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REPRINT SERIES FROM THE JOURNAL

This is now the third Newsletter in which we have mentioned the series of reprints from the Canadian Journal of Political Science, and asked members to send in their choice of articles. The response has been very poor. Does this indicate that people do not think the series would be useful? Or does it merely show that people find it difficult to fill in forms? Please send in your suggestions, as the series cannot be a success without membership participation in the selection of articles. Just tear off the bottom of this page and sent it to the CPSA, c/o University of Ottawa, Ottawa K1N 6N5.

My choice of articles is:

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THE 1973 WORLD CONGRESS  
&  
THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

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With the World Congress of the International Political Science Association being held in Montreal in August 1973, a number of members have asked for additional background information about the IPSA and the Congress and Canadian participation in them.

The International Political Science Association

The IPSA was founded, with the aid of UNESCO, in 1949. It has consultative status with UNESCO and the Economic and Social Committee of the United Nations. Its main task is to sponsor the development of political science throughout the world. The main international activities of the Association are a triennial World Congress and intermittent Round Tables. The Congress in Canada is the first one to be held outside of continental Europe. The Round Tables bring together small groups of specialists on particular topics, are sponsored by the Association but hosted and financed by individual institutions in various countries. The two most recent Round Tables held in Canada were one on Experimental Techniques in Political Science at UBC in 1970 and another on Politics and Language held at Laval in 1972.

The IPSA has its official headquarters in Paris while its Secretariat resides with the Secretary-General, currently in Brussels. It is governed by a council formed of representatives of "Collective members" (national associations) or nominated individuals in countries where no association exists. This council meets at the time of each World Congress and also nominates an Executive Committee of fifteen members to run the affairs of the Association between Congresses. Befitting its role as the country with the second largest number of political scientists in the world, Canada was recently granted a third seat on the Council.

There are three types of membership in the IPSA: Collective members consisting of national associations; Associate members consisting of other national and international institutions interested in political science; and Individual members who are qualified political scientists. Individual membership costs ten dollars a year and, among other privileges, entitles the person to receive the International Bibliography of Political Science. For two dollars more, one may also obtain either the International Political Science Abstracts or the International Social Science Journal published by UNESCO. To join the Association send your name and a cheque to the International Political Science Association,  
27, rue Saint-Guillaume,  
Paris 7e, France.

Currently the President of the IPSA is Stein Rokkan and the Secretary-General is André Philippart. The Canadian representatives, nominated by the Board of Director of the Canadian Political Science Association and the Société canadienne de Science politique are Jean Laponce, Leon Dion and John Meisel. Jean Laponce is also on the IPSA Programme Committee.

#### The World Congress

The national associations of various countries invite the IPSA to hold its triennial World Congress in their country. They then become responsible for the local arrangements and for providing a certain quantity of funds for the organization of the Congress. However, the President of IPSA acts as Chairman of the Programme Committee and the International Association is entirely responsible for the Programme. Dissatisfied with the quantity of political science information received on host countries at past World Congresses, the IPSA delegated to Canada the responsibility of preparing a Canadian section for the 1973 Programme. Leon Dion and David Hoffman, Editors of the Canadian Journal of Political Science have been asked to organize this portion of the Programme which will consist of special evening sessions on the first three days of the Congress in Montreal. The President of the IPSA establishes a small Programme Committee which in turn selects rapporteurs-généraux to convene the various sessions and these persons in turn collect together the

"rapporteurs" who will actually present the papers.

The programme is divided into four sections. Habitually there are two major themes, one on international and one on domestic politics and each one of these themes is discussed under a number of specific headings which become "commissions" for which the individual rapporteurs généraux are responsible. Papers are both invited by the rapporteurs généraux and proposed to them by individual political scientists. The two major themes for the 1973 Congress are "Politics between Economy and Culture" for which Stein Rokkan is responsible and "Key Issues in International Conflict and Peace Research" for which Karl Deutsch is responsible. There was such a log-jam of papers at the last World Congress in Munich that it was decided this time to restrict the number of papers to be presented in each commission to ten, although other papers may be selected for distribution at the Congress. Each commission is allowed two working sessions of two and a half hours each to cover the papers that are being presented.

In addition to the two principal themes, and representing the ongoing developmental work of the IPSA, there are an additional number of sessions for Research Committees and Groups of Specialists. Research Committees are long-term, permanent committees adopted by the IPSA on the request of individual political scientists interested in a particular field of research that is actively being pursued in a number of countries. They have their own structure of chairmen and secretaries who look after continuing meetings of specialists working in these areas, Round Tables and meetings during the World Congresses. The Groups of Specialists might be called embryo research committees which have offered evidence that they are genuinely cross-national in character and that they have a prospect for continued co-operation. Each Research Committee is allowed three open sessions and space for closed sessions at the Congress, while each Group of Specialists is allowed one or two public sessions. (For the subject matter and details on the themes, Research Committees and Groups of Specialists, see the Congress Programme which is being distributed to each department of political science in Canada.)

Cost

On an exceptional basis, the national meeting of Canadian political scientists has been transferred from the Learned Societies meetings in June and the ACFAS meetings in October, so that they can be held this year at Sir George Williams University just prior to the World Congress, on August 18 and 19. This means that Canadian political scientists interested in attending our own meeting as well as the Congress will have to count on a stay of eight or nine days in Montreal. And Montreal is not the cheapest city in the world. In addition, there will be the regular registration fee of \$6.00 for the Canadian meetings as well as a \$30.00 registration fee for the World Congress. For those persons who do not register before July the 1st for the World Congress, there will be an additional registration fee of \$10.00. Finally, there is the cost of papers which, for the Canadian meetings will be .50¢ and for the International meetings \$1.00. A complete set of papers from the World Congress (for the two major themes, probably 150 to 200 papers) will cost \$50 although sets of papers for specific commissions can be purchased for \$5.00. Of course, this is to say nothing of the actual cost of getting to and from the Congress.

The CPSA has been aware for some time that this will place a heavy financial burden on Canadian political scientists. For two years now we have asked department chairmen to make sure that additional sums were placed in the travel budget for 1973 and we hope that they have acted on this suggestion. We have also asked that the regular travel grants that are made to us by the Canada Council and the SSRCC for the Learned Societies meetings be transferred to our annual meetings being held at the time of the World Congress. We have also requested a special additional grant this year to help take care of some of the extra travel and per diem costs that will be encountered because of the long stay in Montreal. However, we have not received any confirmation as yet on this second sum of money.

As in past years, we are requesting Canadian political scientists especially those participating in the Canadian or International meetings to draw first of all on their departmental travel funds. For those who for one reason or another are not able to obtain any or even a major portion of their expenses from their university, we will be accepting requests for travel grants which we will try and distribute as equitably as possible.

Mid-August is the high point of the tourist season in Montreal and although we have currently reserved blocks of hotel rooms, we will not be able to hold onto them right up to the Congress. This means that you should let us have your reservations as soon as possible. This will also help us with the organization and preparations for the Canadian meetings and the Congress. The preliminary programme for the World Congress and registration forms have been distributed to every department of political science in Canada and we hope that you will have received them by now. If you cannot obtain a copy through your department, please write the

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30 Stewart Street,  
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The holding of the World Congress in Canada is both a major challenge and opportunity for Canadian political scientists. We hope that everyone possible will plan to attend and to help us act as good hosts to our colleagues from around the world.

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Chairman,  
Canadian Organization Committee.

