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## Association News

### The President . . . .

The New Zealand Political Studies Association is now firmly launched with a very successful conference at Victoria University this year. The variety of experience of the people who attended emphasised the value of this kind of organisation. Students, journalists, public servants, teachers from several different institutions and disciplines came together to discuss a notably valuable and wide-ranging series of papers. One could say that for the first time a national community committed to serious study of politics has been found and, given the importance of the subject, the Association is bound to have a significant effect on the attitudes towards political thought and action in New Zealand.

This beginning is, however, more promise than performance. The Association will have to follow up with systematic organisation for the publication and dissemination of political analysis. This will be the task of the committee elected at the 1st Annual General Meeting held in Wellington this year. The possibility of a Conference at Auckland in August 1977 is being explored and the Committee will review current organisation to ensure that the community that the Association has called into existence will be given a continuing opportunity for lively debate followed up by the appearance of adequate and useful records of the proceedings.

We need to know about the interests of our members, their willingness to contribute to the activities of the Association, their views on the most appropriate form for our meetings. Shortly members will receive a questionnaire on those subjects and I urge that they give the closest attention to the problems of ensuring the future of the Association. We hope to compile a useful analysis of members' preferences, interests and fields of intended participation in the Association's activities. We want the views of the members on the most effective means of publishing material on politics. We need to know how much support would be forthcoming for various activities.

The conference this year had all the signs of vigour but the future of the Association will depend on the willingness of all members to be active contributors, willing to work at the routine tasks, to contribute to the exchange of information and to support a continuing output of political studies. It is my view that New Zealand needs now as never before a rational commitment to the values of an open and critical political community. I believe that for some obvious and other more complex reasons those values are subject to challenge. The Association can and should play its part in their defence.

John Roberts

### NZPSA — 1977 Conference in Auckland

As suggested in Winter Newsletter the second National Conference of NZPSA will be held in Auckland from Friday 26th August to Sunday 28th August 1977.

No details are to hand as this issue goes to print but all members will be notified of details before Christmas and, it is hoped, Newsletter will carry full proposals in the first 1977 issue.

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## Professional Notes

### APSA

The 1976 APSA Conference was held in Sydney, 26-28 August. Barry Gustafson reports:

"Papers were divided into three categories: political theory; political behaviour; and socialist countries. In all, thirty-four papers were offered, giving considerable variety in both content and quality.

Five papers were presented by academics from New Zealand Universities: J.R. Flynn, (Otago), "Kant, and the price of a justification"; B.S. Gustafson, (Auckland), "The demographic characteristics, socialization, motivation, and participation of active members of the New Zealand Labour Party"; J.T. Henderson, (Canterbury), "Leadership, personality and war"; R.R. MacIntyre, (Canterbury), "The Palestine Liberation Organisation: Tactics, strategies and options towards the Geneva Peace Conference"; and W.T. Roy, (Waikato), "The Indian Ocean as an area of international conflict".

The 18th Annual General Meeting of APSA was held on the Friday evening and Professor Colin Tatz of the University of New England was elected President. Reference was made to the good service given APSA by its New Zealand Secretary-Treasurer, Nigel Roberts (Canterbury), and Barry Gustafson, current Treasurer of NZPSA, was elected as the new N.Z. Secretary-Treasurer. Hopefully, this linking will be of advantage to both associations.

Most of the A.G.M. was taken up with a report from Dean Jaensch of Flinders University, who the previous year had been elected to succeed Henry Mayer as Editor of Politics. The need to increase both the membership of APSA, (currently 370 plus 137 associates), and subscriptions to Politics (currently 555 in addition to members, who receive it without further payment) was stressed by the Editor and by Bob Howard (Sydney) who was the retiring Secretary of APSA. Reluctantly, seeing no alternative, the meeting agreed to abolish the category of associate membership, raise the membership subscription from A\$10 to A\$15, and increase the non-membership subscription to Politics from A\$7 (overseas A\$10) to A\$12 individual and A\$18 institutional. This should almost double APSA's annual income from \$10,000 to A\$17,000, permitting the employment of an editorial assistant for Politics and covering sharp increases in printing and postage costs. The new charges will not be altered before the 1978 Conference.

APSA is also to engage in a membership and Politics subscription drive. An International Politics Committee was also established.

It was decided to hold the 1977 APSA Conference at the University of New England (Armidale, N.S.W.) over 19-21 August. The 1978 Conference will be held at Flinders University (South Australia) and the 1979 Conference at the University of Tasmania."

### IPSA

Three views of the 10th World Congress of the International Political Science Association have reached me. My thanks to the correspondents. Below are edited versions of very full reports. -Editor.

#### NIGEL ROBERTS:

"Six New Zealand Political Scientists attended the Congress: Juliet Lodge; (Auckland), Keith Ovenden, (Canterbury); Nigel Roberts, (Canterbury); Alan Simpson, (formerly Victoria, moving to Waikato); Graeme Ward, (Waikato); and Tony Wood (Otago). Thus every N.Z. political science department was represented in one way or another at the Congress.

The Congress was a large affair with about 1200 delegates and 350 papers. My own view is that there were about 1050 delegates too many. It was extremely difficult to find people one wanted to contact: they could have been attending any one of the fourteen concurrent sessions, or -worse-not attending any!

The theme of the Congress was exceptionally vague: It was "TIME, SPACE, AND POLITICS". As Professor S.E. Finer noted in his opening address at the sole plenary session of the Congress, all politics takes place at some time and in some space. As a result, anything went - probably to get everybody to go. A tight theme with a definite focus wouldn't have interested 1200 people.

Papers covered a plethora of topics, and there was a lot to choose from. Indeed there was too much to choose from. As any one session may have had five or six papers presented in two-and-a-half hours, the chance of papers of interest being presented in more than one session at a time was high. One had to be decisive and play Scottish Roulette - and hope that the session one eventually chose to attend was at least as worthwhile as the two or three one chose not to attend - or, more accurately, was unable to attend.

Again, my own view is that overall the papers were not of a very high standard. I've heard as good or better in New Zealand on many occasions. I gained the distinct impression that too many political scientists presented a paper at the Congress merely (i) to say that they'd presented a paper at IPSA and (ii) to get to the Congress itself.

Copies of the papers had to be bought - usually for a dollar each. That struck me as daylight robbery after delegates had already paid \$35 to enrol for the Congress! For all who are interested, though, the University of Canterbury Library has ordered an entire set of the Congress papers. (On microfiche.)

There were no New Zealand papers presented at the Congress. Five of the six New Zealand political scientists attending were in the area anyway and it seemed sensible to go.

Quite frankly, the IPSA Congress was not worth going out of one's way or worth going to great expense to attend; but if one were in the area, then it certainly was worthwhile. An added attraction was that it immediately preceded the opening of the Edinburgh International Festival. At least three N.Z. delegates were seen sampling the delights of the Festival in the week after Congress!

So, if you are going anywhere near Moscow in 1979 or Rio in 1982, then I'd recommend the 11th and 12th Congresses respectively; otherwise not. Go to an NZPSA or APSA conference instead."

#### JULIET LODGE:

"Papers presented at some international conferences are often no more memorable than the anecdotes, oblique slanders, wry repartee and faintly sardonic sagas about eminences grises indulgently perpetuated in the most genteel and convivial of ways over a glass or decanter or two of vin ordinaire-ordinaire. Such traditions thrived at Edinburgh (still celebrated for its gentle people and befouled streets).

The organisation and running of the Congress was admirable and widely and justly acclaimed, but there has been growing questioning of the scholarly usefulness of such multinational meets; dubiety having been fanned first by the sometimes less-than-satisfactory content of papers and progress of sessions, and second, by the announcement of the Moscow and Rio venues for the 11th and 12th Congresses respectively; the former provoking mutterings about the obscurity of East bloc contributions to the advancement of the discipline, and scepticism over Moscow's assurances guaranteeing all conferees visas and normal academic freedoms - a scepticism aggravated by the East bloc delegations' Edinburgh-rite of talking loudly at the back of rooms during paper presentations.

The Edinburgh theme of Time, Space, and Politics was often forgotten after the plenary session and groups formed instead around pet and trendy topics like 'biopolitics' and 'the ungovernability of political units'. I attended a number of the international relations simulation sessions led by Alker and Guetzkow which for the most part were informative and stimulating. However, most of my time was spent with the research committees on European integration and unification whose big advantage lay in the multilingual abilities of the participants which made for rapid and productive discussions in a variety of Community languages - a boon indeed after the snail's pace presentation of some papers, and the tedium of hearing an albeit laudable translation of David Singer's paper and the ensuing questions into French or English as the case happened to be.

The Congress' theme was not entirely lost in the Euro-sessions. However, these quickly settled down to discussion of topical questions. While regret was expressed at the absence (through illness) of Carl Friedrich, for the most part the paper-givers and celebrated convenors like Karl Deutsch turned up (unlike convenors of other sessions and research committees). Added bonuses appeared in the shape of former EEC Commission President Jean Rey chairing a special session on Euro-union (and providing many illuminating asides on de Gaulle's attitudes towards Britain and the Community), and Schelto Patijn, the Dutch member of the European Parliament largely responsible for stimulating recent action on direct elections.

Even though some of the papers were rather conservative, a good deal of debate was triggered by Patijn, Rabier and Philippart, and discussions were always vigorous and well-informed. Fortunately too, Community officials and Parliamentarians (Rey, Rabier, Patijn, Neunreither and Schoneweg) were on hand to provide new empirical evidence in support of recent theories. Indeed, what was impressive was the extent of enthusiastic interaction, open-minded discussion, relaxed debate and understanding displayed between Community officials and Euro-integrationists. The willingness to thrash out issues and seek solutions taking into account particular national needs evinced the scope and depth of an impressive Community-mindedness which has proved most productive research-wise and has engendered new departures in policy research and European Community cooperation as the Euro-Alternatives project attests.

By contrast there was a conspicuous lack of interaction and discussion at a number of other sessions I attended. Language problems exacerbated difficulties, but they were often compounded by the ill-pr aration and presentation of some of the 'papers' - many of which amounted to mere summaries of familiar research findings, or incomplete sketches of ongoing projects. Rosenau's paper on 'The Use of History in Decisionmaking: Lessons of the Vietnam Experience' while interesting, was disappointing in that much of the data was not available (even to Rosenau himself) at Edinburgh.

Inevitably perhaps, the 'big names' drew the largest audiences but because expectations of their performances were sometimes unrealistically high, many conferees fell into the characteristic post-session triste. The British Political Studies Association arranged several evening seminars and a lively session on devolution was kicked off by Lewis Gunn and a number of M.Ps of various political persuasions including the ubiquitous John MacKintosh.

My overall impression of the Congress was that there exists an inverse relationship between the quality of papers presented and the number of countries participating. One of the reasons why the Euro-sessions were successful, if not always innovative, was because active floor and panel participants had a common level of interest, linguistic skill, and understanding and were prepared to get to grips with issues. Clearly, such conferences provide useful opportunities for contacting opposite numbers in other countries and for catching up with developments in different branches of the discipline. However, they are not particularly conducive to promoting the discipline's advancement. This is probably best done in such specialist committees as those organised by the European Consortium for Political Research."

ANTHONY WOOD (who had, at the time of writing, very little time, and we are grateful for his notes to add to the articles above.) -Editor.

"I was glad to have gone to the Congress, especially.....since this could be combined with a week of the Festival.....But it was a disappointment, if not really an unexpected disappointment. With some 1200 delegates the Congress was too massive for corporate activity or for the general theme to pull it all together. It was a time for old contacts to be renewed .....rather than for the Antipodean stranger to make many new contacts.

The general format of scores of small groups discussing some 300 papers (not circulated beforehand), inevitably resulted in the usual conference problem of too much offered, too haphazard in choices of specific subjects, wide variations of standard, and lack of sustained dialogue and discussion over several days.

....the sampler could wander from session to session, gaining some idea of the terms in which present-day political scientists discuss various aspects of their discipline in the Northern Hemisphere. For anyone interested in British politics there were wordy discussions organised by the host association, including vigorous debate of ....devolution.

One might not want to invest a great deal of time and money in attending such a conference. But for someone like myself...more or less on the spot, it was worthwhile making the effort to go, especially given the relatively small number of political scientists in New Zealand and the few opportunities we have to meet colleagues from overseas and to hear our subject discussed outside our own universities."

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## Asian Studies

Victoria reorganises.

Victoria's Staff circular reports:

"A new approach to the co-ordination of Asian Studies within Victoria University is expected to develop as a result of a decision by the University Council.

The Council accepted a recommendation from the Professorial Board, based on a report of the Committee of Vice Chancellor and Deans, which proposes the dismantling of the University's eleven-year-old Asian Studies Centre and the relocating of its staff in appropriate Departments.

In its report the Committee referred to the development of Asian Studies in the University in the past eleven years; especially the growth in the number and variety of courses at both graduate and undergraduate level; the introduction of an Honours programme in Asian Studies; the stimulus that had been given to research on Asian topics; and the great improvement in library holdings of published material on Asia.

However, the Committee said, the increase in the number of Asian courses has brought problems, notably a certain lack of cohesion in the undergraduate programme.

This is accentuated by the fact that in 1975 more than 63% of the total enrolments in such courses were in courses taught outside the Centre itself.

The Committee said that by relocating the staff of the Centre in the relevant academic department, a better integration of courses on Asian themes, one with another and with the rest of the academic programmes of these Departments, could be achieved.

Stressing its wish that the teaching of courses on Asian topics should be maintained and strengthened, the Committee said that a stage of development had now been reached where this objective would be better achieved by means of a different organisational structure.

The University Council's decision means that Professor Janaki will become Professor of International Relations and her Chair will be an Arts Faculty post; Dr Krishnamurthy will join the School of Political Science and Public Administration; staff holding joint appointments will be located within the other Departments in which they currently hold half-time appointments; and the staff in Chinese and Indonesian will be attached for academic and administrative purposes to the Department of Romance Languages.

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## Forthcoming Conferences

### 7th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

To be held in late June 1977 in Yugoslavia. The theme is "Humane Aspects of Progress."

Contact address: Yugoslovensko Udruzenje "Nauka : Dustvo",  
Organizacioni odbor VII Knd,  
P.O.B. 163, 11001, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

### INTERNATIONAL PEACE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION: 7th GENERAL CONFERENCE.

To be held in March 1977 in South America. Contact address:

IPRA, c/ PRIO, Frogner seterveien 2, Oslo, 3 NORWAY.

### POPULATION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA -MEETING

21-23 April 1977 in St Louis, Missouri. Contact address:

PAA, Box 14182, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044. USA.

### ECONOMETRIC SOCIETY: CONFERENCE

December 1977 in the U.S.A. Contact address:

P.O. Box 1264, Yale Station, New Haven, Connecticut, 06520. USA

### INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY: Nineteenth International Congress

1978 in Munich. Contact address:

IAAP, 47 Rue Cesar Franck, Liege, Belgium.

### INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY: 8th WORLD CONGRESS

1978 in Rome. Contact address:

ISC, J.E.H. Williams, Secretary-General, 4 Rue de Mondovi, 75001, Paris.

### INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION: 9th WORLD CONGRESS

14-26 August 1978, Uppsala. Contact address:

ISA, P.O. Box 719, Station A, Montreal, Canada.



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR PEACE ACTION: February 18-21, 1977 at Wellington High School.

Organised by: The Emergency Committee for World Government; The United Nations Assn; Greenpeace; Friends of the Earth; Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

It is understood that overseas delegates will include Nobel prize-winning scientist, George Wald, American Congressman Paul McCloskey, former French Presidential Candidate Rene Dumont, Gyotsu Sato, head of the Japanese Council Against A and H Bombs, and Alice Coppard, president of Voice of Women in Vancouver. There will also be representatives of the World Council of Churches, Soviet Peace Council and World Peace Council.

The organisers hope that the Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, Sean McBride and Dr Robert Aldrich, a former designer of submarine missile systems, will also attend.

Contact address:

I.C.P.A., P.O. Box 2120 Wellington.

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WOMEN IN PEACE-MAKING - papers available.

At the Fourteenth North American Peace Science Conference of the Peace Science Society (International) held at the Campus Inn in Ann Arbor, Michigan from 15-17 November, 1976, a session on Women in Peace-making was held jointly with the Committee on Peace Research and Education. The following papers were presented (and can be ordered directly from the authors):

Women as Global Peace-Makers. Marion Edman, College of Education, Wayne State University.

Feminist Views and the Peace Movement. Betty Reardon, Institute for World Order.

Women and the National Liberation Movement: A Conflict Approach to Peace. Shirley Nuss, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University.

## **Common Concern**

Information has been received from Common Concern, "a secretariat servicing a network of individuals and groups to inform people about what's going on in Parliament, to assist them in making their representations and to monitor the effect of their participation."

The organisation says it has members in all parts of New Zealand, and that the work in gathering basic data is done by three part-time secretaries in Wellington. The organisation plans to inform people on the workings of Parliament and how people can participate in the process; to assist people with information on Bills in the House, what changes the Bills will make to the law and how to make representations; and to monitor the effectiveness of these representations.

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Contact address: Common Concern, P.O. Box 12-356, Wellington North.

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The results of a preliminary survey have already been published in a document prepared for the second session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations and entitled Research on Transnational Corporations; Preliminary Report of the Secretariat, 28 Jan, 1976.

The above report is currently being updated and expanded, and it would be appreciated if all individuals currently engaged in research on relevant topics could contact the Centre at the following address and request the Questionnaire on Current Research on Transnational Corporations.

Contact address: U.N. Centre on Transnational Corporations,  
Room BR-1008,  
United Nations,  
New York, N.Y. 10017, USA.  
Attention: Mr Karl P. Sauvant

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## News & Notes

Tony Wood, University of Otago, has recently arrived back from six months study leave in England, where he was a visitor at the University of Reading.

Aurelia George, Canberra College of Advanced Education, and formerly a Junior Lecturer at Victoria, has gone to Japan for seven weeks to conduct field-work on a farmer politician's campaign in the December General Elections, for her PhD at A.N.U. on Farm Politics in Japan.

Douglas Webber, University of Canterbury, has gone to the University of Essex to read for an M.A. in Western European Politics.

Nigel Roberts, University of Canterbury, was promoted to a Senior Lectureship at the beginning of 1976.

In May he went on leave and spent three months as guest of the Institute for Social Science Research at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon, observing the Oregon and California Primaries, and later, the Democratic Party Nominating Convention in New York City.

After a month in Britain and attendance at the IPSA Congress in August, he has been based at the Institute of Political Science at the University of Aarhus in Århus, Denmark, where he has been a Visiting Lecturer. He is undertaking a comparative study of Denmark, Norway and New Zealand as three small democracies.

Nigel will return to teaching duties at Canterbury at the beginning of March 1977.

Miron Mushkat, Victoria University, has been invited by Mr R.A. Jarden, Chairman of the Broadcasting Council of New Zealand, to lead a task force, the terms of reference for which are:

1. To develop a comprehensive information system for management in those particular areas where coordination may be necessary.
2. To give particular attention to coordinated budgeting and costing systems for the new Corporation.
3. To examine any special problem areas within this general field.

He can be contacted at:

Broadcasting Council of N.Z.  
Room 204,  
Bowen State Building,  
Box 98, WELLINGTON. (Phone 721-777 Ex 763)

Albert Cruickshank, University of Otago, is currently on study leave in England, undertaking research at Oxford. He spent some time in Turkey earlier this year and is expected to return to New Zealand early in 1977.

Jim Flynn, Otago, is currently involved, with Professor Mulgan of the Otago Classics Department, in a series of radio broadcasts on the relevance to the current scene of certain classics of political philosophy. (These range from the Socratic dialogues to J.S. Mill.)

Stuart Greif, Otago, has been elected interim chairman of the St Kilda National Party.

# Current Political Research

J.R.Flynn: "The Realm of the Moral" in American Philosophical Quarterly,  
October, 1976.

T.B.Smith: "The Bureaucracy, the Citizen and the Ombudsman" in Andrew Trlin, ed.  
Social Welfare in New Zealand Society, Methuen, 1976.

Politics in New Zealand

Stephen Levine is working on another book of readings to be published by George Allen and Unwin Ltd in 1978. The coverage is wide-ranging, with sections devoted to political institutions, Parliament, parties, voting behaviour, interest group activity, political culture and policy analysis.

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## Australia

Following the Annual Conference of the Australian Royal Institute of Public Administration an Academics' Seminar on Public Administration is to be held. Topics will include: Research access problems; developments in the teaching of the discipline; and boundary problems in the discipline.

As this Newsletter goes to press, a proposal has been submitted to the Academics' Seminar for the establishment of a Policy Studies Newsletter. The aim is to produce a 15-20 page mimeographed newsletter early in 1977, to be circulated gratis to potential readers and subsequently as a bi-annual publication by subscription. Further information will be reported in the next NZPSA Newsletter. (thanks to John Halligan.)

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### Letter from the Editor

An Editor of this sort of publication rushes eagerly to sort his mail each day, living in the hope that this time more copy than he can use will come flooding in. Of course, he never actually achieves this happy state but, like our politicians, an editor can only survive if he is a hopeless optimist.

So it pleases this Editor to thank all who contributed to this issue of Newsletter and who actually did supply enough copy to neatly fill the space (if you'll pardon the split infinitive).

In 1977 it is hoped to go to press in March (with preliminary Conference details); in June (with final plans); and in September and December (with post-Conference reports and possibly some excerpts from Conference papers.)

As our President notes, our first two years have really been more promise than performance, despite the success of the first Conference. That, in fact, is virtually all we have to show for our efforts so far - splendid in itself but in urgent need of follow-up.

I believe we are agreed that the venture is worthwhile. Let's ensure that in 1977 promise becomes reality.

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### ■ NZPSA ■

### Political Economy Section

A reminder to members who are interested in the proposal to set up a Political Economy Section within the Association: (Refer to Newsletter, Vol. 2, Number 2, page 3).

If you are interested -or interested in finding more detail on the proposal write to:

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School of Political Science and Public Administration,  
Victoria University of Wellington,  
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### ■ Scandinavian Courses Planned for '77

#### Similar Developments in Auckland and Canterbury

A late (very late) note has arrived from Peter Aimer (Auckland) and Nigel Roberts (Canterbury), both of whom have been working in Scandinavia this year. Both are introducing new courses next year with emphasis on the Scandinavian scene.

Peter will be introducing a paper to Stage II at the University of Auckland on Scandinavian Politics, while Nigel will be introducing University of Canterbury Stage III students to a paper on Politics in Smaller Democracies.

■ The Auckland course will encompass:(1)Scandinavian society;(2)Scandinavian party systems;(3)Contemporary political issues.

The first of these examines the extent of social and economic equality achieved within the Scandinavian systems. The second looks at the evolution, structure and functioning of multi-party systems, the operation of proportional representation, and of coalition governments when these have been formed. The third section looks at the nature of the political issues in affluent, egalitarian, welfare-oriented states, in particular the extent of protest and the form it takes, against high taxation and an interventionist state, problems of economic management, developments in industrial relations and examples of public policy formation in the field of social welfare.

TEXTS: As texts, Peter Aimer will be prescribing M.D. Hancock, Sweden: The Politics of Postindustrial Change (N.Y. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1972), and K.E. Miller, Government and Politics in Denmark (Boston, Houghton-Mifflin, 1968); and he will be recommending the following texts as well: J. Nousiainen, The Finnish Political System (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1971), N.R. Ramsøy, ed., Norwegian Society (Oslo: Universitets-forlaget, 1974), and R. Tomasson, Sweden: Prototype of Modern Society (N.Y. Random House, 1970).

■ At Canterbury, Nigel Robert's course will examine ways of comparing the government and politics of different countries; it will pay particular attention to the role of size in politics; and the course will - as its major objective - compare the government and politics of three small democracies, namely Denmark, New Zealand, and Norway, (although students will also be encouraged to look at the government and politics of other small democracies such as Switzerland, the Netherlands, Finland, and Eire).

TEXTS: The following introductory paperback texts will be prescribed: Robert Dahl and Edward Tufte, Size and Democracy (Stanford, Calif. Stanford University Press, 1974), Kenneth Miller, Government and Politics in Denmark (Boston, Houghton-Mifflin, 1968), Keith Jackson, New Zealand: Politics of Change (Wellington, Reed, 1973), and James A. Storing, Norwegian Democracy (Boston, Houghton-Mifflin, 1963.\* (Editor's note: this last book may be out of print so Nigel may have to make some adjustment here.)

Peter and Nigel have been in touch about the new courses and they plan to compare notes as their courses progress.

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**The Editor Apologizes** ....and with good reason. Having completed this Newsletter and proudly despatched the manuscript to the printer, I discovered that my fail-safe filing system had malfunctioned, thereby consigning valuable copy to a file marked (believe it or not) 'National Party Conference 1974'....and for some contributors that's adding insult to injury!

Thus the Spring Newsletter contains its first ever Supplement.

## News & Notes

Steve Hoadley, University of Auckland, will become Associate Professor, effective 1st February, 1977.

John Prince, University of Auckland, will become Senior Lecturer, effective 1st February, 1977.

Robert Chapman, University of Auckland, recently delivered the Massey Memorial Lecture at Massey University on the subject The Changing New Zealand Electorate.

## Current Political Research

### University of Auckland:

Robert Chapman: Eleven-part Analysis of the 1975 General Election, reporting and interpreting the results of a poll conducted immediately after the Election...in National Business Review, 4th August to 13th October, 1976.

Steve Hoadley: New Zealand's Response to the East Timor Controversy will appear in N.Z. International Review, Nov/Dec, 1976.

The Integration of East Timor with Indonesia: Political, Administrative, and Developmental Aspects will appear in Southeast Asian Affairs 1977 (Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies.)

Development Subsidies, Local Autonomy, and Bureaucratic Rivalry in Indonesia: Eight Years of Inpres. Results of research in Indonesia in 1975 and 1976. Submitted for publication. Xerox copy available on request.

New Zealand and ASEAN. Research currently underway to document and evaluate New Zealand's perception of and policy towards this S.E. Asian regional grouping, with particular attention to the success of "pentagonal" external aid projects.

Robert Taylor: China's Economic Strategy and Foreign Policy in the Post-Mao Era To be published in N.Z. International Review, Nov/Dec, 1976

Ruth Butterworth: Amin's Uganda will be published in N.Z. International Review, Nov/Dec, 1976.

Graham Bush: Bristol and its Municipal Government 1820-51. Forthcoming book (early 1977, to be published by the Bristol Record Society.

Local Government Reorganisation: Before and After - a study of three cases; funded by a University Research Grant. Publication expected mid-1977.

The Brown's Island Drainage Controversy - forthcoming book to be published in late 1977.

The Auckland City Council Ward Referendum - an article being considered for publication.

University of Canterbury

Keith Jackson: Governmental Succession in N.Z. 1972-5 E.D.C. Nov. 1976. About to be submitted for publication.

Richard Kennaway: New Directions in New Zealand Foreign Policy, being submitted shortly for inclusion in Oceania Today: Towards New Directions and Political Self-Actualisation.

Ronald R. Macintyre: Conflict and Violence in the Middle East. Book in hands of publisher.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation: Tactics, Strategies and Options Towards the Geneva Peace Conference. Paper presented at APSA, Sydney, August, 1976.

Palestine/Israel: Handbook for Teachers - paper presented at the History Teachers' Conference, University of Auckland, May 1976.

Lebanon: Civil War in Perspective - New Zealand International Review March-April 1976.

Current Research: The PLO and the problem of a revolutionary liberation organisation existing within the confines of Arab state sovereignty.

Mark Francis: Is working on a study of New Zealand political and social theory, 1890-1930.

Rob Steven: Will visit Japan this summer to do research on classes under monopoly capitalism. He will be sending a questionnaire to 800 respondents in 70 corporations of various sizes, as well as conducting in depth interviews with selected individuals. The main purpose of the research is to identify the objective interests of various positions in capitalist enterprises, rather than the awareness of these interests of the agents who occupy the positions. The theoretical inspiration of the research comes from G. Carchedi, On the Economic Identification of the new Middle Class, (Economy & Society, 1975) He has received a travel grant from the Japan/New Zealand Exchange Programme, and a University of Canterbury Research Grant to cover major expenses, and will be in Japan from Mid-November to mid-February.

John Henderson: Leadership, Personality and War - doctoral dissertation submitted to Duke University. A summary of this research was presented to the APSA Conference, Sydney, August 1976.

The Personality and Politics of Jimmy Carter. Paper presented to the Australian and New Zealand American Studies Conference, Melbourne, August 1976. An updated version of this paper was presented to the Wellington Branch of the N.Z. Institute of International Affairs in November 1976.

The Foreign Policy of Jimmy Carter. Appears in N.Z. International Review, Sept/Oct. 1976.

Mary Ensor: Is working on a PhD thesis on Agricultural Policy-Making.

MA Theses in Progress at the University of Canterbury

Vicki Buck: Local Government Finance in N.Z. EDC March 1977

Andrew MacKenzie: Party and Split-ticket Voting in the 1974 Christchurch City Election. EDC Feb 1977.

David Naulls: Modernity in English Literature and Politics between 1870 and 1914.

Patricia Donnelly: N.Z. Relations with India: A Case Study of Change.

Peter Dunne: The Standard Tertiary Bursary: A Policy Study.

Chris Higgins: A Study of Roman Catholic Voting Behaviour in the 1975 General Election.



Alistair Gordon: The N.Z. Foreign Service: A Study of Attitudes.  
Suzanne Mackwell: The Values Party: A Post-Industrial Movement?  
John Morrow: The Political Philosophy of J.H. Muirhead and the Impact of the First World War.  
Ariadna Motus: N.Z. Foreign Policy and Israel.  
Dell Small: The Impact of Deism on Bolingbroke's Political Theory.  
Connal Townsend: Patronage and the N.Z. Political System.  
Stuart Wallace: Voting Behaviour of two Non-conformist Sects in Christchurch.  
Peter Watson: Ideology and N.Z. Members of Parliament

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## Professional Notes

### RESEARCH FELLOW IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS A.N.U. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PACIFIC STUDIES

This appointment is available from March 1977 in the Department of International Relations, whose alternate Heads are Professors J.D.B. Miller and Hedley Bull.

The Department is interested in a wide range of international questions, including the theory of world politics, the international politics of the Asian-Pacific region and the Third World, Australian foreign and defence policies, strategic studies, and the politics of international economics. Applicants may be qualified in any of these fields, but preference will be given to candidates whose interests lie in the theoretical or systematic study of world politics.

Further information may be obtained from Professor Miller or Professor Bull.

Closing Date: 31/1/77 with the Academic Registrar, A.N.U. P.O. Box 4, Canberra ACT, 2600, Australia.

### CURIOUS COVE ■

NEW YEAR CONGRESS -3-8 January 1977.

Main Themes -Threats to World Peace  
-Threats to Social Progress  
-Threats to Freedom  
-Threats to Environment

Costs \$25.00 (Includes Accommodation, Food & Registration Fee \$5.00)  
-reduction for families.

Enquiries, Registration (\$5.00): Write to New Year Congress Society,  
c/ Harry Evison, (Convener), University Union, Box 968, DUNEDIN.

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## **NZASIA**

The NEW ZEALAND ASIAN STUDIES SOCIETY was formed in July 1974 at a meeting held at the University of Auckland during the First New Zealand Conference on Asian Studies.

NZASIA aims to encourage the spread of knowledge about Asia, its history, its cultures and its role in international affairs. The Society recognises that interest in Asia is not confined to the academic community; it recognises

also that university men and women feel the need to communicate their special knowledge to a wider circle. It hopes therefore to bring together all those, both inside and outside the Universities, whose interest in Asia goes further than what they may read in the newspapers.

MEMBERSHIP - a person must be proposed and seconded for membership by two members. The Secretary and members of the Council will be pleased to help find proposers and seconders for those wishing to join.

ACTIVITIES - NZASIA's activities are intended to be largely in the form of lectures, seminars and conferences.

SUBSCRIPTIONS - Ordinary membership \$5-00  
Associate " \$2-00 (i.e. student)

Those interested in joining NZASIA contact the Treasurer, Dr Richard Phillips, Department of History, University of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: I believe that NZASIA is holding its Second New Zealand Conference on Asian Studies in Christchurch in May 1977. No details have reached me but those interested may find details by writing to the NZASIA Secretary, Dov Bing, University of Waikato, Private Bag, Hamilton.

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## T.V. as motivation & discipline — Auckland experiment.

A REPORT FROM STEVE HOADLEY.....

"M.A. Seminar reports by students are useful, necessary and dull.

This past year I've tried to give a new dimension to this pedagogical stand-by by bringing electronic media techniques into the seminar room.

The University of Auckland Audio-Visual Centre provided all the necessary hardware and professional advice, so all we had to do was schedule ourselves appropriately.

I did not want to trivialize the academic experience so I adapted media techniques cautiously as follows:

Each student gave his/her seminar normally in the first term so we got to know one another and gained confidence. Then, in the second term each student was required to record his/her report on a tape recorder privately and to play it back to the class for comment and critique.

Finally, students organised T.V. tape presentations which we all viewed together and discussed in the third term.

All reports were on substantive topics, and each was followed by a written essay, as usual.

The electronic media presentations turned out shorter, better prepared, and more interesting than normal seminar reports. They demanded slightly more work, and some students grizzled at first, but all of them found the experience of confronting a tape microphone, then a T.V. camera, immensely stimulating and educationally worthwhile. Most frequent comment: "I had to organise my material more carefully." A couple of students were shocked to discover how they came across on T.V. All of us gained in humility and, hopefully, confidence.

The most pleasant outcome of the experiment for me was to watch a student who started the year with a jaded attitude and no prior work in the subject gradually become more interested in class activities, then volunteer to organise the TV studio-time while I was overseas for a couple of weeks, then emerge on the screen as the acknowledged star of the class, and finally to do well in the final examination."

The 1975 Election Book

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The successes and failures of the  
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Price: \$3.95

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