

"It was the committee's judgment that this was the most outstanding dissertation among a highly competitive group. The dissertation's originality and creativity exemplify the best work of the late Leonard D. White. The author marshals his evidence with great skill, writes with style and has produced a manuscript that makes a significant contribution to the discipline. His conclusions may disappoint some groups in our society, but they offer hints and ways that these elements may strengthen their position in the system."

Franklin L. Burdette Pi Sigma Alpha Award

The Franklin L. Burdette Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the best paper presented at the 1979 Annual Meeting was presented to Bert A. Rockman of the University of Pittsburgh for his paper, "Constants, Cycles, Trends and Persons in Presidential Governance: Carter's Troubles Reviewed." The Selection Committee was composed of Norton Long, University of Missouri-St. Louis, Chairperson; Avery Leiserson, Vanderbilt University; and Barbara Sinclair, University of California, Riverside.

Project '87

Project '87, the joint program of the American Historical Association and the American Political Science Association, in honor of the Bicentennial of the Constitution, is continuing to support research and conferences, and is planning a series of education projects.

A fourth round competition for grants to support research on constitutional principles, structures and issues will be held in 1980-81. An announcement about the competition will be made by the Joint Committee that governs Project '87 later this fall.

Two conferences will be held in 1980-81:

(1) *A Conference on Teaching about the Constitution in American Secondary Schools*, October 28-31, hosted by the Social Studies Development Center, Indiana University, and organized by Howard Mehlinger, Director of the Center and a member of Project '87's Stage II Planning Committee; and Gwendolen M. Carter, Indiana University, and a member of the Joint Committee of Project '87. The conference has two objectives:

- To assess the status of teaching about the Constitution in American secondary schools, and
- To offer recommendations for needed programs and activities based upon assessment findings.

One of the presentations at the Conference is a review of history and government textbook treatments of the Constitution of the United States. The research for this review has been

conducted by John Patrick, Social Studies Development Center, Indiana University, and Richard Remy, Mershon Center, Ohio State University.

(2) *A Conference on Congress*, February 1-4 in Washington, D.C. Joseph Cooper, Rice University, is the Conference Coordinator. The topics and authors of the papers on Congress are:

Elections: Glen Parker, Florida State University, and Les Benedict, Ohio State University.

Careers: Sam Kernell, University of California at San Diego, and John Schmidhauser, Southern California.

Leadership: Larry Dodd, Indiana University, and Ballard Campbell, Northeastern University.

Institutions and Policy: Barbara Sinclair, University of California at Riverside, and Nobel Cunningham, University of Missouri.

Change and Adaptation: Heinz Eulau, Stanford University, and Jordan Schwartz, Northern Illinois University.

The Planning Committee for Stage II Activities of Project '87 submitted an agenda for education projects and activities to the Joint Committee last spring. The Committee members are: Erik Barnouw, Library of Congress; Patricia Bonomi, New York University; Gwendolen M. Carter, Indiana University; Samuel C. R. Holt, National Public Radio; Charles Lichenstein, consultant; Sheila Mann, APSA, Chairperson; Howard Mehlinger, Indiana University; Richard B. Morris, Columbia University; Warren I. Susman, Rutgers University; Richard R. W. Whittemore, Columbia University.

The Planning Committee's agenda was approved, and it is now developing specific projects to: (1) enhance and improve pre-collegiate teaching about the Constitution, constitutional principles and problems; (2) enrich college faculty knowledge of constitutional issues and structures through a series of summer seminars; and (3) extend public awareness and information about the Constitution and its applications through a series of presentations on National Public Radio that will be recorded for distribution to schools and colleges and also an instructional television program.

The Planning Committee is considering other activities such as educational efforts by museums and libraries, and scholarly presentations and conferences in other countries on the meaning and development of U.S. constitutional norms and procedures.

APSA Council Minutes

The Council met on May 2, 1980, at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C.