown Scott of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Messrs. Frederic Coudert and Arthur Kuhn of New York City, and Professors Jesse S. Reeves of the University of Michigan and Philip Marshall Brown of Princeton University. Topics discussed at the conference included the creation of an international office of marine waters, international rivers and bodies of water, reprisals in time of peace, and the recognition of new states and governments.

The highly successful public forums conducted in Des Moines, Iowa, under control of the board of directors of the city schools and guided by Dr. Carroll H. Wooddy, formerly of the University of Chicago, have entered upon their third year. Among visiting lecturers and leaders will be Professors Peter H. Odegard, of Ohio State University, and Herbert Phillips, of the State Teachers College of Fresno, California, and Messrs. Hubert Herring, Leon Whipple, and Chih Meng, of New York City.

The second annual Midwest Police Conference traffic school, conducted jointly by Northwestern University and the Evanston police department, was held at Northwestern University through a period of two weeks in October. Both class work and field work were provided, the Evanston police department being used as a laboratory.

About one hundred city managers and an equal number of mayors, department heads, and other officials attended the twenty-first annual conference of the International City Managers' Association held at St. Louis on October 15-17. The topics discussed included problems of public utility management, city-federal relationships, maintaining contact with the public, police and strikes, city managers' responsibility for forced budget reductions, and matters pertaining to financial and personnel administration.

Civil service commissioners and staff members of personnel agencies met in Chicago early in October for the annual conference of the Civil Service Assembly of the United States and Canada. Considerable interest was shown in apprenticeship training and in encouraging employees to take further university or high school training on the job. Much emphasis was placed also on "selling" the work of personnel agencies to the general public. Mr. Clifford N. Amsden, of the Los Angeles county civil service commission, was elected president of the Assembly.

The fifty-fourth annual meeting of the Academy of Political Science was held at the Hotel Astor, New York City, on November 9. The general subject was the stabilization of peace, and among those who appeared on the program were Hon. Owen D. Young, Hon. Newton D. Baker, ex-Senator Hiram Bingham, Professors Charles Cheyney Hyde and James T. Shotwell, and Messrs. Allen W. Dulles, Frederic R. Coudert, Charles Warren, Raymond B. Fosdick, Francis B. Sayre, and Stephen P. Duggan.

Consideration of the tax programs of the forty-eight states and the federal government as a unified whole, instead of dealing individually with the important taxes subject to conflict, will be a new method of approach in the study of tax problems by the Interstate Commission on Conflicting Taxation. Heretofore, the Commission, set up over a year ago by the Interstate Assembly, has studied conflicting taxation mainly through examination of the individual types of taxes, such as gasoline, tobacco, income, and death taxes. The new viewpoint is an outgrowth of a conference which the Commission held recently in Boston. Early in 1935 the Commission's research staff will report on the probable revenues for the federal government and for each state under various possible plans of coordinated taxation.

The annual meeting of the American Municipal Association was held at the University of Chicago on October 25 to 27. Delegates from thirty-three state leagues of municipalities discussed relief, taxation, professionalizing the municipal service, low-cost housing, and the rôle of cities in national planning. Among the speakers were Mr. Aubrey Williams, assistant federal relief administrator, and Professors Charles E. Merriam and Luther Gulick. The annual conference of the United States Conference of Mayors was held also at Chicago on November 22-24. Speakers included Dr. A. A. Berle, Hon. F. H. LaGuardia, Hon. Daniel W. Hoan, and Mr. Harry L. Hopkins. The chief subject of the conference was the problem of unemployment relief.

A fundamentally new relief program assigning to the federal government complete responsibility for the care of the employables of the

country and to the cities and states the task of caring for the unemployables was suggested by Paul V. Betters, executive director of the United States Conference of Mayors and the American Municipal Association, at the convention of the International City Managers Association held in St. Louis at the middle of October. In summary, the proposal is: (1) that the eighteen million people now on relief be divided into two general classes—employables and unemployables; (2) that the national government take complete responsibility for care of the employables—those able and willing to work—under a work program; (3) that major emphasis in this work program be given to building low-cost housing; and (4) that cities and states assume complete responsibility for caring for the unemployables—those dependent because of old age or mental or physical defects. Mr. Betters pointed out that, after fifteen years of experimentation, Great Britain has adopted a plan of financing relief needs embodying substantially these principles.

The American Council of Learned Societies has recently announced that it is prepared to extend assistance to the publication of a limited number of works in the humanities by American scholars, and has invited its constituent societies to propose works suitable for such assistance. It also reserves the right to consider works submitted to it "by others than constituent societies." Proposals from constituent societies must be submitted to the executive offices of the A.C.L.S. on or before January 5, 1935, and "earlier if possible." Arrangements are under way for the consideration of manuscripts to be submitted by the American Political Science Association, and persons who have, or know of, worthy manuscripts in the field of political science are invited to communicate promptly with the chairman of the sub-committee on publication of the Committee on Policy, Professor F. W. Coker, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. "Works proposed for publication should be complete works, preferably the results of constructive research presented in the form of volumes of conventional size. Important tools of research and critical editions may also be proposed."

The seventh annual convention of the Southern Political Science Association was held at the Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, November 1-3. The attendance was unusually large, and in addition to the regular membership, Dean W. J. Shepard of Ohio State University and Professors Clyde L. King of the University of Pennsylvania and A. N. Holcombe of Harvard University were present. The program included round-tables on International Relations, led by Robert Wilson of Duke University; The New Deal and the Constitution, led by Irby R. Hudson of Vanderbilt University; The Tennessee Valley Authority, led by F. W. Prescott of the University of Chattanooga; Primary Elections of the South in 1934,

led by Charles W. Pipkin of Louisiana State University; and The Philosophy of Government, led by Nick P. Mitchell of Duke University. Formal addresses were given by Dean Shepard, Dr. King, Dr. Holcombe, and Professor E. B. Wright of the University of Alabama, the president of the Association for 1934. Officers elected for 1935 are: president, Dr. John W. Manning, University of Kentucky; first vice president, Dr. A. B. Butts, Mississippi State College; second vice president, Dean Charles W. Pipkin, Louisiana State University; corresponding secretary, Professor Glenn Rainey, Georgia School of Technology; and recording secretary, Dr. Frank W. Prescott, University of Chattanooga. On November 2-3, a conference on civic education, sponsored jointly by the Southern Political Science Association and the sub-committee on political education of the Committee on Policy of the American Political Science Association, was held at the Biltmore Hotel.

Personnel Questions of Interest to the Political Scientist. The sub-committee on personnel of the Committee on Policy of the Political Science Association would like to obtain information concerning courses offered by political science departments on the scope and methods of political science. It will be recalled that in the Anderson report on "Teaching Personnel in American Departments of Political Science"¹ there is a discussion of the importance of developing such courses as part of the training of political scientists for teaching positions. Such information might usefully include an outline and bibliography of the course, with any other descriptive data that may seem relevant to the instructor. Information is desired also concerning the program and organization of training schools for the public service. Requests for information concerning both questions have been coming to the committee, which hopes to serve as a central depository for such material as may be useful to members of the Association. Communications may be addressed to the chairman, John M. Gaus, South Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

The committee also desires to remind members of the Association that the two new types of fellowship grants lately established by the Social Science Research Council should be kept in mind by political scientists. One type of fellowship is designed to encourage students of high quality who are completing their undergraduate courses to undertake graduate work in the social sciences. The other offers opportunity to students well along in their graduate work to obtain access to materials or persons especially important in the development of the student's work or training.

The memorandum which follows was prepared, at the request of President Shepard of the Association, by the sub-committee on personnel. The members of the sub-committee during the year 1934, all of whom

¹ See this *REVIEW*, Vol. 28, No. 4 (August, 1934), pp. 726-765.