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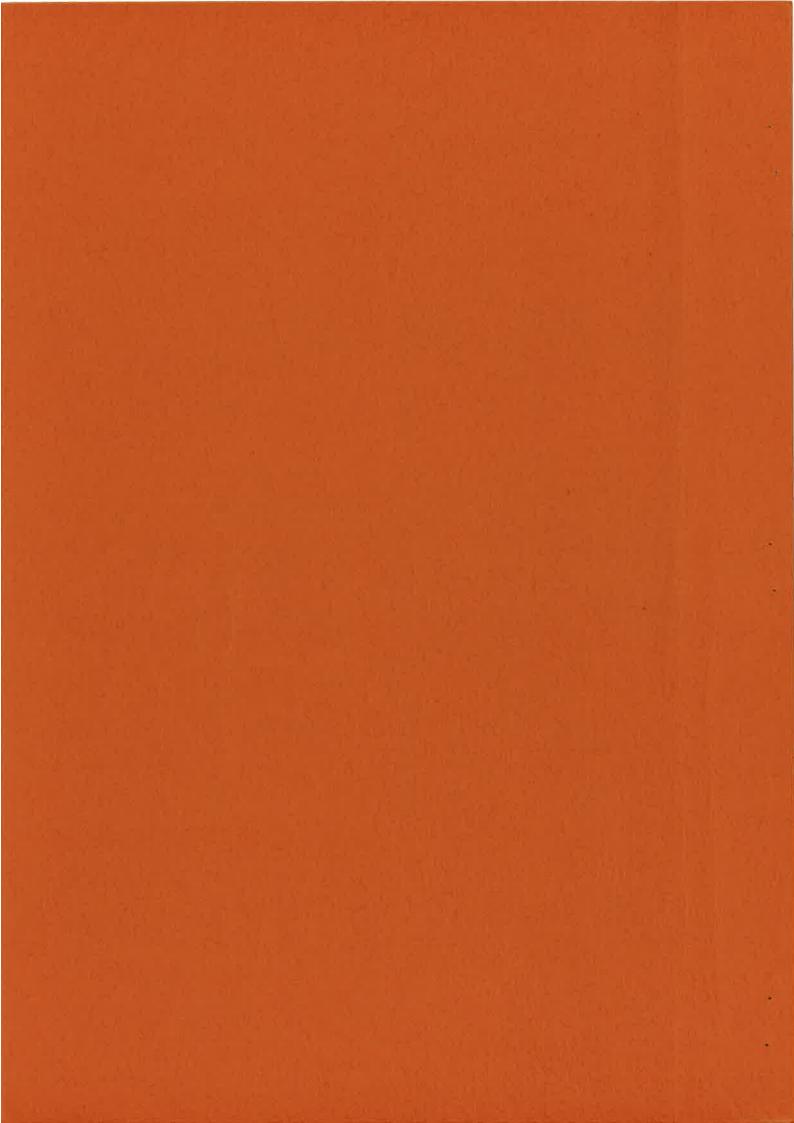
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Association News

The Coordinators' Views

As this first newsletter goes to press, the immediate future of the association looks good. The Christchurch Conference demonstrated a widespread interest in establishing and maintaining better communication among scholars and others in New Zealand interested in political studies. In order to do this, a rudimentary organisation and communication network were established (see the Conference Report). Since then, membership applications have been submitted from all five regions and as we go to press we have a total of 49 financial members including several students, several overseas individuals, and one institutional membership. This provides us with sufficient revenue to produce this first newsletter and to guarantee the costs of the next several as well. As you can see from the Research Communication and other sections of this Newsletter, there is more activity occurring in the field of political studies in New Zealand than many of us had imagined. Despite rather sluggish economic conditions at present and probably in the near future, it seems safe to assume that this level of activity and interest will continue and even increase.

As I see it, our primary tasks are to plan the next conference (tentatively to be held at Victoria University in August or September 1976,) to increase our membership, to establish student coordinators at each of the university centres to work with staff coordinators, to publicize our activities especially within Australasia, to begin planning the publication of our own journal (alternatively to investigate the feasibility of assuming the responsibility for the publication of the journal, Political Science) and to develop any or all of the special projects briefly discussed below.

Secondary goals involve a range of activities that have at various times been suggested by various individuals. While it is a bit premature to expect any or all of these to rapidly proceed to fruition, it does seem appropriate to at least begin discussion of these through the Newsletter.

In the next issue of the newsletter I hope to discuss these more fully, but they can be briefly identified as:

- affiliation with other professional organisations interested in 1. political studies
- summer schools on particular topics (e.g., peace/conflict research and teaching)
- development of a political internship programme 3. M125
- facilitation of faculty exchanges 4.
- development of a common research institute 5.
- joining the Inter-University Consortium for Political Research 6.

In order to facilitate the administrative responsibilities of the national office of the association, I have appointed two pro-tem officers to assist me: Stephen Levine (Lecturer in Political Science, VUW) as Secretary, and A.N. Binette, (Finance Officer, N.Z. Motor Corporation and member of the Association) as Treasurer. In a future issue of the newsletter I propose to detail a suggested list of articles of association, necessary for registration of the association with the Companies Offices. This will allow us to maintain a tax-exempt status.

Finally, I wish to encourage any and all suggestions regarding ways that the national office can assist local groups and individual members.

Ray Goldstein

National and Victoria University Coordinator

In my view, a NZPSA is the first step towards the acquisition of a methodological self-consciousness by New Zealand political scientists. I do not have sufficient faith in the "objectivity" of the discipline to believe that the interests and concerns of scholars in this country can be adequately met by Australian, American or British Associations. The study of politics is too closely related to the social and political climate in which one works. Methods, ideological perspectives, and concerns are bound to be influenced by the New Zealand environment, and an association of scholars will promote a greater self-consciousness of approach and enrich the discipline as a whole. A project by John Orbell and others on the influence of size on various political phenomena is a good example of contributions New Zealand scholars can make.

For my own part, Japan looks very different from Christchurch than it did from either Vancouver or Oxford. The tightly-knit and cohesive society in the Japanese islands has assumed greater salience since my arrival here. that geography is an important factor preventing many American and Australian scholars from acquiring a proper sensitivity towards many aspects of Japanese life.

Rob Steven

Canterbury University Coordinator

The Association was formed as a recognition that despite the small number of political scientists in New Zealand, there is very little contact between them. Its aims are:

- to organise conferences, and to organise meetings and exchanges between political studies departments on a regional or subject basis.
- 2. to issue a quarterly newsletter listing academic news, research in progress, and reports of conferences.
- 3. to provide a means for students and ex-students and others interested in political studies, to keep in touch with university political studies departments.
- 4. to promote political studies in New Zealand, and the study of New Zealand politics in particular.

Antony Wood

Otago University Coordinator

I would like to see the new Association foster a more politically relevant and realistic programme of research. For too long the scope, methods and direction of New Zealand's political science have been addressed to the problems of advanced industrial capitalism in the northern hemisphere rather than to the specific historical conditions confronting a small, agriculture-dependent society. In the future the discipline ought to devote more attention to where New Zealand 'fits into' the global division of economic labour, to the nature of her external linkages and their impact on the society's internal structure. Such a focus would I think generate new theoretical insights into New Zealand's politics and at the same time activate a more lively exchange between the normative, structural and quantitative levels of political science research in this country.

Undergraduate teaching is still the 'bread and butter' of political scientists in New Zealand but I think the Association has a vital role to play in putting post-graduate studies on a firmer footing. In this connection the call by the Vice Chancellor's Committee for greater rationalisation of academic resources between the universities points to the need for the political science departments to work out how far it is possible and desirable to achieve a division of labour, particularly at the post graduate level. Also in my opinion the Association should investigate ways of getting political studies introduced into secondary schools and at the national level press for the setting up of an independent Social Science Research Council.

Wayne Robinson

Waikato University Coordinator

Inter-Departmental Political Science

Conference

Conference Report

The Inter-Departmental Political Science Conference was held at Canterbury University, September 20 to 22, 1974. 29 people registered to attend the conference (Auckland 7, Canterbury 9, Otago 4, Victoria 7 and Waikato 2). Those attending included the heads of three of the five political science departments in New Zealand. (The remaining two were on leave overseas).

Four papers were given:

"The Contract Theory of Justice," Mr D.E. Browne, (Philosophy, Canterbury).

"Prewar Japanese Democracy Reconsidered : A New Frame of Reference," Dr R.P.G. Steven, (Political Science, Canterbury).

"Authority: Exercise, Possession, and Title," Dr R.A. Sharp, (Political Studies, Auckland).

"On the Logic of Doing Unto Others," Dr J.M. Orbell, (Political Science, Canterbury and Oregon).

Apart from the formal papers and the exchange of ideas amongst staff, discussions tended to centre about the possibilities of establishing better and more continuous communications between the five departments. At the present time communication all too often depends upon the Head of Department who is often already fully occupied. The need for closer communication is most apparent at the level of rationalizing research proposals and publications, but it rapidly became obvious during the course of the weekend that much might be gained by better communication at all levels, even including such mundane matters as the exchange of reading lists, course outlines and departmental reports. Beyond this there was a great deal of support for the possibilities of a temporary exchange of staff between different departments. If, for example, Auckland has an Indonesian specialist and Canterbury has a Japanese specialist, an exchange for a period of a term could be particularly valuable both for students and other members of the staff in both departments.

As far as research is concerned, there is a greater need for some definition of goals - what we should be doing, and perhaps the allocation of specific policy areas for scrutiny. The possibilities of team - as opposed to individual - research, or at least greater co-ordinated research both within and between departments was touched upon and clearly will have to be more fully explored in the future. This involves not just Political Science Departments but the whole area of urban and rural government bringing in a wide range of expertise.

It was generally agreed that the basic requirement is a New Zealand Political. Studies Association to involve both staff and students, and this was established during the course of the conference. The Association will provide continuing communication by means of a newsletter, and the possibility was discussed of it eventually broadening its role and becoming directly associated with the journal Political Science. More regular meetings of political scientists were also advocated and this has since been provided for by the Vice-Chancellors' Committee's decision that meetings may be held triennally. Possibilities of running such a meeting in conjunction with, or as part of, a summer school were also discussed.

(Excerpted from the Report of the Political Science Department,
Canterbury University)

Minutes of the Plenary Session

The meeting was held in the Senior Common Room, University of Canterbury from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, 22nd September.

PRESENT: Rod Alley, Vicki Buck, Geoff Debnam, Mary Ensor, Jim Flynn, Ray Goldstein, Stuart Greif, John Halligan (Chairman), Jenny Hamilton, Paul Harris, Steve Hoadley, Wyn Hoadley, Keith Jackson, Steve Levine, Juliet Lodge, Bill Luff, Alan McRobie, Paul Messervy, Walter Murphy, Juanita Neale, John Orbell, Alan Robinson, Liz Rowley, Andrew Sharp, Rob Steven, Rene Wilson, Antony Wood.

The following motions were passed:

THAT this quinquennial meeting of New Zealand Political Scientists forms a New Zealand Political Studies Association, open to all interested persons, with an annual subscription of \$2.00 for salaried members and of \$1.00 for others.

THAT the Association should:

- 1. organize a quarterly newsletter
- 2. organize biennial meetings
 - 3. investigate the possibility of organizing annual island meetings, specialized seminars and co-disciplinary meetings

THAT this quinquennial meeting of New Zealand Political Scientists thanks the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee for its financial support of this meeting, but draws its attention to the need for more funds for university travel within New Zealand.

THAT this quinquennial meeting of New Zealand Political Scientists affirms the principle that university theses which are awarded public degrees should be free for circulation subject only to normal library regulations and that if necessary a confidential separate appendix should be used.

The meeting further agreed:

THAT the following individuals should be the area coordinators for the Association :

Auckland: Steve Hoadley Dept. of Political Studies University of Auckland

Wellington: Ray F. Goldstein School of Political Science & Public Administration Victoria University

Dunedin: Antony Wood Department of Political Studies Dept. of Political Science University of Otago

Hamilton: Wayne Robinson Dept. of Politics University of Waikato

Christchurch: Rob Steven University of Canterbury

- b. THAT Ray F. Goldstein should be the national coordinator
- c. THAT John Halligan should be the Editor of the Association's newsletter.
- d. THAT the next conference will be held in Wellington in 1976 and organized by the School of Political Science & Public Administration, Victoria University

Other discussion included:

- a. the desirability of providing abstracts with all graduate work available in libraries
- b. the exchange of staff between New Zealand universities for teaching purposes (and also with overseas universities).
- c. the relationship between the journal Political Science and the Association.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Nigel Roberts and the Political Science Department of Canterbury University for organizing the Conference.

Professional Notes

Political Science Dept

Canterbury University

The Pols 101 course has been reorganized for 1975. The Pols 202 course has also been reorganized into a Comparative Politics paper consisting of three sections: comparative politics, U.S. Government and Israeli Government.

Drs. Ovenden and Steven will offer a new course - Comparative Politics II (Pols 303): the United Kingdom and Japan with an emphasis upon political parties and movements. Dr Ovenden will be offering a new course at this level entitled "The Political Sociology of Advanced Industrial Democracies."

The department had a good year in 1974 with four Honours students gaining post-graduate scholarships. The four were Geoff Fougere (now lecturer in Sociology, he also has a Fulbright), Julie MacKenzie, Mary Ensor and Pat Welsh.

Journal of Political Science

Rod Alley and Ray Goldstein have been appointed co-editors of Political Science to succeed Les Cleveland who has managed the journal for the last five years. Stephen Levine has been appointed Book Review Editor.

They plan to circulate a questionnaire amongst all NZPSA members to gain information about how the Journal might be strengthened, book reviewing interests of members, and attitudes concerning the publication of special theme issues of the Journal. One possibility already under consideration is a late 1975 issue assessing the New Zealand Labour Governments first 3 years in office.

Master of Public Policy

A new postgraduate degree of Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.) begins this year at Victoria University of Wellington. Its purpose is to provide for a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary preparation of graduates for positions involving the analysis and handling of public policy problems. It is similar in its assumptions to M.P.P. degrees established at Harvard, Berkeley, and Michigan.

Candidates for the degree will undertake postgraduate work in at least two and up to five of the disciplines in the Faculty of Commerce and Administration, with the possibility of some additional study in disciplines outside the Faculty. There are six papers including at least one political science paper, at least two from a wide range of courses in accountancy, business administration, economics, and information science and a research paper.

The regulations are designed to provide the flexibility necessary to meet the needs of graduates coming from many backgrounds and having a wide variety of career aspirations in government employment and in public affairs. They may be from any faculty and with any previous subject specialisation. They will follow personal plans of study developed in conjunction with the M.P.P. Board of Studies. These plans of study will include the transitional work necessary in some cases before enrolment for the M.P.P., as well as the particular combination of courses followed by the candidate within the M.P.P. framework.

The degree may be pursued either on a full-time or a part-time basis, with examinations sat the end of each individual course. The time necessary to complete the degree, taking into account an amount of bridging course-work which would vary from case to case, would be expected to be about two years for a full-time student and three to four years for a part-time student.

By the beginning of January there were already twelve graduates enrolled for the M.P.P. and the programme promises to have a good beginning.

People interested in obtaining further information about the M.P.P. programme are advised to get in touch with the Convener of the M.P.P. Board of Studies, Dr Alan Robinson, School of Political Science and Public Administration, Victoria University of Wellington, Private Bag, Wellington.

Sociology Conference

The annual Conference was held at Auckland University on November 22 and 23 1974. Papers of interest to political scientists included:

- "The Unmaking of the Working Class New Zealand Style," David Bedggood, (Sociology, Auckland University).
- "Towards a Radical Political Sociology: Some Questions About the State of the Discipline," Kevin P. Clements, (Sociology, Christchurch University).
- "Citizen Participation and Housing Classes," C.H.G. Crothers, (Sociology, Victoria University).
- "Size," Geoffry Fougere, Jane Kronick & John Orbell, (Sociology & Political Science, Canterbury University).
- "The Reaction to the Proposed Springbok Tour of New Zealand," A Case Study in Extra-Parliamentary Politics," Michael Donaldson, (Sociology, Canterbury University).
- "The Politics of Housing: A Study of Decision-Making and its Constraints," Marie Keir, (Sociology, Canterbury University).

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Social Policy Conference

This one-day conference preceded the N.Z. Sociological Association Conference (November 21, 1974, Auckland University). The three sessions held were: N.Z. Social Research and Social Policy; Workshop Sessions on Health Policy Research; What do we need to know? Further inquiries about the conference should be addressed to Bill Willmott, Sociology, Canterbury University.

Local Government Conference

The Local Government Act 1974 is the most important constitutional change in N.Z. since 1876. In 1975 the Local Government Commission acting under the powers conferred in the Act will begin a series of hearings that will have the most profound effect upon the whole structure of New Zealand Government.

The Urban Development Association is organizing a conference on "The New Constitution" at Victoria University from 20 August to 22nd August 1975. The objects of this symposium are to review the constitutional changes brought about by the new Act, to update urban objectives, and to examine and comment on the revision of the Town and Country Planning Act.

A number of highly experienced people will offer their opinions on the directions the change is likely to take in the next decade, including many of the people actively engaged in translating the statutory proposals into practice. The Prime Minister, the Minister of Works & Development, the Minister of Local Government and the Minister for the Environment are expected to take part. In addition two distinguished overseas visitors have been invited to address the conference: Lord Redcliffe-Maud, Master of University College, Oxford and Chairman of the epochmaking Royal Commission on Local Government in England; and Dr David Crombie, Mayor of Toronto, who has had first hand experience with regional metropolitan government.

The organisers propose to form the Symposium into working groups to prepare studies of and recommendations for the implementation of the new legislation and amended urban objectives. A cross-section of the community will be involved in the conference - cities, boroughs and counties, government departments, private interests such as Chambers of Commerce, Retailers, Progressive Associations, National Council of Women etc., as well as a large contingent from the professions and interested public.

For further information on the conference contact: John Halligan, Conference Secretary, School of Political Science and Public Administration, Victoria University, Private Bag, Wellington.

Political Societies

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Political Studies Society (Student group) meets throughout the year for lunch-time seminars, discussions and films. The students in the department produce and edit Political Studies Monthly - somewhat inappropriately named as it appears quarterly!

otago

Otago University Political Science Society was revived in early 1974 but its publication <u>Historical and Political Studies</u> has been discontinued because of prohibitive printing costs.

News and Notes

- Rod Alley, Victoria University, has been promoted to Senior Lecturer.
- Graham Bush, Auckland University, organised a seminar for 'Aspiring Local Body Members' with the Centre for Continuing Education at Auckland University last August. The seminar attracted fifty local body candidates and will be repeated triennially. Dr Bush is planning a one day seminar on "Problems in Local Government" (including planning, organisation and finance) for 1975.

Current Political Research

- Sir Willis Combs, formerly the United Kingdom ambassador to Indonesia, will hold a Canterbury University fellowship in the Political Science Department for the second term in 1975.
- Stuart Greif, Otago University, has been promoted to Senior Lecturer. Dr Greif received a UGC research grant and spent December 1973 to February 1974 in Fiji, researching the Chinese Community in preparation for a book. He also attended the APSA Conference at Brisbane last July and delivered a paper entitled "Selected Political Attitudes of the Overseas Chinese in Fiji."
- Bob Gregory was appointed lecturer in Public Administration at Victoria from September 1974.
 - John Henderson takes up the position of junior lecturer at Canterbury University (replacing John Goodman who left the department in December 1974) in May 1975. At present he is completing his Ph.D. at Duke University.
 - Vendulka Kubalkova, Ph.D. (Lancs), Dr jur (Prague), was a post-doctoral fellow at Otago University for 1974.
 - Sir John Marshall, M.P. has accepted an offer from Victoria University to take part in a post-graduate course in public policy.
 - Dr Gerry Medler (Oregon University) joins the Political Science Department, Canterbury University as a post-doctoral fellow in January.
 - Josephine F. Milburn, University of Rhode Island, U.S.A. has a post-doctoral fellowship at Waikato University till March 1975. Dr Milburn will be at A.N.U. from March to August 1975 and returns to the University of Rhode Island in September.
 - Miron Mushkat, (Ph.D.Manchester), has recently taken up a post-doctoral fellowship in Political Science at Victoria University. His main areas of interest are Political Economy, Public Policy analysis, Statistics & Research Methods and formal (or Mathematical) Political Analysis.
 - John Orbell, formerly with the Political Science Department, Canterbury University, has returned to Oregon University.
 - Keith Ovenden takes up the position of senior lecturer in Political Science at Canterbury University in January 1975.
 - Raj Vasil has been appointed Chairman of the School of Political Science and Public Administration, Victoria University, following the resignation of Professor Walter Murphy from the position.
 - Antony Wood (formerly with the Department of History, Auckland University) was appointed senior lecturer in Political Studies at Otago University from April 1974.

Current Political Research

University of Auckland Department of Political Studies

Research Projects

Aristocracy in England 1640-60 (R.A. Sharp). ECD (estimated completion date). early 1976. To be published in a book.

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The Controversy over Bishops in England, 1640-60 (R.A. Sharp). ECD early 1976. To be published in a periodical.

The Unplanned Abolition of the Lords in 1649 (R.A. Sharp). ECD early 1975. To be published in the Journal of Parliamentary History, 1975.

MA

Hon. D.J. MacIntyre as Minister of Maori Affairs (W.R. Hawkins). ECD not known.

John Locke's Political Thought and its Commentators (R.B. Lyon). ECD late 1975.

Department of Political Science

Opposition to Government Authority: A Question of Justification (Mark Francis). Will be available in published form. ECD not known.

Political Leadership and Succession in the National Party (Keith Jackson). An investigation of the causes and constraints operating upon leadership changes in a party where no formal machinery exists. Available in draft form from the author.

Selection of Parliamentary Candidates (Keith Jackson). This research examines whether candidate selection procedures bear any relationship to political party controls (self-imposed or otherwise) over M.P.s. In preparation - will probably offer as an article.

Survey of Political Party Activities in the Labour and National Parties (Keith Jackson and John Orbell). An examination of activists perceptions of the rules of political party conferences. In preparation. Probably available in published form.

New Zealand and the European Economic Community 1961-1973 (R.N. Kennaway). An examination of the challenge presented to N.Z. policy-makers by the British attempts to join the European Community, and of their reactions, drawing insights from bargaining theory etc. ECD 1976. Availability not yet known.

<u>Size and Social Organisation</u> (John M. Orbell). A theoretical paper. ECD early 1975. Possibly available in published form.

Party Activists in the Labour and National Parties (John M. Orbell). Based on survey data of delegates to two conferences. ECD early 1975. Possibly available in published form.

The Communication from Public to Parliament in New Zealand (Nigel S. Roberts). 800 interviews were conducted in 10 electorates in mid-1974 to enlarge and expand the author's initial research in this field. Some results were contained in a 1972 APSA paper and in a recent (September, 1974) article in the New Zealand Journal of Public Administration. ECD 1977.

Japanese Marxist Theory (R.P.G. Steven). Translation and commentary on principal Japanese Marxist thinkers. ECD mid 1976.

Ph.D

N.Z. Producers Boards - Decision and Influence (Mary Ensor) ECD not known.

MA

The following MA research essays and theses were all completed in the first half of 1974. All are available from the University of Canterbury library.

Political Party Image Projection: The Labour Party Election Campaign, 1972 (G.J. Booth).

Parliament and Conscience (S.P. Cottrell).

The Politics of Port Development in New Zealand: Laissez-Faire and Provincialism (S.R. Craw).

An Investigation of the Knowledge of, and Support for, Feminist Ideas Among Female Students at the University of Canterbury (C.R. Dann).

Exit, Voice and the Decay of the Welfare State Provision of Hospital Care. (G.M. Fougere).

The Christchurch Citizens' Association: History, Organisation and Decision-Making (D.A. Hyslop).

A Minor Political Party in New Zealand: The Canterbury and Otago Branches of the Values Party (W.J. Luff).

The New Zealand Labour Party and Vietnam, 1963-72 (J.R. Murphy).

Mount Cook National Park (K.C. Ryan).

Labour Policy and Manapouri, 1959-1974 (J.F. Slee).

The Geering Controversy: A Political Analysis (D.B. Tait).

Intra-Party Decision-Making: The Relationship of Party Leaders and the Party Organisation (P.R. Withers).

The following MA research essays and theses are all in progress and should be completed by the end of February 1975. All will be available from the University of Canterbury library in the usual way. (Note: In some cases, the titles are provisional and may be changed when the theses are actually submitted).

The New Zealand Property Speculation Tax (J. Baumfield).

Community Colleges (J. Bishop).

Some Western Views of the Cultural Revolution in China (K.S. Chew).

National Party Image Making, 1972 (M. Crawshaw).

Wool Marketing Corporation Act (Policy Process) (Mary Ensor).

The Size of the New Zealand House of Representatives (J. Hundleby).

Franz Fanon's Political Thought (G. Jackson).

New Zealand Immigration Policy (C.H. Lai).

New Zealand and Foreign Aid (T.T.T. Le).

Japanese Political Parties (J. Mackenzie).

New Zealand and the Oil Crisis (M. McKay).

The New Zealand Meat Workers' Union: A Case Study in Conflict Management (P.Walsh)

The New Zealand Arts Council (G. Wane).

Department of Psychology and Sociology

Research Project

An Analysis of the Campaign to Persuade the New Zealand Government to Admit Ugandan Asians to New Zealand (Kevin P. Clements)

An analysis of the role of three different pressure groups; the N.C.C., the Inter-Church Committee on Immigration and CARE, in the campaign to gain recognition of the plight of Ugandan Indians and to grant approval for their admission to N.Z. Completed June, 1974. To be published as a journal article. The author hopes to follow this project with another on the adjustment of the refugees to life in N.Z.

University of Otago Department of Political Studies

Research Project

The Relationship between Citizens and Council: A Historiographical Essay on Local Political Studies in Britain (G.R. Debnam) ECD not known.

Justification of Humanism (J.R. Flynn) The author is studying four approaches to the justification of humane ideas:

- (1) The classical approach (Plato-Locke-Kant);
- (2) The realm of the moral approach (Toulmin-Nielsen-Baier);
- (3) The moral debate approach (Hare etc);
- (4) Non-moral approaches (Foot etc). He argues that #l is counterproductive, that #2 is useless unless transformed into #3 and that #3 and #4 are promising and need further development. About one-third appeared in <u>Inquiry</u> 1974 (off-prints available from author, free). Another one-third will be available in mimeo form in January 1975 (free).

Overseas Chinese in Fiji (Stuart William Greif) The findings will be available in an article shortly to appear in Asian Survey and in a book to be published in 1975 by Asia-Pacific Press.

The 1878 Electoral Bill and Franchise Reform in Nineteenth-Century New Zealand (G.A. Wood). Completed. A typescript is available from the author.

A History and Analysis of the Nineteenth-Century Legislative Council (G.A. Wood). A revision and completion of work begun by the late parliamentary historian, A.H. McLintock. ECD 1975.

Ph.D

Perceived National Interest and New Zealand's Asian Foreign Policy 1949-72 (David McCraw). An investigation of the basic concerns of New Zealand's foreign policy towards Asia, and the constraints and stimuli affecting policies (party differences, the influence of allies and environmental influences). ECD December 1975.

MA

Revolutionary Preconditions: A Conceptual and Empirical Approach (Vincent Sim). The thesis is mainly concerned with the development of a general model of revolutionary potential. Completed December 1973.

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Research Projects

The Counties Amendment Act 1974: A Case Study in New Zealand Public Policy Formulation and Implementation (R.J. Gregory). An examination of how and why this piece of controversial legislation was formulated, resistance to it, its implementation and/or amendment, and its implications for the New Zealand policy making process. ECD mid-1975. Available from the author (no cost) or possibly as a publication.

Council Candidates in the 1974 Local Body Election (John Halligan and Paul Harris). Based on a questionnaire survey of 243 candidates for nine borough and city councils in the Wellington region. The information collected includes their social backgrounds, recruitment, campaigns and attitudes. ECD early 1975.

Ph.D

Ethical and Political Aspects of Civil Disobedience (P.R. Harris). An examination of the structure and content of arguments about the justifiability of civil disobedience. ECD December 1975.

MA

The Politics of Welfare in New Zealand: The Public Corporation and the Welfare State (Irene Webley) ECD June 1975.

University of Waikato Department of Politics

Research Projects

Japan's Relations with the Pacific Commonwealth with Special Reference to Malaysia and Singapore (J.H. Beaglehole). Projected research. ECD 1977.

Commodity Marketing Boards and the International Market (Josephine F. Milburn). Examines the functioning of marketing boards within national politics and on the international market. ECD 1975. To be offered for publication.

Participation in Urban Politics: A Comparative Study (Josephine F. Milburn). Uses models of citizen participation in urban politics in a cross-national study of the U.S.A., New Zealand, Australia, Britain etc. ECD 1976. To be offered for publication.

The Transformation of Institutions (Josephine F. Milburn). A chapter for a book on British Commonwealth politics presently under consideration for publication.

External Dependence, Foreign Aid and the Politics of Polarized Development (Wayne Robinson). An explanation of Indonesia's post 1966 political development in terms of Latin American dependency theory, especially A.G. Franks and T. Dos Santos. Completed March 1974. Available from department, free.

Ph.D

Locked into Legitimacy: A Study of the place of Values in Politics and Society (David Bedggood). An analysis of institutional sources of consensus and conflict, values and political culture. ECD early 1975.

The Impact of External Dependence on the Consolidation of State Power: The Case of Indonesia (Wayne Robinson). The thesis comprises three parts. (1) A critique of current development thinking in political science, in particular, the failure to treat external economic linkages as important. (2) The testing of hypotheses for Indonesia. It is argued that internal 'dependency' structures dependent on aid, investment capital, and foreign technical support inhibit centre formation, thereby blocking participant social transformation. (3) A comparison of the Indonesian findings with data for Brazil. ECD mid-1976.

Censorship, Publicity and Propaganda: The New Zealand Experience, 1939-1945 (R.G. Ward). An examination of the effect of various wartime censorship regulations on New Zealand political life, (the press in particular), including "subversive organisations" etc. An assessment of the government's own publicity efforts and of the effect of overseas propaganda. Includes comparisons with the United Kingdom and Australia. ECD end of 1975.

Other Research

Community Care of the Aged (Ms J.J. Neale). The present research (a pilot study using a mixture of quantitative and non-quantitative techniques), investigates government, local body and voluntary organisations' facilities for welfare of the aged. How do they integrate? How do they clash? What gaps are there in the system? Are the fashionable policies the best ones for the happiness of the aged? ECD December 1975. Findings will be held by the Canterbury Aged Peoples' Welfare Council. Parts may be released as publications. (Author's address: Flat 5, 31 Cashel Street, Christchurch).

New Zealand Political Studies Association

Students, political scientists and those interested in the study of politics and government are invited to become members of the recently formed NEW ZEALAND POLITICAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Membership Includes:

- * The quarterly newsletter of the Association (A comprehensive coverage of the current activities of the Association, departments of politics, political scientists, and other individuals and organisations involved or interested in political studies).
- * Biennial Conferences.
- * Notification of seminars and other special activities of the Association

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