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Association News

Letter from the Editor

The major activity of the Association presently under plan is the biennial conference due to be held in Wellington from May 14 to 16. The programme is virtually finalised except for a few organisational matters, and is printed here along with registration forms. Members of the Association in New Zealand and overseas have expressed considerable interest in the papers being presented, and it is hoped that the general climate of economic stringency does not prevent too many members from attending. The conference will also be the occasion for a general meeting of the Association, and for announcing the results of the election of officers.

It was with shock and sadness that the Association heard of the death of one of its eminent members, Dr Alan Robinson, Reader in the School of Political Science and Public Administration at Victoria University, Wellington. Expressions of sympathy were tendered to his widow, Marijke, and his family.

Irene Webley

NZPSA Constitution

After the publication of a draft Constitution in the last Newsletter, members were circulated with a revised draft, and asked to vote on its acceptance or rejection by a mail ballot. Of the 82 responses, (a response rate of c40%) only 4 voted for rejection. Following this result, nominations for officers were solicited, again by mail, and the list of acceptances was recently mailed to members for voting. Results will be announced at the forthcoming conference, and any vacancies still remaining (no nominations were received for student co-ordinators in Hamilton or Palmerston North) may also be filled then.

Obituary

The death of Dr Alan Robinson of the School of Political Science and Public Administration at Victoria University of Wellington, was marked by a memorial service on April 10 at the university. Extracts from the eulogy by Professor John Roberts are printed below.

"When a good man dies untimely, it is natural that those, who in the transactions of their ordinary days banked upon his virtue, should take account of their loss.

It is a plain statement of fact that Alan Robinson's untiring dedication to the collective interests of his friends and colleagues had an influence that went far beyond the achievements of most men of his age and position. It is clear to all of us that we have felt the withdrawal from our lives of a palpable power for good.

Yet for the very reason that Alan was that kind of man we are under obligation not to tolerate our loss, nor to accept the absence of that power. Although it is difficult indeed to find meaning and purpose in his death, we can and we must seek out and continue in our work those qualities in his life that made him notable as a scholar, as a teacher and as a protagonist of social reform.

It would be of little value to rehearse the substantial formal accomplishments that supported Alan's claim to speak with authority in his several fields, or to list the many appointments that demonstrated the confidence that others felt in his judgement and energy. He was in many respects a public man whose public record speaks for itself. I believe that we should rather explore the philosophy and the commitment that drove him so hard yet so cheerfully to find the truth and to make it known.

Alan was not an adherent of any identifiable ideology although well versed in the normative literature that is the curse and the glory of political life. No school of thinkers dominated his intellectual attitude Yet he took from the normative prescriptions their central lesson that there is a duty to seek a just society. Characteristically he put his energies towards that end in a manner which was progressive as to policy, conservative as to institutions, moderate, humane and sensible as to manner

Alan had, I believe three interwoven purposes. As teacher, he felt that it was his function to help people who would influence public affairs to acquire the proper taste for knowledge informed by theory. As scholar, he wanted to understand our political institutions with a steadily increasing subtlety of analysis so that he could penetrate to the centre of action. As reformer, he wanted to put into practice that necessary paradox which recognizes that the only way to preserve valuable institutions is to change them.

They were not empty goals easily stated and casually put aside in the hurly burly of university life. More than any man I have met, Alan set himself achievable objectives and pushed himself - and on occasion his colleagues - to the pursuit of a better polity. I believe that Alan would have endorsed the view that although reason persuades us that man is not perfectible, humanity compels us to act as though he were.

He considered that it was his duty never to lose an opportunity to promote the study of this country's bewildering political system I am sure that there are not a few students who, having wandered all unknowing into Alan's orbit, wound up committed to a research essay, or a thesis on some highly relevant and tightly thought aspect of New Zealand's politics that they had never heard of before entering Alan's study. The result is that there is now in the School of Political Science and Public Administration a body of student work whose standard and relevance owe more to Alan than any other member of the school and whose importance to future research will increase with the years..... As a direct result of this delight and diligence he became in effect the director of the School's post-graduate studies and it is beyond dispute that in the last few years he has been our most significant influence on political studies.

Though a pragmatist Alan was never for a moment blind to the importance of intellectual innovation. Rather he was always moving out to the edges of the discipline for ideas and the reshaping of his thought. His huge library so ruthlessly precepted upon by his colleagues and students, was a growing monument to the breadth and liveliness of his interests.

To those who worked with him and by my good fortune in the last couple of years, I was most closely associated with him, it was clear that he had a design not so much for himself but for the society at large. He believed at the core of his being as we have observed, that public affairs should be rational and humane, that it was his duty and the duty of this university to instill that commitment in our students and through them the institutions of public policy.

Yet this practical desire for effect must be seen in the context of Alan's total commitment to an open revisionary society. He understood but perhaps more unusually for a professional, he positively enjoyed the complex interplay of opinion among the parties and pressure groups and in the parliament he understood so well. However pragmatic he may have been in recognizing the brute reality of executive power, he was endlessly and indeed startlingly inventive in devising means to strengthen and improve the ability of parliament to understand the issues and to make the government truly responsible.

I believe that it will be abundantly clear that Alan was a serious person. I would not have thought that he was therefore solemn or humourless. On the contrary, Alan was constantly amused by life, his own as much as others and he took constant amusement from the stumbling attempt of a provincial society - of which he recognized himself as irredeemably a product - to define its problems It entranced him that an aggressive Member of Parliament identified his opposition as "Forbes, Coates and Hamilton. What a quartet!"

I would contend that the chief pride of this University has been and will remain the contribution that it has made to the conduct and the understanding of public affairs. We do not find it easy to follow this road for we are fallible and fumble to find the quiet demands of scholarship. The claims of personal integrity must be negotiated over the shifting sands of political conflict, and the man who sets himself to the task must have in addition to a moral sense above the ordinary, a strong and constant discrimination that is not abandoned whether his enterprises succeed or fail.

Such men are our guides to the future and their examples stiffen our resolve. Their achievements persuade us that the struggle to find a pattern in the tangled web of public affairs can have its insights and its triumphs. This is the reward we can find in Alan Robinson's life that can close the gap left by his death. On the base of our inescapable sadness we can build a structure of hope."

NZPSA - First Biennial Conference Programme

The following panel listings have been submitted and represent most of the panels to be presented at Victoria University on May 14-16, 1976. Several panels are tentative in that they are lacking one or more panelists or chairpersons; other papers/panels may be added at a later date. The final programme will be presented to each paid registrant at the registration desk on May 14.

All participants are reminded that abstracts (not to exceed 100 words) must be received by the Conference Coordinator no later than May 3. to be included in the programme. Stencils of papers to be reproduced must be received not later than April 30.

We hope that by announcing titles and participants for the panels proposed, we shall provide the greatest possible opportunity for wide participation. Registration forms are enclosed in the Newsletter.

All questions concerning the programme, panels, or participants should be directed to the conference coordinator: Ray Goldstein, School of Political Science & Public Administration, Victoria University of Wellington, Private Bag, Wellington, New Zealand. Telephone: 721-000 ext. 469 or 490.

Politics in the '70s: New Zealand Views : Preliminary Programme

FRIDAY 14 May:

- 3 p.m. Registration opens, afternoon tea served until 4 p.m.
(Weir House)
- 4 p.m. PROFESSIONAL POLITICAL SCIENCE PUBLICATIONS AND NZPSA:
AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION (sherry served)
- 6.30 p.m. Dinner (Weir House)
- 8 p.m. TEACHING AND STUDYING POLITICS IN NEW ZEALAND: A WORKSHOP
PANELIST: Stephen Levine (discussion of a recent
survey on attitudes of advanced political science students)
- 9.30 p.m. Wine and cheese reception - hosted by World Federalists
of New Zealand (small door charge)

SATURDAY 15 May:

- 9 a.m. MARKSIAN POLITICAL THEORY
PRESIDING: Wayne Robinson
PANELISTS: Rob Steven ("Monopoly, Capitalism and the
Class Structure in Modern Japan")
Patricia Springborg ("The Concept of Needs
in Marxist Thought")
DISCUSSANT: Dick Werry
- POLITICAL STUDIES IN NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY AND TEACHERS
COLLEGES: A WORKSHOP
PRESIDING: Alan McRobie
- PSYCHOLOGY, POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, AND GOVERNMENTAL
DECISION-MAKING I
PRESIDING: Ray Goldstein
PANELISTS: John Henderson ("Leadership, Personality
& War: The Cases of Richard Nixon and
Anthony Eden")
Joe Atkinson ("Small Group Dynamics as
Impediments to Foreign Policy Decision-
Making")
DISCUSSANTS: Amnon Till, Juliet Lodge
- NEW MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT: A WORKSHOP
PRESIDING: John Roberts
PANELISTS: New Members of Parliament
DISCUSSANTS: Keith Ovenden, John Halligan
- 10.30 a.m. Morning Tea (Weir House)
- 11 a.m. VARIETIES OF POLITICAL REFORM
PRESIDING: Keith Jackson
PANELISTS: Michael Munro ("Canada's Institute for
Research on Public Policy")
John Halligan ("The Provision of Executive
Leadership by a Small Legislature: The New
Zealand Parliament").

PSYCHOLOGY, POLITICAL LEADERSHIP & GOVERNMENTAL DECISION-
MAKING II (Continues from 9 a.m.)

PANELISTS: Bob Springborg ("Patrimonialism and Policy-Making: Nasser and Sadat and Egypt's Land Tenure Policy")
David Bedggood ("Authoritarianism and the Working Class")

DEMOCRATIC THEORY: A CONTEMPORARY CRITIQUE

PRESIDING: Ralph Brookes

PANELIST: Juanita Neale ("Democracy and the Seeds of Discontent")

12.30 p.m. Lunch (Weir House, \$1.50)

2 p.m. WOMEN AND POLITICS IN NEW ZEALAND: A WORKSHOP

PRESIDING: Judith Aitken

PANELISTS: Rae Julian, Margaret Shields, Rosslyn Noonan,

DISCUSSANTS: Irene Webley, Barry Gustafson

ASPECTS OF NEW ZEALAND FOREIGN POLICY

PRESIDING: Richard Kennaway

PANELISTS: Rod Alley ("Nuclear Free Zones in the Pacific")
John Blydenburgh ("The Paradox of Size: The Strategic Advantages of Small Actors")

DISCUSSANTS: Ray Goldstein, Juliet Lodge

ADMINISTRATORS IN THE POLICY PROCESS

PRESIDING: John Roberts

PANELISTS: Dao Tang Duc ("The Role of the Executive in Local Government in New Zealand")

Paul Harris and Alex Frame ("The Rent Appeal Boards: A Study in Formal and Informal Rules")

DISCUSSANT: Maurice Austin

3.30 p.m. Afternoon Tea (Weir House)

4 p.m. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION (Agenda to be circulated to all members in advance of the conference)

6 p.m. Cocktails (Student Union Building)

8 p.m. Dinner (Student Union Building - Restaurant)

SUNDAY 16 May:

10 a.m. Morning Tea (Weir House)

10.30 a.m. DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA

PANELIST: Steve Hoadley ("The Politics of Development Planning Agencies: The Evolution of Indonesia's BAPPENAS")

THE MIDDLE EAST: PROSPECTS FOR PEACE I

PRESIDING: Walter Murphy

PANELISTS: Dov Bing ("The Palestinians")
Ron Macintyre ("The P.L.O. : Factors, Strategies & Options towards the Geneva Peace Conference")

12.00 Lunch (Weir House, \$1.50)

1 p.m. POLITICS AND THE ARTS

PRESIDING: Stephen Levine

PANELISTS: David Naulls ("Writers and Politics: The Case of H.G. Wells")

Geoff Wane ("The King and the Nightingale: A Study in Policy and Administrative Dilemmas between the N.Z. Government and Queen Elizabeth the Second Arts Council")

DISCUSSANT: Andrew Sharp

THE SURVIVAL PROBLEM: THE RELEVANCE OF WORLD GOVERNMENT

(organised by the World Federalists of New Zealand)

PRESIDING: David Gledhill

PANELISTS: Kevin Ward ("N.Z. Public Opinion on World Government: Some Tentative Survey Results")

Nick Dunlop, Dick Southon ("The Case for World Law")

THE MIDDLE EAST: PROSPECTS FOR PEACE II

(Continues from 10.30 a.m.)

THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF NEW ZEALAND: TOWARDS A CLASS ANALYSIS I

PRESIDING: Peter Davis

PANELISTS: Rob Campbell ("Working Class in New Zealand")
Bruce Jesson ("Elites in New Zealand")
Gerald Thorns ("Housing Class in New Zealand")

2.30 p.m. Afternoon Tea (Weir House)

3 p.m. THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF NEW ZEALAND: TOWARDS A CLASS ANALYSIS II

PRESIDING: Kevin Clements

PANELISTS: Allan Levett ("The Politics of Inequality")
David Bedggood ("State Capitalism in New Zealand")
Brian Easton ("Notes Towards the Nature of an Affluent Neo-Colony")

DISCUSSANTS: Wayne Robinson, Rob Steven.

POLITICAL JOURNALISM IN NEW ZEALAND

PRESIDING: Mason Drukman

PANELIST: Keith Ovenden

THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS (organised by the United Nations Association of New Zealand)

PRESIDING: Ken Hulls

PANELIST: Malcolm Ross ("Where Should the U.N. Go?")

4.30 p.m. Farewell cocktail party

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Professional Notes

Essay Series

A new series of political science publications, New Zealand Studies in Politics, is to be launched in October 1976 with the release of a monograph: The New Zealand General Election of 1975, S. Levine and J. Lodge. Published by Price Milburn, the series will provide a new outlet for papers of monograph or book length on both New Zealand and non-New Zealand subjects.

Peace Studies

Warren Kuehl, Director of the Centre for Peace Studies at the University of Akron, has announced a publishing programme on peace and internationalism to be undertaken by Clearwater Publishing Company, Inc., of New York. The programme will include: 1) microfiche reproductions of manuscript collections, rare documents, and major periodicals, with a printed index volume for each microfiche collection; 2) plans for a series of registers and catalogues to manuscript collections on peace and internationalism; 3) monographs on contemporary issues and historical analyses to be published in book form. Suggestions, proposals, or manuscripts should be submitted to Professor Kuehl, who is serving as the project's general editor.

QUANTUM

An interdisciplinary association to promote quantitative historical and sociological research (QUANTUM regd.) was recently established in Germany. To achieve this goal, QUANTUM will develop and promote specific quantitative methods for analysing process-produced and historical data. The Association was established because of a perceived need to apply the methods of analysing mass data developed in sociology to historical analysis, and so fill the gap between theoretical propositions and their verification through empirical studies. QUANTUM is interdisciplinary in perspective; specific kinds of data impose similar problems for empirical social research as well as for quantitative history, and these (and comparable) problems require interdisciplinary cooperation, especially on methods and methodology. Inquiries should be directed to: Paul J. Mueller, Institute for Applied Social Research, University of Cologne, 5 Koln 41, Greinstrasse 2, West Germany

Conferences

APSA

The 1976 conference will be held in Sydney at the Crest Hotel, Kings Cross from August 26-28. The provisional themes include: political theory, political behaviour/sociology, public policy (federal, state, local), the teaching of politics, politics of socialist countries, and international politics. General enquiries about the conference should be directed to: Bob Howard, Dept of Government, University of Sydney, NSW 2006.

Asian Studies

The second New Zealand Conference on Asian Studies will be held in Christchurch from May 11-14, 1977. It will include public lectures, panel discussions, displays and academic papers on Asian topics. For further information write to the Conference Secretary, Dr R.G.P. Steven, Department of Political Science, University of Canterbury, Christchurch.

The first Conference in Japanese Studies, sponsored by the New Zealand Asian Studies Society is to be held at the University of Waikato from June 14-20 1976. The conference has been organised to coincide with the National Field Days and New Zealand Agricultural Week at which Japan will be guest nation. One of the aims of the conference is to involve as many interested

members of the general public as possible, and to this end, the programme includes a public lecture series on various aspects of Japanese history, culture, and life; a workshop, seminar, and research paper section; and a comprehensive film programme. General enquiries should be addressed to: Mr D. Bing, University of Waikato, Private Bag, Wellington.

Development

The International Conference on Science and Technology in the Service of the Developing Countries will be held in Paris, France from May 9-14, 1976. Further information may be obtained from Mr H. le Porx, Cultural and Scientific Counsellor, French Embassy, 6 Darwin Ave, Yarralumla, ACT 2600

The first Young Nations Conference, Research for Development and Development Planning in the South Pacific will be held from August 25-29 1976. A major goal of the conference is to question the application of Western academic approaches and methodology created in industrialised societies to an explanation of the process and meaning of development in the South Pacific. More information may be obtained from Alexander Mamak, Lecturer in Sociology, The University of New South Wales, P.O. Box 1, Kensington, NSW, Australia 2033.

IPSA

The Tenth World Congress of the International Political Science Association will be held in Edinburgh from August 16-21, 1976. The main theme of the Congress is: Time, Space and Politics. Approximately one third of the 350 papers to be presented will be on this theme; the remainder will be divided roughly equally between special sessions, and research committees. Further information about the conference papers may be obtained from Prof. J. Laponce, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., V6T1W5, Canada, and about local arrangements and organisation from Mrs Sarah Kilbey, Dept of Politics, Edinburgh University, 31 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH89JT, Scotland.

Social Policy

The Second Interdisciplinary Conference on Social Policy, organised by the New Zealand Sociological Association will be held at Massey University, on Thursday 25 November, 1976. It is proposed to organise workshops around the two themes of local planning and community organisation, and any suggestions would be welcomed. They should be sent to: W.E. Wilmott, Psychology and Sociology Dept, University of Canterbury, Christchurch 1.

Courses & Scholarships

A twelve-day course in Policy and Planning in Higher Education will be held in London from January 9-21, 1977, under the auspices of the British Council. Applications close in London on 1 Sept, 1976, and should be made to the British Council, British High Commission, Reserve Bank Building, P.O. Box 1812, Wellington.

The New Zealand Federation of University Women offers a Post-Graduate Fellowship to members of the Federation. Value \$2,500, for any research overseas in any field at any recognised university or research institute. Applications close 31 July 1976. Forms obtainable from the Secretary-Treasurer N.Z. Federation of University Women, Fellowship Trust Board, c/ Miss A.P. Wylie, 27 Henry Street, Dunedin.

University of Otago, Foreign Policy School 1976 May 20-23 will be held in Dunedin on "Sport, Politics and Foreign Policy". Apply to Dr N. Carr, Assistant Director, Dept of University Extension, University of Otago, P.O. Box 56, Dunedin.

The sixth course offered by the International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts will be held in Nemi, Italy from June 22-July 7, 1976. The course is interdisciplinary in character, and will extend its subject matter from the technical and scientific side of the problem to its sociological and political implications. Applications should be made before May 15, to: Carlo Schaerf, Istituto di Fisica, Universita degli Studi di Roma, Piazzale delle Scienze, 5, 00185, Roma, Italy.

News & Notes

Joe Atkinson, University of Otago, has taken up an appointment as Lecturer in the Department of Political Studies. He replaces Mr G.R. Debnam, who has resigned.

Alan Cruickshank, University of Otago, goes on leave in August. He hopes to visit many places including the Middle East and England.

Tom Smith, formerly at Victoria University and presently at the Canberra College of Advanced Education, has been appointed Senior Lecturer in Political Science at A.N.U. He takes up the position in July and will teach public policy.

Ian Thynne, formerly at Victoria University and presently at the Canberra College of Advanced Education, is moving in July to a lecturing position in the School of Social and Economic Development, University of the South Pacific. He will teach public administration.

Antony Wood, University of Otago, is going to England on refresher leave in June.

The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Sociology

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Current Political Research

- M. Clark, The Political Enculturation of Fringe Peoples, A paper to be presented at the annual conference at The Association of Asian Studies to be held in Melbourne 14-16 May 1976.
- J.R. Flynn, Kant and the Price of a Justification A paper to be presented to the APSA Conference, August 1976.
- B. Gustafson, "Education, Health, and Social Welfare" in Ray Goldstein (ed) Labour in Power: Promise and Performance, published by Price Milburn for NZ University Press, November 1975.
- B. Gustafson, Faithful Followers and Perceptive Participants: Delegates to the 1970 Labour Party Conference Submitted and being considered for publication.
- B. Gustafson, "Labour's Lost Legions: the Second Labour Government 1957-60 and Grassroots Party Membership in the Auckland Region" Forthcoming in N.Z. Journal of History
- B. Gustafson, The Labour Party and the 1975 Election Submitted and being considered for publication.
- B. Gustafson, The Participation of Labour Party Branches in Annual Conferences, 1949-71 Submitted and being considered for publication.
- B. Gustafson, "The Sino-Soviet Dispute" Forthcoming in NZ International Review May-June 1976.
- B. Gustafson, The Social Background and Recruitment and Retention Motivation of New Zealand Labour Party Activists A paper being prepared for APSA Conference, August 1976, which will be offered for publication subsequently as several articles.
- B. Gustafson, "The Soviet Union and the Middle East" Forthcoming in NZ International Review, July-August 1976.
- S. Levine & J. Lodge, "The New Zealand General Election of 1975", Forthcoming in Parliamentary Affairs, (The Journal of the Hansard Society, U.K.) September 1976. An enlarged and revised version of this paper will be released in NZ as a monograph in the new series, New Zealand Studies in Politics, published by Price Milburn.
- S. Levine & A.D. Robinson, The New Zealand Voter, Forthcoming in the series New Zealand Studies in Politics, Price Milburn, November 1976.
- T. Smith & I. Thynne, Studies in Public Policy and Administration in New Zealand To be published as a book by Heinemann Education in early 1977.
- I. Thynne, Deputy Secretaries in the Australian Public Service, EDC early 1977 as a monograph.
- G.A. Wood, Why National Won, Published by McIndoe, Dunedin, December 1975.

Learning About Sexism in New Zealand, 256 pp., \$6.95, a collection of 16 papers edited by P. Bunkle, S. Levine and C. Wainwright, is now available from Learmonth Publications, P.O. Box 825, Wellington.

Student Research

M.A.

W.R.A. Campbell, University of Otago, Hobson and Wallace: Two Case Studies of Rural Electioneering in 1972 September, 1975.

D. Webber, University of Canterbury, Trade Unions, the Labour Party and the Death of Working Class Politics in New Zealand. March 1976

Honours (University of Otago)

C.J. Doherty, Pressure Group Institutionalisation: Federated Farmers and the Great Wood Debate November 1975.

V. Eckhoff, Women in Local Politics: A Study of Five Activists September 1975

C. Johnston, The Future of Diplomacy: the U.S.A. and the Middle East November 1975

The 1975 Election Book

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