

Among other reports received and filed were those of (1) William Anderson, as representative of the Association in the Social Science Research Council, briefly reviewing that organization's activities, and (2) Frederic A. Ogg, as representative in the American Council of Learned Societies, calling attention to a fund for aid to publication of scholarly monographs and mentioning a number of the Council's other undertakings.

In accordance with earlier decisions, it was announced that the next annual meeting of the Association will be held at Philadelphia, in December, 1937, in pursuance of a project for the assembling of all major national historical and social science organizations in that city as a feature of the observance of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the framing of the national Constitution.—F.A.O.

Report of the Committee on Policy for 1936. In pursuance of the decision of the American Political Science Association at its annual meeting at Atlanta in December, 1935, to reorganize the Committee on Policy in order to reduce its size and to coordinate its work more closely with that of the Executive Council, it was decided to fix the size of the new committee at seven members instead of sixteen and to make such appointments as would bring it about that all members of the Committee on Policy would also be members of the Executive Council of the Association. To this end, the president of the Association appointed three regular members of the Executive Council to the reorganized Committee—one from each of the three classes of councilors—together with the first vice-president of the Association, the secretary-treasurer, and the retiring president. The incoming president took on the duties of chairman of the Committee, thus completing its membership.

The Committee held two meetings during the year. The first took place on February 29 at Philadelphia. The Committee decided to continue the program of political research and political education, but to reduce the rate of expenditure in order to conserve the funds at the Committee's disposal. In pursuance of this policy, the publication of a *Student's Guide* edited by the Sub-Committee on Publication, was financed, and several regional conferences arranged under the supervision of the Sub-Committee on Political Education were also financed in accordance with the established practice. These meetings seem to have been particularly successful, as might perhaps have been expected in view of the experience of Professor Cullen B. Gosnell, chairman of the Sub-Committee, gained in previous years.

The second meeting of the Committee on Policy was held at Washington, D. C., on May 22 in connection with a conference called by Dr. J. W. Studebaker, United States commissioner of education. The Committee

discussed plans for the 1937 meeting of the American Political Science Association at Philadelphia in connection with the sesquicentennial of the framing of the Constitution of the United States, and authorized Professor F. W. Coker, of Yale University, to take charge of the preliminary preparation of the program for that meeting.

The Committee also discussed a project which had previously been presented to it at the February meeting by the chairman for an investigation of academic freedom and the protection of the civil rights of teachers in the social sciences. It had been suggested that a commission of inquiry like those established some two years ago to investigate *Public Personnel Problems* and *International Economic Policies* should be created for the purpose of investigating and reporting upon academic freedom and the civil rights of social science teachers. The Committee authorized the chairman to get in touch with officers of other professional associations in the field of the social sciences in order to prepare a project for presentation to the Rockefeller Foundation at as early a date as possible.

The chairman communicated with the presidents of the American Historical Association and the American Economic Association and found them sympathetic with the purpose of the project and willing to cooperate. He also got in touch with Dr. George F. Zook, president of the American Council on Education, with a view to cooperating with organizations representing other bodies of teachers. It appeared that the American Council on Education and other professional associations of American teachers had already been considering a project for the same purpose, and it appeared desirable to revise the plans of the Committee on Policy in order to prepare for the submission of a project more broadly conceived than at first. Negotiations with Dr. Zook and other leading educators have proceeded during the latter part of the year.

Preliminary discussions of a possible project with representatives of the Rockefeller Foundation indicate that the project should be prepared on a very broad basis, and that sufficient time should be devoted to the preliminary inquiries to insure that the project, when prepared, shall be both comprehensive and sound.—ARTHUR N. HOLCOMBE, *Chairman*.