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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

We are now a non-profit corporation having been incorporated under the laws of the State of California on August 7. This was a major hurdle in our quest for foundation funds and should provide us with many additional benefits in the future.

The foundation request for funds to underwrite our proposed study of the status of teaching and research in criminology is proceeding slowly. Many unanticipated details have arisen but the final proposal should go forth early in November.

Preliminary Announcement:

Annual Conference: February 1 and 2, 1959
 University of Arizona-Tuscon
 Host - Vice President Clyde Vedder.

- JOHN P. KENNEY

REMARKS OF
CENTRAL VICE PRESIDENT

--Richard A. Myren

Our membership drive is beginning to bear fruit although it is still essentially in the organizational stage. The following have consented to serve as membership chairmen of their states: Joe N. Baker, Kansas; Ray Galvin, Illinois; James M. Reinhardt, Nebraska; Robert H. Scott, Michigan; and Rolland N. Soule, Kentucky. Everyone in the Society is urged to send the names of candidates to these gentlemen. Their addresses can be obtained from your printed copy of the constitution or by contacting the Central Vice President. Invitations have been extended to individuals in Indiana, Iowa and Missouri to serve in this capacity, but answers have not yet been received. A special

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REMARKS OF
SOUTHERN VICE PRESIDENT

--Vernon Fox

The remarks from the Southern Vice President should be in a Southern drawl, but I cannot put that on paper! Actually, provincialism is disappearing rapidly here as it is in most parts of the country, with a few evidences of lag here and there. The last of the stripes appear to be in this section of the country, along with the last of the road gangs.

Segregation is a major problem here as it is in most of the penal institutions everywhere in America, not only for disciplinary and treatment purposes, but cultural as well. Cultural segregation on the basis of

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problem exists in Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin since we have no members in these states. I would welcome suggestions as to possible applicants in these areas.

To make district membership more meaningful, the first annual central district meeting has been scheduled at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, on November 29 and 30, 1958. The following program has been arranged:

Saturday, November 29

- 1:00 - 1:30 Registration--Indiana University Memorial Union.
- 1:30 - 3:00 "Police Training Developments in This District" - Professor R. F. Borkestein, Indiana University, Chairman, Department of Police Administration Director, Center for Police Training.
- 3:00 - 3:30 Coffee Hour
- 3:30 - 5:00 "Corrections Training Developments in This District" Warden Donald M. Byington, Federal Penitentiary, Terra Haute, Indiana.
- 6:00 - 7:00 Fellowship Hour
- 7:30 Banquet
"Inter-Relationships in Police and Correctional Work"
Mr. G. F. Denton, Director, Parole Division, Indiana Department of Correction.

Sunday, November 30

10:30 - 12:00 Business Meeting

Agenda:

1. Formal district organization.
2. Drafting of nominating petitions to be forwarded to the national nominating committee for the offices of president, central vice president, secretary-treasurer, and member-at-large.
3. Drafting of an invitation to hold the 1960 annual conference in this district.
4. Drafting of suggestions for the 1959 program of the Society.
5. Drafting of a proposal that part of the annual dues of the district members be retained in the district for district activity.

An annual district conference of this type should make membership in the Society more worthwhile. Members for other districts will be more than welcome. Reservations may be made with me addressed to the Department of Police Administration, Indiana University.

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race, nationality, religion, and background has its proponents and opponents in every State. There are also sound arguments in favor of diffusion of smaller groups in the entire body politic, whether it be police force, prison, or party. The expression of opinion from the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government elected by the people is not a provincial one and generally favors diffusion of cultures. Some prisons in this section of the country are completely integrated; others are partially integrated by opportunistically recognizing their mandate; the majority are still completely segregated and consider it dangerous to security to do otherwise.

The Southern Police Institute at Louisville, Kentucky is in a northern district, or rather, central, as far as the American Society of Criminology is concerned. Kentucky was a "borderline" state during the Civil War and when you get as far north as Louisville, I guess there could be a question as to section. At any rate, this section is thereby deprived of claim to a good school in law enforcement. To fill this gap, Florida State University has introduced a program in law enforcement and police science on a very modest scale. The responsibility for its development will rest in the hands of Dr. Elliott Rudwick, who was added to the faculty for this purpose.

Dean Donal E. J. MacNamara, Eastern Vice President, made a hit with the policemen, sheriffs, juvenile court counselors, educators, & mental health workers that participated in Florida's Delinquency Control Institute. They have requested that he be brought back under any pretext.

NOTES FROM THE
COMMITTEE ON COMPARATIVE
CRIMINOLOGICAL RESEARCH

--Marcel Frym, Chairman

I am pleased to announce the publication of Juvenile Violence in California, a report of the Advisory Committee on Crime Prevention to the Attorney General of California. This is the product of a careful study by a group of noted experts in the field over a period of years. Members of the ASC are invited to request, if interested, copies of this report, which was nationally quoted, by writing to the office of the Attorney General of California, State Building, San Francisco.

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NOTES FROM THE
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

--A. C. Germann, Chairman

We are pleased to inform you that the membership drive for 1958 is approaching its peak. Since its inception early in the year, we have nearly doubled our membership rolls. We do not wish, however, to inspire any complacency. Therefore, any member who knows of a likely candidate is urged to submit his name to the membership committee, and a letter of invitation to membership will be sent. Send names to:

Dr. A. C. Germann,
Long Beach State College,
Long Beach 4, California.

For copies of the constitution and by-laws, or for application blanks, write to

Professor William Dienstein
Fresno State College,
Fresno, California

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PENOLOGY SECTION

The published research reports of psychologists working within the area of prison classification and rehabilitation have appeared in increasing numbers within the last few years. A survey of recent issues of psychological journals reveals two articles that appear to be worthy of serious consideration by those concerned with the scientific classification and treatment of prison inmates.

(1) M. H. Applezweig (Connecticut College), A. S. Dibner, (Clark Univ.) and R. L. Osborne (New York City) writing in the January, 1958, issue of the Journal of Clinical Psychology present a 140 item true-false questionnaire designed to psychometrically identify psychopathic behavior. Employing a cutting score technique, they were able to employ the questionnaire to identify 77 per cent of 95 psychopaths drawn from the inmate population of a state reformatory and a state alcoholic clinic. The 140 items composing the questionnaire are concerned with life experiences and attitudes in six general areas: criminalism, emotional instability, inadequate personality, sexual psychopathy, nomadism, and "other" psychopathic traits. Separate sub-scale scores are readily obtainable in the six general areas, however, further validation will be required before the use of these sub-scale scores can be recommended.

(2) G. F. Harding, (Division of Mental Health, Territory of Hawaii), W. C. Halz (Peoria State Hospital), and D. Kawakami (U. S. Army) writing in the April, 1958 issue of the Journal of Clinical Psychology introduced a 26-item scale designed to differentiate between schizophrenic and acute decompensation reactions of character
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disorder (inadequate personality, anti-social personality, emotional instability reaction, etc.). The scale is empirically derived from an item analysis of the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory, a multiple personality test which is rapidly gaining stature among prison testing programs. The authors point to the complexity of correct diagnosis where such symptoms as emotional blunting, confused thinking, vague hallucinatory experiences, and ideas of reference are found in both schizophrenic and character disorder. The authors correctly emphasize the need to be able to distinguish between these two disorders within institutional programs where psychiatric services are limited and where secondary gain through illness is an ever present problem. The 26-item scale successfully identified 79 percent of 28 hospitalized schizophrenics and 81 percent of 48 military character disorder cases. The scale should prove its usefulness in situations of stress which tend to create acute decompensation and where the individual may seek secondary gains through illness - real or imaginary.

-- J. H. Panton

The State of Connecticut has just published the final report of its Prison Study Committee entitled, A Unified System of Correction. Students of prison organization and administration will find this handbook of interest.

For copies, write to:

Office of the Warden,
Connecticut State Prison,
Wethersfield 9, Connecticut.

-- Editor

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POLICE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

Much has been said and written in recent years concerning police-fire integration. Unfortunately, a great deal of this discussion has been charged with emotionality and self-interest. In this era of constantly increasing demands for public services and spiraling costs for the provision of these services, the student of police administration should take care to study closely any new approach dealing with public safety problems. My desire here is not to foster the adoption of integrated programs throughout the country but to caution people of influence in this field not to dismiss new ideas simply because they do not follow traditional lines. The fact is that police-fire integration has succeeded in some areas and failed in others. The question is, "Why did it succeed or fail?" This question cannot be answered simply. Careful study of the actual situation is needed, and when a tentative conclusion is reached, it should be accepted with a "show me" attitude. Then and only then, may we be able to glean the chaff from the wheat.

For those of you who wish to follow-up on these remarks, I suggest:

James, Charles. A Frontier of Municipal Safety. Chicago: Public Administration Service, 1955.

Or, contact directly Evanston, Ill.; Glencoe, Ill.; Milton-Freewater, Ore.; Oak Park, Mich.; Sunnyvale, Calif.; and Winston-Salem who have had some success with one form of integration or another. Buena Park and Hawthorne, California abandoned integration, and Peoria, Illinois conducted a study of integration and as a result turned down the plan.

-- Editor

NEWS AND NOTES

A. F. Brandstatter participated in an Institute for Police Training Officers at the New York Police Academy between September 8th and 19th.

Marcel Frym has been appointed as Coordinator of Studies for the Advisory Committee on Crime Prevention to the Attorney General of California. The Committee's present project is "A Study of Treatment Facilities for Delinquent Youth."

A. C. Germann will address the 65th Annual Conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police on "Police Training--Pre-recruit to Retirement" at Miami Beach in late October.

J. P. Kenney coordinated a six-week program in "International Police Problems" at the University of Southern California this summer. Visiting Professors were: Byron Engle, I.C.A., Lee Speer, Federal Bureau of Narcotics, Col. Russell Snook, I.A.C.P. Training Director, all from Washington, D.C.

Bill Melnicoe and Al Germann served as staff members for the Southern California Peace Officers' Technical Institute at U.C.L.A. during August.

Captain E. A. Petty, USAF, has been assigned to duty in Okinawa.

Carroll Price has received an appointment as Instructor in Police Science at Long Beach State College and will join the staff this fall.

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J. E. Rytten and R. L. Soule spoke before the International Association for Identification in Miami last July. Mr. Rytten discussed "Public Opinion and the Identification Services," and Mr. Soule dealt with "Visual Aids in Teaching Personal Identification."

There has been a realignment of the faculty at Indiana University with R. F. Borckenstein, formerly Director of the Indiana State Police Laboratory assuming the duties of Chairman of the Department of Police Administration and Director of the Center for Police Training. A. R. Matt has been appointed as Assistant Director of the Center. The staff also includes Associate Professors D. L. Kooken and R. A. Myren and Assistant Professors M. G. McCann and J. A. Mears.

Your Publications Chairman thanks the above for notifications of their activities and invites the entire membership to do the same for future issues of the Newsletter.

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NOTICE: Bill Melnicoe who is serving as ASC Curricula Information Officer informs me that he has prepared an extensive questionnaire to compile data concerning criminology programs. This questionnaire will be distributed within the next few months. Your completion and prompt return of it will be greatly appreciated. In doing so, you will be fostering a very important facet of the ASC program, the dissemination of information about existing law enforcement and corrections programs.

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Hoy, Vernon L. The Police Specialist in District Stations. Los Angeles: School of Public Administration, University of Southern California, 1958.

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Kenney, John P. Study of Space Requirements of the Santa Barbara City Police Department. Los Angeles: The Mangore Corporation, 1958.

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