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On the 23rd June, the Department suffered a grievous loss by the death of Professor Leicester Webb in a motor accident. He was the founding member and Head of the Department from his appointment to the University in 1950 as Reader in Political Science. He was elected to the newly created Chair of Political Science in 1956, and was primarily responsible for the growth of its staff and the broad pattern of its research programmes until the middle of this year, when he was cut off at the height of his own scholarly activities and powers. His career is noted at more length elsewhere in the University Report.

Staff Changes

On the resignation of Mrs. Marlene Hindley in June, Miss Geraldine O'Connell was appointed Research Assistant to continue basic compilations for the Department's projected <u>Handbook of Australian Politics</u>, 1890-1962.

Mrs. Patricia Corbett and Mrs. Nina Heathcote were appointed as part-time Research Assistants in September.

Mrs. Mary Louise Nicholas was appointed in April as Departmental Assistant in charge of the Department's Newspaper Service, in place of Mrs. P. Corbett, resigned.

Mr. J. Normington-Rawling was appointed a Visiting Fellow for one year, to complete the writing of a book on the history of the Australian Communist Party up to 1945.

Students

Mr. Glenn Barclay, a research scholar enrolled for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, resigned his scholarship in May to return to his work in the New Zealand Treasury. He completed and submitted for examination in December his thesis on United Kingdom policies in relation to the European Common Market.

Mr. J. D. Playford, B.A., also completed his thesis for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and submitted it for examination. His work was concerned with the Communist Party in Australian politics since 1945.

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Mr. D. A. Aitkin, M.A., continued his study of Country Party strategy in selected electorates of New South Wales, undertaking extensive field work during the State General Election campaign in March, and also at later periods.

Mr. C. M. Tatz, M.A., spent most of the year on extensive field-work in the Northern Territory and Queensland in connection with his research project for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy on the administration of aboriginal policy in the Northern Territory. He also had published a book, based on his thesis for the degree of Master of Arts in the University of Natal, and articles in Australian periodicals.

Mr. G. L. Kristianson, B.A., a graduate of the University of British Columbia, was enrolled as a research scholar for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy for a project on the pressure group activities of the Returned Servicemen's League of Australia. The League has granted full facilities for his work.

Captain Dante Simbulan, M.A., a graduate of the University of the Philippines, was enrolled as a research scholar for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, his thesis subject being "a study of the socio-economic elite in Philippine politics and government, 1946-63". In December he began a period of twelve months' field work in the Philippines.

Mr. Milton Lewis, B.A., a graduate of the University of New South Wales at Newcastle University College, was enrolled as a research scholar, his topic for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy being a study of British Labour Party attitudes and policies towards the European Common Market.

Mr. R. M. Harney, B.A., a graduate of the University of Queensland, was awarded a research scholarship for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He has taken up his scholarship but his research topic is still under consideration.

Miss Sondra Silverman, holder of a Master of Arts degree of the New School of Social Research, New York, who had spent a year as a Fulbright Scholar in this School's Department of Law, was awarded a research scholarship for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, her proposed topic being legal, political and philosophical aspects of the right of resistance in democratic societies.

Miss Isabel Eastwood, B.A., an officer of the Australian Broadcasting Control Board, was appointed a Public Service Fellow for one year to undertake a study of the issue of television station licences and the control of standards and content of television programmes in Australia.

Research Activities

At the time of his death, Professor Webb had drafted a substantial part of a book on contemporary Italian party politics and was rounding off his contribution to the study of S.E.A.T.O., now published under the editorship of Dr. J. Modelski, Department of International Relations. It is hoped that a means may be found of getting some of Professor Webb's unpublished writings into print.

Mr. Parker continued his work on Australian public administration, with special reference to executive recruitment and development.

Mr. Burns returned in July from study leave in the United Kingdom. There he worked at the headquarters of "Political and Economic Planning", the Royal Institute of International Affairs, and the Institute for Strategic Studies. He also visited the headquarters of the European Economic Community in Brussels, and took part in the London Conference of the British Political Studies Association, the Bailey Conference on International Relations, and the Bad Gödesberg Conference of the Institute for Strategic Studies. Dr. Hughes was engaged in supervising the assembling of material for the Department's projected <u>Handbook of Australian Politics</u>, <u>1890-1962</u>; in preparatory work for a survey study of the forthcoming Queensland general election; in a study of Australian political party finances for an international symposium to be published as a special number of the <u>Journal of</u> <u>Politics</u>; and in a case study on administration in the Northern Territory for a projected case-book to be edited by Drs. D. C. Corbett and B. B. Schaffer.

Dr. Graham spent from December 1961 to May 1962 on field work in India, where he studied the election campaign in Uttar Pradesh and also worked on the Bharatija Jana Sangh, a Hindu party. He is also preparing his study of the early Country Party movement in Australia for publication.

Dr. Caiden completed the first draft of his "Introductory History of the Commonwealth Public Service, 1901-1961", also a case study on civil service rights of public comment for the case-book mentioned above. He prepared articles for publication on "Sir F. W. Eggleston's Reflections on Administration "The Postal Strike of 1956", and the early career of D. C. McLachlan (first Commonwealth Public Service Commissioner). Dr. Caiden also assisted two Commonwealth Public Service staff associations in compiling histories for their Golden Jubilee Year.

Other Activities

The late Professor Webb gave a lecture on "The Teaching Profession" to the Australian College of Education in Melbourne, and also lectured on "The New Risorgimento" to honours students in the Departments of History and Political Science in the University of Tasmania.

Mr. Parker was appointed a member of the Interim Council set up by the Minister of Territories to plan an Administrative College for the Territories of Papua and New Guinea; he attended the Council's first meeting in Port Moresby in June. He lectured at the Melbourne University Summer School of Business Administration, the annual meeting of the Victorian Branch of the Australian Institute of Management, and the Fifth Annual Convention of the Australian Groups of the Royal Institute of Public Administration; as well as lecturing to the usual senior administrative courses of the Commonwealth Public Service. He served on a committee set up as a result of last year's Conference on Sources for Australian Studies to plan a bibliographical Guide to Sources for Australian Studies held in public and private libraries and elsewhere. He continued as Hon. Secretary of the Social Science Research Council, Chairman of the Research School of Social Sciences Archives Committee, and President of the A.C.T. Group of the Royal Institute of Public Administration.

Mr. Burns delivered in November the Sir Robert Garran Oration of the A.C.T. Group of the Royal Institute of Public Administration, taking as his subject "Politics and Administration in the European Economic Community".

Dr. Hughes was briefed as leading counsel for the Police Committee of the Bahamas House of Assembly to appear before a statutory commission of inquiry into the Bahamas Police Force, and was granted leave from the University for this purpose in May-June. He addressed meetings of the Canberra Branch of the Australian Institute of International Affairs on "The West Indies: Three Nations or One?"; and of the Sub-committee on the United Nations and the Americas of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Commonwealth Parliament, on "U.S. Foreign Policy Formation".

Dr. Caiden gave lectures and seminars at the University of Adelaide on "The History of the Commonwealth Public Service", "The Empirical Origins of Administrative Theory before 1850", "Leadership in Administration" and "The Study of Comparative Government". He also acted as Joint Organiser with Mr. Ian Wilson of the Department of Political Science of the School of General Studies, of the August Conference of the Australian Political Studies Association.

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This Department acted jointly with the Department of Political Science in the School of General Studies in planning and organising the Political Studies Association Conference in Canberra; and also in the conduct of two joint seminars, on "comparative federalism" and "labour and democratic socialist policies" respectively. Papers were presented by Dr. Hughes in the first seminar on "The West Indian Federation" and in the second by Professor Webb on "What is 'Left'?" and by Mr. Parker on "The Left, Socialism and Industrial Democracy".

In the School seminar on the Sociclogy of Power, papers were read by Dr. Graham on "Interest Groups" and by Mr. Parker on "Power in Australia." Dr. Hughes also took an active part in the History Department seminar on "The British Commonwealth".

During the year, as a result of an agreement between the Director of the School, Mr. Roy Morgan (Principal of Australian Public Opinion Polls), the Economics Department and this Department, arrangements were made to transfer copies of the punched card records of the Australian Gallup public opinion surveys to this Department for custody and use by research workers along with the complete records of Australian election results since 1890 which are being compiled on punched cards as part of the <u>Political Handbook</u> operation.

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