

## PROFESSIONAL NOTES

*Annual Meeting of the Board of Editors.* Prof. Donald E. Worcester, University of Florida, was elected as the new managing editor of the HAHR at the annual meeting held in Chicago on December 29, 1959. Prof. Worcester has received assurances from the University of Florida of generous support, and will begin his service about June 1, 1960. The cordial good wishes of all the editors and members of the Conference go with Professor Worcester as well as our gratitude for his willingness to carry on the editorial labors. ¡*Buen Viaje!*

The newly elected members of the Board, to serve regular six year terms, are John J. Johnson, Stanford University; Richard M. Morse, University of Puerto Rico; and Robert A. Potash, University of Massachusetts. Lesley Byrd Simpson, University of California, Berkeley, was elected as an Advisory Editor.

*New Life in Latin American Studies.* A number of developments indicate that Latin American studies will receive more attention in the near future than at any time during the end of World War II.

*Latin American Studies in the United States* (Hispanic Foundation, Library of Congress, 1959) provides a rapid and critical scrutiny of the present state of research in the humanities and the social sciences. This 115 page mimeographed report contains the proceedings of a meeting held in Chicago, November 6-8, 1958, sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies and the Newberry Library, with the assistance of the Hispanic Foundation.

The paper on "History" (pp. 57-62) prepared by Robert N. Burr will be of special interest to readers of the HAHR. Professor Burr pointed out the relative decline of interest at both the undergraduate and graduate level, and suggested the following reasons:

"The first is that the discipline of Latin American History does not appear to have shown its usefulness in contributing to an understanding of contemporary Latin American society and its role in the modern world. The second is an apparent failure on the part of the historians of Latin America in the United States to make clear that their area of study offers real intellectual challenges either within the framework of contemporary historical thinking or in opening up new currents of historical thought."

In order to improve the present situation, Professor Burr suggested that more attention be paid to the modern period, even though some colonial topics need attention as well, and that the long-proposed "Guide to Latin American History" be prepared. Another recommendation was the launching of a volume of essays on "New Viewpoints in Latin American History" which would stimulate research in unexplored areas and also help those concerned with Latin American history to achieve closer touch with the broad growth of their discipline.

One result of this session in Newberry Library was to convince research councils that Latin America was an undeveloped area requiring attention. The Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies have appointed a Joint Committee on Latin American Studies "to improve communication among those interested in research relating to Latin America, to consider ways in which the development of such research might be furthered, and to administer a program of grants for field research." The Carnegie Corporation of New York has granted \$190,000 to the Joint Committee, largely to provide awards for post-doctoral research during the period 1960-1962. The first grants will be announced about March 15, 1960, and everyone interested may obtain additional information and application

forms from the Social Science Research Counsel, which administers the program. The address is 230 Park Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

A new Association for Latin American Studies, organized at Sagamore, August 26-29, 1959, is another indication of increased attention to Latin American affairs. A Constitution has been approved and the following interim executive committee has been appointed to conduct business until a Council and offices can be elected:

"Preston E. James, Syracuse University, chairman; A. Curtis Wilgus, University of Florida; Robert Wauchope, Tulane University; Harvey L. Johnson, Indiana University, secretary-treasurer."

Membership is open to all persons interested in Latin American studies. Dues are \$3.00 per year and should be sent to Harvey L. Johnson, Department of Romance Languages, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

Another welcome focus of renewed attention to Latin American affairs was provided by the well-attended Stanford University Conference on Latin America, held October 9-11, 1959, under the direction of Ronald Hilton's newly established Hispanic American Society and in cooperation with the Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies. A varied roster of speakers discussed many different kinds of problems and situations concerning Latin American developments and relations with the world. It is hoped that the proceedings will be printed.

*Argentine Nationalism Study.* The University of Pennsylvania has received a grant of \$75,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation in aid of a three-year study of nationalism in Argentina. The study will be conducted on an interdisciplinary basis under the direction of Arthur P. Whitaker. A primary purpose of the project is to provide training for young Latin Americanists. Three fellowships have been provided for this purpose. For the year 1959-1960 a post-doctoral fellowship has been awarded to Dr. Frank M. Lewis of the Depart-

ment of Government, State University of South Dakota, and pre-doctoral fellowships to Marvin Goldwert and Earl T. Glauert, who received their previous graduate training at the University of Texas and the University of Pennsylvania, respectively.

*Ecuadoran Commemoration of Independence.* The Government of Ecuador has designated the year August 10, 1959-August 10, 1960, as "Año de Recordación Nacional" to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the independence movement which began in Quito on August 10, 1809. An essay contest, sponsored by the Ministry of Public Education, is open to historians of any nationality. 50,000 sucres will be awarded to the best manuscript on this theme: "La Revolución de Quito del 10 de Agosto de 1809, sus vicisitudes y su significación en el proceso general de la emancipación hispanoamericana." Essays must be unpublished, written in Spanish, 250 to 500 typewritten pages in length, and submitted by May 24, 1960, to the Ministry of Education in Quito or to any Ecuadoran embassy or consulate abroad.

*Inter-American Archive of Religion.* An archive on this subject is being organized at Inter-American University in San Germán, Puerto Rico, under the direction of Charles A. Gauld. The present emphasis is on the history and present activities of United States and Canadian Protestant mission boards and Catholic orders in Latin America. Printed and other information on the subject will be welcomed by Mr. Gauld.

*Institute of Caribbean Studies, University of Puerto Rico.* Richard M. Morse, director, announces that the Ford Foundation has made a grant of \$75,000 to develop a program in social sciences. A cooperative arrangement is being worked out with the Pan American Union toward the same end.

*New Brazilian Bibliographical Representative.* Eulalia Maria Lahmayer de Lobo, assistant professor of history

at the University of Brazil, has argeed to serve as bibliographical assistant for the HAHR in Brazil. She will be aided in this task by a number of Brazilian historians such as Waldir Cunha, Fernando Antônio Novais, Helio Viana, José Honório Rodrigues.

*Stockholm Session on Latin America.* Magnus Mörner announces that Richard Konetzke and Woodrow Borah will be among the participants on the program devoted to "El mestizaje en la historia de Ibero-América" on August 19, 1960. The Colloquium has been organized by the Stockholm Instituto de Estudios Ibero-Americanos, and is an integral part of the XI International Congress of Historical Sciences meeting. Silvio Zavala will preside at the session, and all who expect to attend are urged to inform Dr. Mörner as soon as possible at this address: Instituto de Estudios Ibero-Americanos, Sveavagen 65, Stockholm Va, Sweden.

*Xavier University* in Cincinnati sponsored on December 4-5, 1959, an Institute on Current Problems of Colombia, Ecuador, and Venezuela.

*Fourth Consultation of the Commission on History of the P. A. I. G. H.* By Robert N. Burr.

The Fourth Consultation of the Commission on History of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History took place in Cuenca, Ecuador, January 17-26, 1959. Meetings were held in the recently completed headquarters of the Casa de la Cultura Ecuatoriana, Nucleo de Azuay.

Preparations for United States participation in the Consultation were begun in September, 1958, when the definite dates for the meeting were announced. At that time, the Hispanic Foundation of the Library of Congress began to collect books on Latin American history and anthropology published in the United States since the last Consultation in Mexico three years ago. These books were exhibited at the Cuenca Consultation as an indication of the productivity of United States scholars interested in Latin America.

Also in September, steps were taken to expedite the establishment of a formal relationship between the American Historical Association and the Commission on History. In December, the Council of the American Historical Association, at the request of the State Department, approved the appointment of an advisory committee to the State Department on matters connected with the work of the Commission on History.

Because this advisory committee could not be appointed in time to deal with the problems which were to be discussed at the Cuenca Consultation, it was decided to hold an informal meeting of professional historians and government officials to discuss and make recommendations on the agenda of the forthcoming Cuenca Consultation. This meeting was held December 30, 1958, in the Library of Congress, Washington, at a luncheon offered by the Hispanic Foundation. Participating in the meeting were: Henry Allen, Department of State; C. J. Bishko, University of Virginia; Robert N. Burr, University of California, Los Angeles; Howard F. Cline, Library of Congress; Clifford Evans, United States National Museum; Charles Gibson, State University of Iowa; Charles Griffin, Vassar College; Lewis Hanke, University of Texas; Nathan A. Haverstock, Library of Congress; John J. Johnson, Stanford University; Clifton B. Kroeber, Occidental College; E. Taylor Parks, Department of State; T. R. Schellenberg, National Archives; Antonine Tibesar, Academy of American Franciscan History; Simon Wilson, Department of State. The recommendations of the meeting were used by State Department officials in working out the instructions for the United States delegation.

The United States delegation consisted of official and institutional representatives. The former included T. R. Schellenberg, National Archives; Charles Griffin, Vassar College; Howard Cline, Hispanic Foundation, Library of Congress, who was Vice-Chairman of the delegation; and Robert N. Burr, University of California, Los Angeles, Chairman of the delegation. Institutional delegates who took an

active part in the meetings were Philip Astuto, St. John's University, Long Island; Lino Gómez Canedo, Academy of American Franciscan History; Frank Tannenbaum, Columbia University; and John P. Harrison, Rockefeller Foundation.

Ten other American nations, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Peru and Venezuela, were also represented either by official or institutional delegates. Among them were Silvio Zavala, President of the Commission; Roberto Etchepareborda; José Honório Rodrigues; Miguel Aguilera; and Angel Isaac Chiriboga.

The work of the Cuenca Consultation was divided into three parts—the meetings of the national members of the Commission, which dealt with administrative and policy matters for the Commission as a whole—the meetings of the Commission committees on The Independence Movement, History of Ideas, Anthropology, Archives, Folklore, and the Program of the History of America—and “sesiones de estudios,” which were devoted to the presentation of scholarly papers. Although several excellent papers were presented, the scholarly aspects of the Consultation were definitely very much subordinated to the discussion of administrative and business matters.

The chief actions taken by the Consultation were as follows:

(1) It was agreed that the work of the “Program of the History of America” should be terminated by the publication in English and Spanish of the General Introduction and the three Coordinations which have resulted from this program to date. The director of the Hispanic Foundation in the Library of Congress accepted the responsibility for editing the three Coordinations in English for publication in near-print. The President of the Commission was charged with asking for financial aid from the Institute for their publication.

(2) A Committee on Historical Bibliography was created to recommend bibliographical standards for the publi-

cations of the Commission and to develop cooperation among individuals and institutions dedicated to bibliographical activities. It was agreed that the headquarters of this Committee would be the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C., and the Commission approved the appointment of Howard Cline as President of the Committee.

(3) A subcommittee of the Committee on Archives was established to prepare for and organize a meeting of archivists to take place in Washington, D. C. within two years after the Consultation. T. R. Schellenberg of United States National Archives was appointed Chairman of this Committee.

(4) Eusebio Dávalos Hurtado, of Mexico, was named Chairman of the Committee on Anthropology and Alberto Ruz its Secretary. This change in committee personnel was made so that the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee, as well as the Editor of the *Boletín Bibliográfico de Antropología* would all be located in Mexico City, thus increasing the effectiveness of the Committee.

(5) A recommendation was made that each member nation should prepare and publish selections of documents basic for its history and that these documents should be translated into the four official languages of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History.

(6) It was resolved that in the future the Consultations of the Commission on History should develop a more scholarly nature and that attempts should be made to encourage professional historians to attend them and participate in meetings which would be planned out well in advance.

The Consultation closed with a plenary session in which a number of “homenajes” were approved, including one to Dr. Lewis Hanke for his historical work, *The Spanish Struggle for Justice in the Conquest in America*.

Since the Cuenca Consultation the following steps have been taken to carry out its recommendations:

(1) Howard Cline has been appointed alternate Member of the Commission on History.

(2) The Committee on Historical Bibliography has not only been established but it held its first meeting at the Library of Congress, June 15-17, 1959, with approximately 50 delegates in attendance. The recommendations of this meeting are to be published in the near future.

(3) The Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, at its meeting in Mexico City in July, authorized the expenditure of \$6000 for editing and publishing the Coordinations of the Program of the History of America. Work on this project is now under way in the Library of Congress.

(4) Discussions are under way between the United States Member of the Commission and the State Department with a view to obtaining funds for the publication of a volume of documents concerning the history of the United States.

*The Committee on Historical Bibliography.* By CHARLES GIBSON.

On June 15-17, 1959, the first meeting of the Committee was held at the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C., with an attendance of about fifty persons. The Committee was created as a dependency of the Commission on History of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History at the Fourth Consultation in Cuenca, Ecuador, in January, 1959, under the presidency of Howard F. Cline, Director of the Hispanic Foundation of the Library of Congress. Co-sponsors of the Committee's first meeting were the Cuban Academy of History, the Commission on History, the Department of Cultural Affairs of the Pan American Union, and the Hispanic Foundation.

The following papers were presented: "The Committee on Historical Bibliography and the Library of Congress," by Rutherford D. Rogers, Chief Assistant Librarian, Library of Congress; "The Committee on Historical Bibliography and the Commission on History," by Ernesto de la Torre Villar, Secretary, to Commission on History; "The Archivist, His Relationship to the His-

torian and the Bibliographer," by T. R. Schellenberg, Assistant Archivist of the United States; "A Proposal: A Bibliography of Travel Literature," by C. Harvey Gardiner, Southern Illinois University; "The Farmington Plan: Its Influence on the Production of Historical Bibliography," by Stanley West, Librarian, University of Florida; "History of Bibliography in Mexico," by Agustín Millares Carlo, El Colegio de México; "Bibliography in the Americas; An Analysis of the Results of the Inter-American Conferences," by Arthur E. Gropp, Librarian, Columbus Memorial Library; "Brazilian Historical Bibliography: Some Lacunae and Suggestions," by George C. A. Boehrer, Georgetown University; "El Problema de las Fuentes Bibliográficas," by José Alcina Franch, Universidad de Sevilla; "Centro Latinoamericano sobre Documentación Histórica," by Carlos Víctor Penna, Assistant Director, UNESCO Regional Center of the Western Hemisphere, Havana; "The Retrieval of Library and Archival Materials," by Charles Gibson, State University of Iowa; "Latin America and the Farmington Plan: A Working Draft, with Recommendations," by Howard F. Cline, Hispanic Foundation; and "A Historian's View of the Needs in Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Spanish American Bibliography," by J. León Helguera, North Carolina State College.

Four Working Groups met: I, Bibliography and the Commission of History; How can the Committee on Historical Bibliography support the programs of the Commission on History? (Discussion Leader, Jaime Vicens Vives, Universidad de Barcelona; Relator, George C. A. Boehrer). II, To what extent can the presentation of historical bibliography be standardized? (Discussion Leader, Arthur E. Gropp; Relator, Dennis Dement, North Carolina State College). III, Historians review the needs in current bibliography (Discussion Leader, Charles Gibson; Relator, J. León Helguera). IV, Problems of the editor of the scholarly historical journal (Discussion Leader,

Mathias Kiemen, Editor, *The Americas*; Relator, Nathan A. Haverstock, Editor, *Handbook of Latin American Studies*. Informal contributions in these and the general sessions were made by Lauro José Zavala, Editor, *Boletín bibliográfico de antropología americana*; Mrs. Enid M. Baa, Bureau of Libraries and Museums, Virgin Islands; Mrs. Concha R. James, Hispanic Foundation; Javier Malagón, Director, *Revista interamericana de bibliografía*; Sarah E. Roberts, University of Florida; José E. Vargas, Pan American Union; A. Curtis Wilgus, University of Florida; Harold E. Davis, American University; Manoel Cardozo, The Catholic University of America; Marietta Daniels, Pan American Union; Nettie Lee Benson, University of Texas; Ruth Lapham Butler, Newberry Library; and Maury A. Bromsen, Maury A. Bromsen Associates.

The Executive Secretaries of the Committee are Nathan A. Haverstock and José E. Vargas. The Active Members are Jaime Vicens Vives (Spain), José Honorio Rodrigues (Brazil), and Gunnar Mendoza L. (Bolivia). Other Active Members, to a maximum of seven in all, are to be nominated.

#### *Latin American Library Acquisitions.*

By MARION A. MILCZEWSKI.

Lively interest in the acquisition of Latin American Library materials to support area studies and major subject interest of universities and other learned institutions was shown in the Fourth Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials held at the Library of Congress in Washington D. C., June 18-19, 1959. About sixty Latin American specialists including university faculty members, librarians, bibliographers and representatives of the book trade from the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean area met to discuss library support to Latin American area studies and to give attention to progress reports growing out of the first three Seminars held at Chinsegut Hill in 1956; Austin, Texas in 1957; and Berkeley, California in 1958. Eight

working papers and other supporting documents were prepared for the use of the participants. These included: "Progress Report on the Recommendations of the First Three Seminars," by Jean Luft; "Latin American Acquisition and Services in the Library of the University of California, Berkeley," by James F. King; "Support to the Latin American Studies Program of Tulane University by the Library of the Middle American Research Institute," by Edith B. Ricketson; "The Library and Latin American Studies Programs," by Ward M. Morton, A. W. Bork and John G. W. McCord; "Facilities for Latin American Area Studies in the New York Metropolitan Region," by Adelaide M. Smith and Robert Kingery; "Statement on Public Law 480, Section 104 (n) Program," by Rutherford D. Rogers; and "Acquisition of Latin American Materials at the Los Angeles County Law Library" by William B. Stern. All of the working papers will be reproduced in the Final Report of the Fourth Seminar to be issued by the Library of Congress. Reports of the first three Seminars have been published and are available from the sponsoring institutions: The First Seminar, The University of Florida Library, Gainesville; the Second Seminar, University of Texas Library, Austin; the Third Seminar, University of California General Library, Berkeley.

The Fifth Seminar with the New York Public Library as host, will be devoted to the acquisition of library materials from the Caribbean area, the exchange of publications with Latin American institutions and a review of matters pending from earlier Seminars.

*Paleografía en la Universidad de Chile.* Por Rolando Mellafe. En el mes de marzo del año pasado los profesores Rolando Mellafe y Alvaro Jara, han comenzado a dictar un curso de Práctica Paleográfica, en el Instituto Pedagógico, Facultad de Filosofía y Educación de la Universidad de Chile. Su duración es de un año y está contemplado como un curso electivo, en el plan regular de los estudiantes de His-

toria y Geografía de la Universidad. Las clases tienen una finalidad práctica y se han planeado a base de lecturas de documentos fotografiados en el Archivo Nacional de Santiago, que se complementarán con uno o dos meses de práctica en el mismo Archivo.

*The Role of the Church in Contemporary Latin America.* A series of lectures on this topic was presented last July by Mundelein College and Loyola University in association with the Festival of the Americas. Sister Mary Crescentia, Luis Gálvez, Paul S. Leitz, Francis E. McMahon, and W. Eugene Shiels were among those participating.

*William P. Lyons Masters Essay Award.* The history department of Loyola University announces this national competition to recognize the best essay in any field of history submitted in manuscript form by students who receive their master's degree during the academic year, 1959-1960. A committee of scholars drawn from Loyola University and other universities in various fields of history will make the selection on the basis of style, method, use of original sources, and interpretation. The winning essay will be printed by Loyola University Press. The closing date for submission of manuscripts for the William P. Lyons Master's Essay Award will be July 15, 1960. It is planned to issue this award annually hereafter from 1960. Requests for further details and application should be submitted to Prof. Edward T. Gargan, Loyola University, Department of History, 6525 Sheridan Road, Chicago 26, Illinois.

*Personal News.* Harry Bernstein, Brooklyn College, has been appointed lecturer in Spanish at Columbia for 1959-1960 to give the graduate course on the history of Spanish American civilization.

Charles Gibson, State University of Iowa, has received a joint grant from the Rockefeller Foundation and the State University of Iowa for research on the colonial history of the Valley of

Mexico. He will have a leave of absence next year for archival work in Spain, France, Mexico, and the United States.

Jack D. L. Holmes was appointed assistant professor of history at McNeese State College, Lake Charles, Louisiana, on the completion of his doctorate at the University of Texas in June, 1959.

William Jeffrey, University of Maine, has been promoted to the rank of full professor.

Frederick E. Kidder has returned to the University of Florida, as assistant librarian. He is again editing the *Southeastern Latin Americanist*, organ of the Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies.

Eugene H. Korth, S. J., has been serving as chairman of the history department at Marquette University since September 1, 1959. Dr. Korth has established a Latin American Institute there, and has also introduced a minor in Latin American studies.

Lyle N. McAlister has been serving since last September as chairman of the department of history at the University of Florida.

Thomas F. McGann has received a summer research grant from the University of Texas for work on the social and economic aspects of the viceroyalty of Peru, 1542-1569.

Richard M. Morse, University of Puerto Rico, will serve as visiting lecturer on history at Harvard in March, and will deliver three lectures on Latin America as well as conduct two seminars on Brazil for the new Center for International Affairs.

Julian Nava has been elected Area Representative (in effect, department chairman) at San Fernando Valley State College, Northridge, California.

Theodore E. Nichols, Long Beach State College, has been promoted to the rank of associate professor.