

# News of the Profession

## THE ASSOCIATION

As of April 22, 1963, the paid-up membership of the Association stood at 1426, of whom two were sustaining members (A. Edythe Mange and Philip E. Mosely), 996 were regular members, 31 were associate members, and 397 (27 per cent) were student members. An invitation to join the AAASS is extended to all those whose interests include the Slavic and East European field. Membership rates follow: regular—\$10.00 per year; sustaining—\$25.00 per year; student—\$5.00 per year (full-time students as well as students who are part-time teaching assistants); associate—\$10.00 per year. All classes of members receive the *Slavic Review* (regular subscription price for institutions is \$10.00), the *American Bibliography of Russian and East European Studies* (regular price \$3.00) published yearly by Indiana University, the Association's *Newsletter* (regular price \$1.50 per year in the United States and Canada, \$1.80 abroad) published twice yearly at the University of Illinois, and the *Directory* of the Association (sold to nonmembers at \$5.00) in those years when one is published. Application blanks are available from the AAASS, 112 Davenport House, 620 East Daniel Street, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois.

Another university has joined the original group of eighteen universities furnishing support to the Triple A Double S. This latest benefactor has pledged \$600 per year for the next five years, a total of \$3,000.

The first nationwide convention of the Triple A Double S will be held in New York City in April, 1964. A Committee on Arrangements is at work under Professor Alexander Dallin of Columbia. The Program Committee is headed by Professor Holland Hunter of Haverford. The response to a postcard poll suggests that attendance will run considerably over 600, from all parts of the country.

The second *Directory of Members* of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies has been published. For those persons whose membership was current as of November 30, 1962, the *Directory*

includes information regarding degrees received and major fields of competence, occupational title and institutional or office address, and residence address. A supplement lists the names and addresses of members who joined after November 30 but before the booklet was printed. In addition to the alphabetical listing, there is a geographical listing and a listing by fields of interest. Free copies were sent to those whose memberships were current in the spring of 1963. Additional copies are available for \$5.00 each.

**SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ON SLAVIC STUDIES:** The current officers of the Southern Conference, elected March 20, are: President—Serge A. Zenkovsky, Stetson University; Vice-President—Kermit E. McKenzie, Emory University; Secretary—Treasurer—Warren Lerner, Duke University. Members of the Executive Board are James H. Blackman, University of North Carolina; Jordan E. Kurland, Woman's College of the University of North Carolina; Robert A. Rupen, University of North Carolina; C. Jay Smith, Jr., University of Georgia; and Lowell R. Tillett, Wake Forest College. The second annual meeting is planned for October 11-12, 1963, in Atlanta, Ga.

## CONFERENCES

Further information on the following conferences may be found in the AAASS *Newsletter*.

Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences in the U.S.A., June 9, 1962.

Ninth International Congress of Linguistics, August 27-31, 1962.

Inter-Provincial Conference on the teaching of Ukrainian, under the auspices of the Canadian Ukrainian Committee, October 27-28, 1962.

Fourteenth Conference of the Institute for the Study of the USSR, November 5-6, 1962.

Session on "Politics and Politicians in Twentieth Century Russia," of the Southern Historical Association, November 8-10, 1962.

Thirty-ninth session of the Institute of World Affairs, University of Southern California, December 2-5, 1962.

American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (including the National Council of High School Teachers of Russian), December 27-28, 1962.

Sessions on Russia and Eastern Europe at the meetings of the American Historical Association, December 28-30, 1962.

Institute on Soviet and East European Law sponsored by Indiana University, March 25-26, 1963.

Midwest Modern Language Association, April 18-20, 1963.

Midwest Slavic and East European Conference, April 19-20, 1963.

Far Western Slavic Conference, April 27-28, 1963.

Conference on "Controversies in American Society: A Case Study of Communism," sponsored by the Russian Area Committee and the Center for Continuing Liberal Education of Pennsylvania State University, April 28-30, 1963.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND STAFF CHANGES

This section contains news of promotions, regular appointments, and retirements. For information on visiting appointments, leaves of absence of a year or less, and summer appointments, see the *Newsletter*.

*American Council of Learned Societies:* Gordon B. Turner promoted to Vice-President (from Executive Associate). *American University:* F. Jackson Piotrow appointed Assistant Professor of Soviet Studies at the School of International Service (from part-time Lecturer). *University of Colorado:* L. R. Wynar appointed Head of the Social Sciences Library. *Columbia University:* Robert L. Belknap promoted to Associate Professor of Russian Literature; William E. Harkins promoted to Professor of Slavic Languages; Rufus W. Mathewson, Jr., promoted to Professor of Russian Literature; Philip E. Mosely of the Council on Foreign Relations appointed Professor (formerly Adjunct Professor) of International Relations, Director of the European Institute, and Associate Dean of the Faculty of International Affairs.

*Indiana University:* Loren Graham appointed Lecturer in History. *University of Manitoba:* I. Ohienko, Head of St. Andrew's College, Metropolitan of the Ukrainian

Autocephalous Orthodox Church in Canada, appointed Honorary Professor of Old Church Slavonic; B. Klymasz appointed Lecturer of Slavic Studies; H. Wiebe appointed Lecturer of Slavic Studies. *Massachusetts Institute of Technology:* Walter C. Clemens, Jr., of the University of California, Santa Barbara, appointed Assistant Professor of Political Science and Research Associate in the Center for International Studies. *New York University:* William L. Blackwell appointed Assistant Professor of History.

*University of North Carolina:* Karel Kansky appointed Assistant Professor of Geography. *Princeton University:* Richard Burgi appointed Director of the Program in Slavic Languages and Literatures following the resignation of David Djaparidze as Director. *Purdue University:* Norman E. Saul appointed Assistant Professor of History. *Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada:* Richard A. Pierce promoted to Associate Professor of History. *University of Rochester:* Sidney Monas of Smith College appointed Associate Professor of History; Nathan Rosen of Amherst College appointed Associate Professor of Russian.

*St. John's University (N.Y.):* A. A. Norius appointed Instructor in Russian. *Syracuse University:* Warren W. Eason of Princeton University appointed Associate Professor of Economics and Chairman of the Board of Russian Studies; Warren B. Walsh resigned as Chairman of the Board of Russian Studies after a tenure of nineteen years, and appointed Chairman of the Department of History. *Union College (N.Y.):* Charles G. Gati of Indiana University appointed Instructor in Political Science. *University of Western Ontario:* Mrs. N. Bernotas appointed part-time Instructor in Russian; E. Froese appointed part-time Instructor in Russian; L. Ignatieff of University of British Columbia appointed Professor of Russian and Chairman of the Russian Department.

#### DEATHS

HERBERT RITVO (1915-1963)

APPRECIATION CONTRIBUTED BY

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Herbert Ritvo, Research Associate in Soviet studies at the Center for International

Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, died suddenly in Boston on February 21, 1963, at the age of forty-eight. Mr. Ritvo, who was born in Boston, received his B.A. from Harvard College and the M.A. in the Soviet Union program at Harvard University in 1951. He served with the U.S. Army during the Second World War. From 1951 to 1954 he was the editor in Bonn of *Ost-Probleme*. From 1954 until 1960 he was Special Assistant for Soviet Affairs at Radio Free Europe in Munich, where his many studies on contemporary Soviet problems became widely known and appreciated. At the time of his death he was preparing a book-length study of Soviet politics since Stalin, various parts of which have already been published in journals, including a two-part article in the *Slavic Review* on the 21st Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Mr. Ritvo's writing was characterized by a mastery of detail, a passion for factual accuracy, and a continuing emphasis on the dominant role of the CPSU.

Mr. Ritvo was a man of gentleness and compassion, and will be greatly missed both as a scholar and as a person.

#### RENATO POGGIOLI (1907-1963)

APPRECIATION CONTRIBUTED BY

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On May 2, 1963, Renato Poggioli died in Crescent City, California, from injuries received in an automobile accident three days earlier. He was en route with his family to Reed College from the Center for Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Palo Alto, where he had been completing a book on the pastoral and a study of Pascal.

Renato Poggioli was born in Florence and received a D.Lett. degree at the University of Florence in 1929. After studying in Prague he returned to Florence, where he taught and translated Russian literature and participated actively in the city's literary life. His academic career began in Wilno, Poland, and continued later, in 1937-38, in Warsaw. After obtaining a second degree in Rome in 1938, he came to this country. He was at Brown University from 1939 until he was called to Harvard in 1947, except for a period of service in the U.S. Army during 1943-45. At Harvard he was Professor of Slavic and Comparative Literature and, since 1952, Chairman of the Department of Comparative Literature.

A man of strong convictions, both literary and political, Professor Poggioli had a remarkable talent for following the contours and vagaries of literary thought, projected against the broad humanistic tradition he himself personified. Cutting through commonplaces and limited historical or national views, he sought, and expounded, the real essence of literary movements, writers, and individual works, from classicism to the *avant-garde*, from Euripides to Khlebnikov, from the *Divina Commedia* to *Dr. Zhivago*. The poetic sensitivity, imagination, and love for literature he brought to his subject is everywhere evident in his writing, as is a profound knowledge of many literatures.

Professor Poggioli translated widely from Russian into Italian. His verse translations were published in *Fiore del Verso Russo*. His essays on Russian prose and verse writers were collected in *Pietre di Paragone*. He maintained something of the role of cultural ambassador after the war as an editor of *Inventario*, and he now presented to his countrymen modern American critics and poets, particularly Wallace Stevens. The detailed preface to his translation of the *Igor Tale* is perhaps the best general introduction to that masterpiece of Old Kiev, and the recently published *Teoria dell'avanguardia* bridges the modern literatures of two continents. *The Phoenix and the Spider* (1957) demonstrates the literary insight and philosophical speculation he applied to Russian literature; *The Poets of Russia, 1890-1930* (1960) elegantly and perceptively surveys the silver age of Russian poetry in the context of its historical traditions and European counterparts. His last book in English, an expanded version of the essay on V. V. Rozanov in *The Phoenix and the Spider*, appeared in England last year.

Professor Poggioli's death at the age of fifty-six is lamentable not only to Slavists but to the entire academic community. Students, colleagues, and friends will remember his learned, sometimes devastating, and always eagerly awaited participation in the intellectual life at Harvard and elsewhere. They will also remember him as one who communicated in the warmth of his personality his integrity and great dignity as a man.

#### EDITOR'S NOTES

Contributions to both this section and the

*Newsletter* are welcome at any time. The deadlines for inclusion in this section are October 15 for the March issue, January 15 for the June issue, April 15 for the September issue, and July 15 for the December issue. The deadlines for the *Newsletter* are February 28 for the spring issue and September 30 for the fall issue. All items should be sent to the Secretary of the AAASS, 112 Davenport House, 620 East Daniel Street, University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.

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