

## News of the Profession

The *Slavic Review* is pleased to announce that the Board of Directors of the AAASS has voted to name George Vernadsky, professor emeritus of Russian history, Yale University, lifetime Honorary President of the Association, as a special tribute for his outstanding work in the field of Slavic and East European history.

### THE ASSOCIATION

The American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies at this time is marking the completion of its first five years as a membership organization. Membership is open to all persons interested in furthering Slavic, East European, and Soviet bloc studies. Regular memberships are \$10.00 per year (dues are scheduled to be raised to \$12.00 as of January 1966); sustaining memberships are \$25.00 per year. A special student membership (without vote) at \$5.00 per year is available to persons who are full-time students or students with teaching assistantships. (High postage costs, unfortunately, limit this special rate to those with U.S. mailing addresses. Students elsewhere may join as regular members.) There are also nonvoting associate memberships at \$10.00 per year. Joint memberships are available for a married couple both of whom wish to join the Corporation but who need only one copy of the publications; both names will be listed, but the fee and voting rights are those of a single membership.

All classes of membership receive the quarterly *Slavic Review*; the annual *American Bibliography of Russian and East European Studies* (regular price \$3.00), published yearly by Indiana University; the Association's *Newsletter* (regular price \$1.50 per year in the United States and Canada, \$1.80 abroad), published twice yearly at the University of Illinois; and the *Directory* of the Association (sold to nonmembers at \$5.00) in the years when it is published. Application blanks are available from the AAASS, 1207 West Oregon Street, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61803.

Far Western Slavic Conference: About 160 members and guests from the United States

and Canada registered for the annual meeting held April 10-11 at the Claremont Colleges in California. John S. Reshetar, Jr., University of Washington, was elected Chairman; George B. Carson, Oregon State University, Vice-Chairman; and Joseph F. Zacek, University of California at Los Angeles, Secretary-Treasurer. Frederick G. Heymann, University of Alberta, and W. A. Douglas Jackson, University of Washington, were elected members of the Board. Karol Maichel of the Hoover Institution was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Library Resources. The Conference currently numbers about 350 members.

Midwest Slavic Conference: The 1965 meeting was held April 9-10 at the University of Kansas, Lawrence; 118 individuals registered for the event. The next meeting is scheduled for Ohio State University. Elected to the Executive Board were Albin T. Anderson, University of Nebraska; David Granick, University of Wisconsin; Roy D. Laird, University of Kansas; Alfred G. Meyer, Michigan State University; Roderick E. McGrew, University of Missouri; Charles Morley, Ohio State University; Victor Terras, University of Illinois; and Leon Twarog, Ohio State University. Mr. Morley and Mr. Twarog, the two Board members from the host institution, will serve as Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively.

Southern Conference on Slavic Studies: The fourth annual meeting is planned for the weekend of October 22-23, 1965, at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. Warren Lerner, Duke University, is Program Chairman.

Conference on Soviet and East European Agriculture: Naum Jasny is Honorary Chairman for this event, scheduled for August 26-28, 1965, at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Jerzy F. Karcz of the Department of Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara, is Program Chairman.

Southwest Conference on Slavic Studies: The first annual meeting of this Conference,

following the organization meeting in March 1964, was held during the annual sessions of the Southwest Social Science Association. New officers are: President, John G. Erikson, University of Oklahoma; Secretary-Treasurer, Edward B. Richards, Texas Wesleyan College; Vice-President, Oleh Fedyshyn, Rice University. Advisory Board members are Edward Taborsky, University of Texas; Jesse Clardy, University of Missouri, Kansas City; George W. Hoffman, University of Texas; and S. A. Kennedy, Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

#### CONFERENCES

Reports on the following conferences which have already taken place, as well as announcements of future meetings, are given in the AAASS *Newsletter*.

Conference on East-West Trade, Carleton University, Ottawa, March 18-19, 1965.

AATSEEL, Ohio Chapter, Columbus, Ohio, April 2-3, 1965.

AATSEEL, Pennsylvania Chapter, Bucknell University, April 3, 1965.

Spring meeting of Academy of Political Science, Columbia University, New York City, April 14, 1965.

Second annual Inter-Collegiate Conference on Russian Literature and Arts, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, April 30-May 1, 1965.

AATSEEL, Illinois Chapter, Oak Park and River Forest High School, Oak Park, Illinois, May 8, 1965.

Thirtieth annual conference of the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago, May 20-22, 1965.

Conference on "The Khrushchev Era— and After," Center for Russian Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, June 4-5, 1965.

First National Conference on Canadian Slavs, Banff Center for Continuing Education, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, June 9-12, 1965.

Annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Slavists, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, June 14-16, 1965.

First of a series of Socialist Scholars Conferences, Rutgers—the State University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, September 11-12, 1965.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND STAFF CHANGES

This section contains news of promotions, regular appointments, and retirements. For

information on visiting appointments, leaves of absence of a year or less, and summer appointments, see the *Newsletter*.

The Inter-University Committee on Travel Grants announces opportunities for advanced graduate students and scholars to engage in study and research in the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary during the academic year 1966-67. This exchange, presently in its eighth year, is made possible by the inter-governmental agreements on exchanges with the USSR and agreements with the educational ministries of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary. The exchange is administered by the Inter-University Committee on Travel Grants, a multi-university American organization whose objective is to strengthen education in the United States. The program includes a summer exchange of American teachers of Russian language with the Soviet Union.

All participants are chosen in national competition through application and interview. Participants must have proficiency in the language of the country commensurate with the needs of their programs. Applicants must be either American citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

For additional information write: Dr. Howard Mehlinger, Inter-University Committee on Travel Grants, 021 Lindley Hall, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47405.

*Boston College:* Raymond T. McNally appointed Director of the interdepartmental program of the newly organized Slavic and East European Center of Studies. *Brooklyn College, City University of New York:* Bela K. Kiraly appointed Assistant Professor of History. *Carnegie Corporation:* Stephen Viederman of IUCTG appointed Executive Assistant. *City College, City University of New York:* Vera Von Wiren Garczynski of Queens College appointed to the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages. *Cochise College, Berkeley, California:* Bruce S. Brown appointed Professor of History.

*Columbia University:* George Fischer, Professor of Government at Cornell, appointed

Professor in the Department of Sociology. *Dartmouth College*: Robert A. Feldmesser of Brandeis University appointed to the Department of Sociology. *Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania*: George Nelson Rhyne of the University of North Carolina appointed Assistant Professor of History (Russian). *Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D.C.*: Ihor Ševčenko of Columbia appointed Professor of Byzantine History and Literature beginning October 1965.

*Fordham University*: Paul I. Trensky of the University of Illinois appointed Assistant Professor of Russian. *Hamilton College, Clinton, New York*: Charles C. Adler, Jr., promoted to Associate Professor of History. *Inter-University Committee on Travel Grants*: Howard Mehlinger appointed Deputy Chairman.

*Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio*: Magnus Jan Krynski appointed Associate Professor of Russian Language and Literature. *Mankato State College, Mankato, Minnesota*: James F. Goff appointed Assistant Professor of Geography. *McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario*: I. A. Litvak promoted to Associate Professor of Marketing. *University of Michigan*: David J. Welsh promoted to Assistant Professor in the Slavic Department. *Michigan State University*: Nikolai P. Poltoratzky promoted to Professor of Russian in the newly created Department of German and Russian, and currently on leave as Director of the Russian Program.

*New York University*: Eugene W. Fedorenko appointed Instructor in Russian; Dennis O'Connor of the University of Illinois appointed Associate Professor of Law. *University of Oklahoma*: John G. Eriksen appointed Chairman of the Russian Studies Committee and Coordinator of the University of Oklahoma—Institute for the Study of the USSR Summer Session in Soviet Language and Area Studies, in addition to his duties as Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, and Assistant Professor of Government.

*Old Dominion College, Norfolk, Virginia*: Mary Elizabeth Wheeler of the University of North Carolina appointed Assistant Professor of History (Russian). *San Fernando Valley State College, Northridge, California*: Marin Pundeff promoted to Professor of History. *University of Waterloo, Ontario*: I. A. Levitsky of the University of Georgia

appointed Associate Professor of German and Russian. *Wesleyan University*: Rudolf L. Tokes promoted to Assistant Professor of Government. *University of Wisconsin*: Robert P. Gakovich of the University of Michigan appointed Slavic Catalog Librarian. *Yale University*: John M. Montias promoted to Professor of Economics.

#### DEATHS

##### JULIAN TOWSTER (1905-1965)

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Julian Towster was born in Poland in 1905. He came to the United States in the 1920s and received the LL.B. and J.D. degrees from the University of Chicago law school in the early 1930s. During the war he served in the Department of Justice and in the Office of Strategic Services. From 1945 to 1947 he was Chief of the Foreign Policy Section, USSR Branch, Office of Research and Intelligence, Department of State. He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago in 1947 and taught at Chicago until 1950. In 1950 he moved to the University of California, Berkeley, where he remained until his death in April 1965.

Outstanding among Julian Towster's numerous writings was *Political Power in the USSR*, the first major study of Soviet government to be based upon thorough, discriminating analysis of Soviet documents and publications. In his later years at Berkeley his interests shifted from Soviet domestic affairs to Soviet foreign policy and Soviet political theory. At his death he was preparing a two-volume work on the theory and practice of Soviet foreign policy. Julian Towster was blessed with both a keen analytical ability and a forceful, lucid style of exposition. He was an eminent scholar and an inspiring teacher.

##### JAN WSZELAKI (1894-1965)

Dr. Jan Wszelaki, Adjunct Professor of Eastern European Studies at the School of International Service, American University, and Executive Director of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America, died on July 1, 1965, after a brief illness.

#### EDITOR'S NOTES

Contributions both to this section and to the *Newsletter* are welcome at any time. The deadlines for inclusion in this section

are October 15 for the March issue, January 15 for the June issue, April 15 for the September issue, and July 15 for the December issue. The deadlines for the *Newsletter* are February 28 for the spring issue and September 30 for the fall issue. All items should be sent to Professor Tatjana Cizevska in care of the AAASS in Urbana.

United States post offices will no longer forward magazines or journals. Publications will be returned to the publisher at a charge of at least ten cents each. If you move, please send immediate notice to the AAASS headquarters in Urbana, giving both old and new addresses. At least four weeks are needed to change an address for copies of

the *Slavic Review*, the *Newsletter*, the *American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies*, and the *Directory*.

AAASS mailing lists are available at the following rates: \$25.00 plus costs for printing the membership on envelopes or labels; \$25.00 plus costs for printing the subscription list on envelopes or labels. Costs are about one cent per name, currently about \$16.70 for the membership list and about \$8.00 for the subscription list. Persons or institutions wishing to use this service should write to Professor Ralph T. Fisher, Jr., Secretary of the AAASS, 1207 West Oregon St., University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61803.

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## Survey

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