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## ON THE FRONT BURNER/RAPPORT DU SECRETAIRE-TRESORIER DE L'ACSP

By the time you receive this "Bulletin" two months of 1982 will have already passed by. We in Ottawa are busy preparing for the Learned Societies meetings to be held in June (7,8,9.), and we hope that most of you will be here for this annual gathering of peers. I wish to touch upon several matters which are now receiving our attention and which will undoubtedly be major subjects for discussion at the Annual General Meeting.

(i) Relations with The Social Science Federation of Canada (SSFC).

In our November meeting at Ottawa both your Executive and Board (see CPSA Minutes, p. 11) voted by very narrow margins to recommend to you that the CPSA remain within the ranks of the SSFC. This recommendation will be brought before the Annual General Meeting where the issue will be fully debated and reasons given for the November recommendation. In order to give our members as much information as possible with which to make an intelligent decision, the Spring issue of "The Bulletin" will contain facts and arguments pertinent to the question.

(ii) Strategic granting and the use of new technologies in knowledge diffusion.

You will note that your Board voted (see Minutes p. 11) to support the SSHRCC budget proposals that were at that point before the appropriate cabinet committee. The Board's action was a holding one, to support requests for an adequate level of funding.

Over the past three years the Government of Canada has increasingly made it clear that it intends to foster strategic granting to both the physical and social sciences in Canada. Strategic granting is a direct financial intervention by the federal government to encourage research which is perceived to be in the national interest. In 1979 the Five Year Plan of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRCC) made strategic granting official to the social

science community by its clear assignment of priorities: (1) the support of independent research, (2) the encouragement of a "greatly expanded effort on research relating to themes of national importance" and (3) concern for better ways and means to foster knowledge diffusion to the scholarly community and the interested public.

This policy, as it has slowly taken form, has led to some real concerns about the weakening of basic research capacity in the social sciences. Statistical trends over the last decade indicate that the social sciences have been progressively decreasing in their share of research funding in Canada. Furthermore, it is equally demonstrated that academic social science research constitutes a declining proportion of total expenditures on social science research in this country. Strategic granting, it is feared in some quarters, would further distort these and other problems in the social sciences. These concerns led to the formation of a committee of three (Alan Cairns (U.B.C.), Michael Atkinson (McMaster), and myself as chair) to explore the consequences of strategic granting for the discipline and to formulate a position paper for our Association. I have been interviewing relevant officials in both the SSHRCC and the SSFC for necessary information and it is hoped that the committee will have a report to the Annual General Meeting in June.

The other issue related to priority #3 of the SSHRCC is the use of new technologies in knowledge diffusion. On this matter your association has taken a definite stand. Your board believes that any attempt to change the format of knowledge diffusion should be first thoroughly investigated. The November letter which was sent to members of the SSHRCC Academic Panel is reproduced in this Newsletter (p. 11) for the information of our members.

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(iii) Protocol Relationships with La Soci  t   (SQSP)

Some problems in our protocol relationships with La Soci  t   have led to your Board's striking a committee headed by Paul Fox (Erindale) to look into the matter. The issues involved and the committee's recommendations will in due course be communicated to you. In our last "Bulletin" I apologized for our inability to publish any material from La Soci  t  . You may recall that the SQSP was unable to meet our delayed deadline because of certain administrative and editorial difficulties in getting their news material for publication.

In late December La Soci  t   informed us that it wished to withdraw altogether from the co-publication of "The Bulletin". During the summer of 1981 we were made aware of SQSP's dissatisfaction with the newsletter: both the format and the quality of French were prime targets of criticism. During the summer months and into the fall I held a series of protracted negotiations with La Soci  t  's representatives on the matter and in early September it appeared that we had finally accommodated La Soci  t  's criticisms: the quality of the French and the format were to be the full responsibility of La Soci  t  , with certain veto powers as regards content to be left to the co-editors. Apparently this was not satisfactory to La Soci  t  . The

request for withdrawal contends that despite the improvements to "The Bulletin", this publication still does not meet the expectations and the needs of La Soci  t  's members. This request for withdrawal has been referred to the Fox Committee for consideration. La Soci  t   has not provided us with any material up to the time this "Bulletin" goes to press.

A remarkable individual contribution to our academic community should be noted here. Alain Gagnon and James Bickerton, both graduate students at Carleton University, have volunteered literally weeks of their time (backed up by the administrative help of our office here) to prepare a new Index to The Canadian Journal of Political Science. It will be made up of a thematic index of all published articles, (categorized in a non-exclusive fashion); an index of book reviews (arranged alphabetically by author of the book); and a cumulative index of all published articles (again presented alphabetically by author). The timing of this herculean effort is really extraordinary for the Editorial Board has just had to announce that the Journal's cumulative index will have to be omitted from its traditional place in subsequent issues. We will inform you in the Spring "Bulletin" as to how you may get a copy of this important new publication. Meanwhile, our admiring thanks to the authors.

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## AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

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RICHARD NEVILLE SPANN (1916-1981)

Our members will be saddened to learn of the death of Dick Spann, which occurred in Sydney last July. Spann's untimely death ended a distinguished career in the teaching and study of political science and public administration in Australia. We extend our sincere sympathies to the Australian political science community on their loss. V. Subramanian, who was his student and friend, writes the following:

### A Personal Tribute

Dick Spann will long be remembered by his students, friends, and colleagues. As editor of the Australian Journal of Public Administration for two decades, Dick not only nurtured Australian scholarships in the field but won for it very quickly international recognition. Editors of contemporary journals respected it highly. (Sir Norman) D.N. Chester of Public Administration (London) spoke highly of the Australian Journal and Public Administration Review (U.S.A.) approvingly referred to it often and indeed popularized Dick's quotable quote, "Public Administration has no sex-appeal".

Personally I owe the early recognition of my research work to Dick's quick judgement and Professor R.S. Parker's encouragement. Within six months of my registering for my Ph.D., Dick accepted for publication my first article on the integration of the Commonwealth Public Service, and well before my final doctoral examination, he published four of my articles in quick succession and with unreserved approval. On a more personal note, I enjoyed his friendship and hospitality and on a crucial occasion of personal crisis, his sympathy and sense of humor helped to tide me over.

Spending my sabbatical year (July 80 - July 81) in Sydney enabled me to see quite a bit of Dick during the last year of his life. Along with several others I was glad to contribute an article to the Festschrift issue of the AJPA honoring him and Parker. Dick Spann will long be remembered by those who knew him and loved him.

signed  
V. Subramanian  
(Carleton)

MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALASIAN POLITICAL SCIENCE  
ASSOCIATION

deplore the relative lack of support for university and other tertiary education, teaching and research activities by the Commonwealth government as measured by actual or prepared measures including:

1. stagnating or declining funding for tertiary institutions
2. stagnating or declining funding for ARGC
3. stagnating or declining funding for TEAS and increasingly strict regulations governing their availability
4. stagnating or declining funding for and the taxation of graduate fellowships
5. the introduction of fees for first term graduate students
6. the introduction of sales tax on books
7. and the high cost of postage fees for professional journals

Especially in the long run, such measures threaten the viability and quality of university education in general and of profession of political science in particular, and they made even more difficult the more equitable treatment of younger and women members of the profession with respect to entry into or promotion within tertiary institutions. Therefore, members of APSA request that the Commonwealth government take correct measures to reverse such lack of support.

SOUNDS FAMILIAR?

## RIO 1982

We would encourage all participants in the IPSA Conference to contact travel agents in their own communities to find the best air travel fares available to take them to the Rio Congress. We have had virtually no response to our inquiries about members' participation and therefore have no way of knowing how many Canadians will be participating, or indeed who they will be, until IPSA publishes its list in April. It is not possible, therefore, for us to make any group arrangements with any specific carrier. We do know, however, and for example, that a better deal may be available if you are able to leave through New York and with the American contingent flying Pan Am. Argentine Airlines, who also fly out of Montreal, seem as well to have a better fare deal than has Varig, to whom Melia Tours will direct you. Your travel agent can investigate this and inform you.

IPSA does not plan centrally-organised post-conference tours of the sort you may be used to at the Learned's. If you are interested in this sort of arrangement you will have to deal through your agent. If your agent or you need advice on the sort of thing available we would suggest that you contact Liette Boucher at IPSA, who has tried to centralize conference information for all of the associations involved and can guide you. Melia Tours does have a package but we understand it to be tied to their flight arrangements with Varig and it may not be the most advantageous - depending on what other arrangements you may wish to make.

## VANIER MEDAILLE D'OR A J.E. HODGETTS

Lors d'une cérémonie à sa résidence, le 6 novembre 1981 à Ottawa, Son Excellence le Gouverneur-général Ed Schreyer a présenté à M. John E. (Ted) Hodgetts, ancien président de l'ACSP, la médaille d'or Vanier de l'Institut canadien d'Administration publique. Au-delà de cent invités -des universitaires, des haut-fonctionnaires, des parents et des amis -ont assisté à la cérémonie. La médaille Vanier, ainsi nommée en l'honneur de feu le Gouverneur général Georges Vanier, est remise comme témoignage de plus haut hommage à une personne qui a apporté une contribution remarquable à l'administration publique canadienne. 1981 marquait la première occasion où la récompense était décernée à un universitaire pour sa contribution académique à l'étude des politiques d'administration publique au Canada. Le Gouverneur-général a ajouté une note personnelle à la remise officielle en rappelant qu'à ses débuts comme chargé de cours à l'Université, il était redevable lui aussi aux écrits de Ted Hodgetts. Nous offrons au Dr. Hodgetts nos sincères félicitations pour cet honneur bien mérité.

On November 6th 1981 at a ceremony at Government House, Ottawa, presided over by Governor-General Ed Schyrer, John E. ("Ted") Hodgetts, a past President of the CPSA, was awarded the Vanier Gold Medal of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada. Well over 100 guests: academics, senior public servants, family and friends attended the ceremony. The Vanier medal, named in honor of the late Governor-General Georges Vanier, is presented as the highest tribute to a person who has made a signal contribution to Canadian public administration. The 1981 presentation marked the first time that the medal was awarded to an academic for his scholarly contribution to the study of public policy and administration in Canada. The Governor-General added a personal touch to the formal presentation when he noted that in his earlier days as a university lecturer he too owed an intellectual debt to the writings of Ted Hodgetts. Our sincere congratulations go out to Dr. Hodgetts for a well deserved honor.

# POSTES VACANTES/ VACANCIES

## CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Applications are invited for a full-time position at the Assistant or Associate level commencing September 1982. Applicants should have completed the Ph.D., have teaching experience and a firmly established publication record. Expertise is sought in the areas of public policy and public administration, with emphasis on Quebec and Canada. A knowledge of the Quebec milieu and the french language is desirable. Candidates would be expected to teach at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. Only Canadians or permanent residents need apply for this position. Send full curriculum vitae and the names of three referees to:

Dr. Everett M. Price, Chairman  
Department of Political Science  
Concordia University  
7141 Sherbrooke St. West  
Montreal, P.Q. H4B 1R6

Deadline for application: when position is filled.

## UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

Subject to budgetary considerations, applications are invited for three or more one-year limited term appointments for the 1982-83 academic year (July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983). Preference will be given to candidates capable of teaching in two or more of the following areas: Introductory Politics, Canadian politics, Business and Government Relations, Public Administration, International Relations, Comparative Politics, Political Theory.

Applicants should have a Ph.D. or be near completion. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

"Canadian Immigration regulations require that only Canadians or Landed Immigrants to Canada need apply for this position."

Deadline for Applications: February 1, 1982.

Address applications to:

Dr. M.W. Westmacott  
Chairman  
Department of Political Science  
Social Science Centre  
University of Western Ontario  
London, Ontario, Canada N6A 5C2

## YORK UNIVERSITY

The Department wishes to make two new junior tenure-track appointments commencing July 1982, pending budget approval.

AREAS OF INTEREST: One position is in International Relations. Preference will be given to candidates who have a specialized competence in contemporary I.R. theory, with research experience in foreign policy analysis and/or international political economy. (con't...)

The second position is in Public Policy and Administration. A condition of eligibility for this position is a specialized competence in empirical theory and methodology, and experience in quantitative public policy analysis.

QUALIFICATIONS: Successful candidates should be qualified and willing to teach introductory courses in these fields, and general introductory courses to the discipline as a whole, as well as upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses in their specialties. Successful candidates must also show clear promise of research productivity, as indicated by the Ph.D. or equivalent and by coherent research objectives. This advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and landed immigrants.

APPLICATION: Send curriculum vitae and the names of three referees to:

Professor H.M. Stevenson  
Chairman  
Department of Political Science  
York University  
4700 Keele Street  
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M3J 1P3

DEADLINE: When position filled

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