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PROFESSOR S. F. NADEL

Siegfried Frederick Stephen Nadel, Professor of Anthropology and Sociology, and Dean of the School of Pacific Studies, died suddenly at his home on January 14th, 1956. His death is a tragic loss for a young University to which he devoted his great scholarship and his inexhaustible enthusiasm and energy for the last six years of his outstandingly fruitful life. His colleagues and students throughout the world will mourn the passing of so eminent a man, while those who worked with him in this University, and those others in Canberra to whom he gave his friendship, will know a deep and abiding sorrow. They will miss sorely the inspiration, the leadership and the deep understanding he gave in all matters of scholarship and culture. His wife was his colleague in all his ventures and to her, and to their daughter, they give their deep sympathy.

Dr. Freeman, Senior Fellow in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, has prepared the following biographical note.

Professor Nadel was born in Austria in 1903. He was one of the greatest figures of contemporary British social anthropology: a profound and incisive thinker, he has had a decisive influence on the subject to which he devoted his exceptional talents. He held doctorates both in psychology (from Vienna) and anthropology (from London), and in his writings he ranged widely over the whole field of social anthropology. After training under Bronislaw Malinowski he undertook his first anthropological fieldwork during the years 1934-37 in the Nupe Kingdom of Nigeria. From this research came two outstanding books: "A Black Byzantium", (1942) and "Nupe Religion", (1954). Later as Government Anthropologist in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, he carried out prolonged researches among the remote tribes of the Nuba Mountains and among the Beni Amer, on the border of Eritrea and the Sudan, and in the highlands of Ethiopia. His book "The Nuba", (1947) is a brilliant comparative study

of no fewer than ten different hill peoples. During the war, as a member of the British Army, he fought in the campaign in Eritrea and, later with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel he served in the British Military Government of Eritrea and Tripolitania both as Political Officer and Secretary for Native Affairs. In 1946 he was awarded the Wellcome Medal for his anthropological writings based on his war-time experiences and four years later he received the high honour of the Rivers Memorial Medal of the Royal Anthropological Institute for his field researches in Nigeria and the Sudan.

After the war, Dr. Nadel returned to England. He was Senior Lecturer in the University of London and then Reader in Anthropology at the University of Durham; and wrote on the long and fruitful years he had spent working among African peoples.

Soon after this he was invited to occupy the first Chair of Anthropology at the Australian National University; he arrived in Canberra in January, 1951. That same year perhaps his most important work, "The Foundations of Social Anthropology" was published. This highly significant book holds a unique place in the literature of Social Anthropology; with it, as many have said, Social Anthropology came of age as a science. Only a week before his death a second book on the theory of Social structure was completed and it is likely that this will prove equally significant in its own way.

After coming to Canberra, Professor Nadel received many invitations to visit and lecture at other Universities and travelled widely. In 1952 he played a leading role in the International Symposium on Anthropology of the Wenner-Gren Foundation, New York; in 1953 he represented his University at the Eighth Pacific Congress in Manila and later was consultant to a conference on the teaching of the Social Sciences in Southeast Asia held in Delhi.

THE JOHN CURTIN SCHOOL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH

Progress in the construction of the John Curtin School of Medical Research is still being maintained at a high level, and providing that no unforeseen difficulties are encountered it is anticipated that the building will be ready for occupation about September of this year.

The accompanying photograph was taken on 1st November, 1955, precisely one year after commencement of the main contract, and during this period expenditure on building work and services totalled £600,000.

Mechanical and electrical services and plumbing are well advanced, while most of the ductwork for ventilation and air-conditioning is already complete.

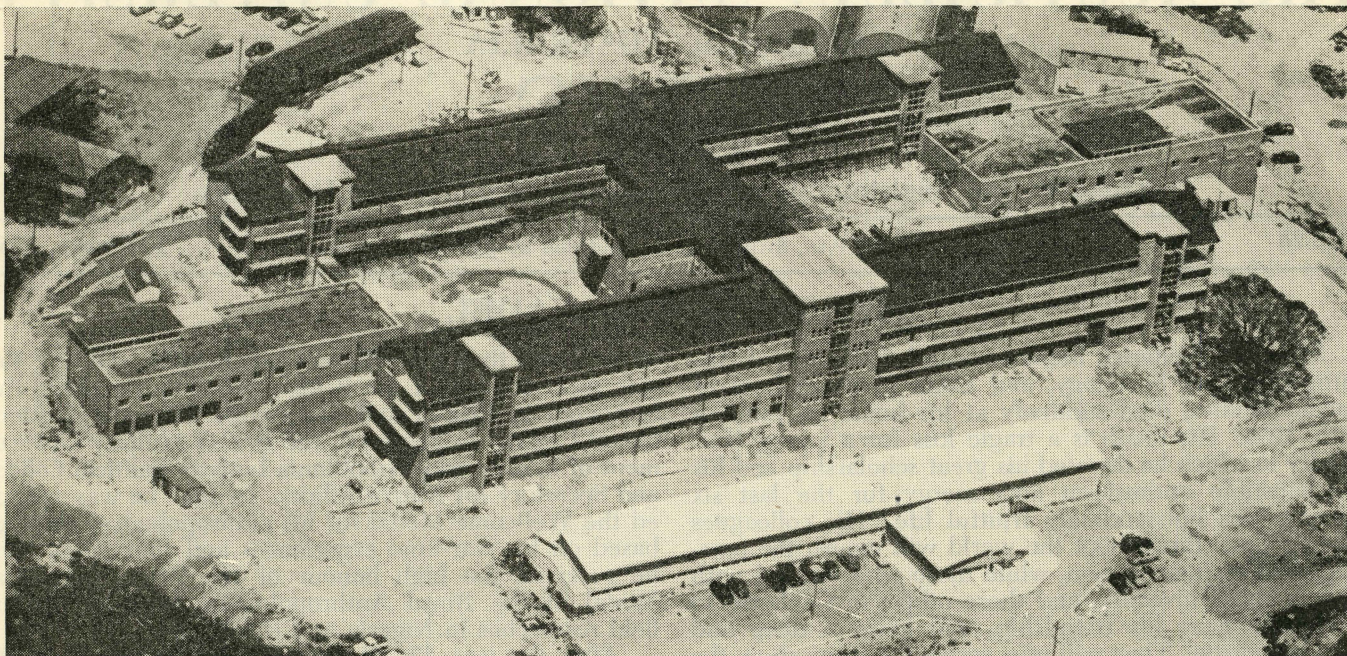
The main switchboard is in position and the underground low tension cables of about 1,200 amps. capacity are at present being connected between the Medical

School and the sub-station at the School of Physical Sciences. The four lifts in the building are completed to the stage of testing which will be done when the power supply is complete.

Connections to the water main in Garran Road have also been made so that with completion of the Central Boiler House, all services will be available to the Medical School building.

Contracts for the supply of equipment and prime cost items have all been let and substantial deliveries from most of the suppliers are already on the site.

With the completion of the main structure, work is now being concentrated on fitting-out, and a laboratory in the Biochemistry Department has been set up as a sample room complete with all fittings, benches and laboratory furniture.



The Medical School Workshops have made a notable contribution to the task of fitting out the building by their construction of some fine examples of prototype equipment and furniture to the designs of Mr. Frederick Ward. Among these, such items as the interchangeable underbench furniture and the fume cupboards have aroused keen interest in the University of Melbourne and the N.S.W. University of Technology, both of which are also engaged in the construction of new laboratories.

Many visitors to the site have enquired about the reason for the design of the roof which, on each of the

wings, forms a continuous vent at the ridge. It will be appreciated that with nearly 70 fume cupboards and numerous other exhaust openings for waste gases, together with vents from the 1,400 sinks and drains, the number of individual pipes appearing through the roof would have been most unsightly. Messrs. Mussen, Mackay and Potter therefore designed this rather attractive architectural feature to accommodate the exhaust ducts and vents which otherwise could not have been concealed.

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COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Re-appointment of Deans

The Council at its meeting in October re-appointed Professor Ennor as Dean of the John Curtin School of Medical Research, and the Standing Committee in December re-appointed Professor Sawyer as Dean of the Research School of Social Sciences.

Marshal and Esquire Bedell

Professor J. C. Jaeger has been appointed University Marshal and Professor H. Burton Esquire Bedell for a period of one year from 1st January, 1956.

Travelling Scholarships

Travelling Scholarships have been awarded to Mr. H. Rosenberg (Biochemistry) and Dr. P. B. Treacy (Nuclear Physics). Mr. Rosenberg is already working in Oxford, and Dr. Treacy is expected to take up his award later in the year.

Scholarship Allowances

An increase of the basic scholarship allowance to £750 per annum from 1st January, 1956, has been approved.

Staff Superannuation Statute Amendment

Hitherto members of the permanent academic staff have been given the choice of joining either the University's Superannuation Scheme or the Commonwealth Government Scheme. An amendment has now been made to the Staff Superannuation Statute whereby all new members of staff are required to contribute to the University Scheme, except those who are already members of the Commonwealth Scheme at the time of their appointment, and who inform the Council before they take up duty that they wish to continue as contributors to the Commonwealth Scheme.

GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS

Inaugural Lecture

Professor P. H. Partridge (Social Philosophy) gave his Inaugural Lecture in the Hall at University House on 23rd November. The title of his address was "Thinking about Politics".

Installation of Chancellor, University of London

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, was installed as Chancellor of the University of London on 23rd November. Professor P. A. Moran (Statistics) represented the University at the ceremony and at the reception held at St. James' Palace the following day.

New Year's Honours List

The following members of the University were honoured in the New Year's Honours List:

The Hon. Sir Charles Lowe, a member of Convocation, created K.C.M.G.

Mr. Allen S. Brown, a member of Council, created a Knight Bachelor.

Professor S. M. Wadham, a member of Convocation, created a Knight Bachelor.

Mr. I. M. McLennan, a member of Council, awarded a C.B.E.

Emeritus Professor S. H. Roberts, a member of Convocation, awarded a C.M.G.

Visitor to the University

Professor Arnold Toynbee has accepted an invitation to spend June, July and August in Australia as the guest of the Australian Institute of International Affairs and of the University. He will speak as Dyason Lecturer at meetings arranged by the Institute at the capital cities, and will also visit the universities of Australia. Professor Toynbee will be in Canberra from 28th June to 9th July; he and Mrs. Toynbee will stay at University House.

Election of a Member of Council

Professor R. v. d. R. Woolley, who was elected by Convocation in July 1955, resigned his seat on the Council on 1st January, 1956, and an election is being held to fill the vacancy so caused. Three nominations have been received: Professor L. G. H. Huxley, Professor J. C. Jaeger, and Mr. R. G. Osborne. Voting papers have been issued and the poll will close on Friday, 24th February.

Grants made to the University

A grant of £3,000 has been made from the Commonwealth Bank's Rural Credits Development Fund, and of £1,500 from the Wool Industry Fund administered by C.S.I.R.O., to assist the Department of Microbiology in continuing its work on myxomatosis.

The Australian Atomic Energy Commission is providing funds amounting to £39,300 for the purchase of equipment and materials and for the payment of salaries of technicians, to enable certain experiments on the excitation of thermo-nuclear processes to be carried out in the Research School of Physical Sciences.

The Commonwealth Engineering Company has made a donation of £500 to be used as a contribution towards research in Nuclear Physics.

South Pacific Commission

As was announced in the *News* last July, the University has been invited to send an observer to the Commission's Third South Pacific Conference to be held at Suva in April. Professor J. W. Davidson, who was originally appointed to act for the University, will now be attending, though it was reported in the July issue of the *News* that Dr. J. D. Freeman would be the University's observer.

Scandinavian Cultural Funds

The Standing Committee has approved the offer of the following grants:

R. A. Dunster, B. Arch., Architectural Assistant with a private firm in Melbourne: £40 from the Swedish fund and £50 from the Danish fund, to study town planning and architecture, particularly the problems of spatial planning and acoustics associated with auditoriums of all types.

B. J. Grieve, M.Sc., Ph.D., Head of the Department of Botany, University of Western Australia: £50 from the Norwegian fund, to work on the transpiration and water economy of plants.

G. Hughes, B.A., post-graduate student at the University of Tubingen: £90 from the Danish fund, to further his studies in Germanic Philology.

A. G. Mitchell, M.A. Ph.D., Professor of Early English Literature and Language, University of Sydney: £50 from the Norwegian fund, to study Old Norse language and literature.

S. A. Prentice, B.Sc., M.E.E., Professor of Electrical Engineering in the University of Queensland: £50 from the Swedish fund, to investigate the effects of thunderstorms on electrical power transmission systems and electrical insulation problems in the extra high voltage systems operated by the Swedish Power Board.

Convocation

The following names have been added to the Roll of Convocation:

Lister, John Henry, B.Sc., Ph.D. (Lond.)
 Lovering, John Francis, M.Sc. (Syd.)
 Scott, Peter, M.A. (Econ.) (Lond.)
 Stephen, Marlay Deloitte, B.A. (Syd.)
 Zubrzycki, Jerzy, M.Sc. (Lond.)

UNIVERSITY HOUSE

Acting Master

Professor M. L. Oliphant has been appointed Acting Master during Professor Trendall's absence overseas.

Election of Fellow

Dr. J. D. Freeman has been elected on Official Fellowship for a two year term from 16th October, 1955, following Dr. W. E. H. Stanner's resignation on his departure overseas on study leave.

Household Superintendent

Mr. R. Gibson was appointed Household Superin-

tendent following Miss Margaret Colman's resignation in October.

Visitors

During the past three months, the House has welcomed a number of distinguished overseas guests, including Professor and Mrs. A. Grove Day of the University of Hawaii, Bishop Barnes of Singapore, Bishop Kempthorne of Polynesia, Mr. Malcolm Muggeridge, and the Indonesian Goodwill Mission led by Dr. Roem. Hospitality has been extended to the Australasian Association of Psychiatrists, the Australian Aeronautical Research Committee, the C.S.I.R.O. Sheep Biology Division, and the Institute of Ophthalmologists.

STAFF MEMBERS

New Appointments

Dr. K. J. Le Couteur, M.A., Ph.D. (Cantab.), has been appointed to the Chair of Theoretical Physics and expects to arrive in Canberra in May. Dr. Le Couteur was born in Jersey and educated there and at Cambridge. During the war he was engaged on experimental work at the Telecommunications Research Establishment at Great Malvern; from 1945 to 1948 he was a Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge; and in 1949 he was appointed to the University of Liverpool, first as Senior Lecturer and later as Reader in Theoretical Physics. Dr. Le Couteur will be the first holder of the Chair of Theoretical Physics. He is married and has two children.

Professor J. E. Meade, Professor of Commerce in the London School of Economics, has accepted an invitation to occupy for six months this year the Visiting Chair of Economics and Finance. The Visiting Chair has been established with the support of grants made to the University by a group of Australian banks. The object of the foundation is to enable the University to bring to Australia distinguished scholars in the field of economics, banking and finance, who might contribute to the work of the Department of Economics as well as to economic scholarship in Australia generally.

Professor Meade is a distinguished economist; he was educated at Malvern College and at Oriol College, Oxford, and Trinity College, Cambridge. From 1930 to 1937 he was Fellow and Lecturer in Economics at Hertford College, Oxford, and in 1938 he became a Member of the Economic Section of the League of Nations in Geneva. He worked there for two years, and was Economic Assistant from 1940 to 1945, and Director from 1946 to 1947, of the Economic Section, Cabinet Offices. He has been a member of the Council of the Royal Economic Society since 1945. Professor Meade will arrive in Canberra in April and return to England in September.

Mr. H. Rosenberg, a former research student in the Department of Biochemistry, has been appointed a Research Fellow in the same Department from 11th November, 1955. He was also awarded one of the University's travelling scholarships, and the first year of his Fellowship is being spent at Oxford.

Dr. O. J. Eggen, an astronomer from the Lick Observatory of the University of California who is spending

about six months working at Mount Stromlo, has been accorded the status of Honorary Fellow in the Department of Astronomy.

Dr. F. C. Barker has been appointed to a Fellowship in the Department of Theoretical Physics and he arrived back in Canberra to take up his appointment in December. Dr. Barker was a Research Fellow in the same Department from October, 1949 to September, 1954, when he left to spend a year working at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell.

Mr. N. Barnard was appointed a Research Assistant in the Department of Far Eastern History from 1st August, 1955, for a period of up to twelve months. Mr. Barnard was a research student in the Department of Far Eastern History from 1952 to 1955.

Mr. I. D. Marshall who was a Research Assistant in the Department of Microbiology from 1952 to 1953, when he became a research student, has now been appointed a Research Fellow, the appointment dating from 1st January, 1956.

Mr. J. F. Lovering has been appointed a Research Fellow in the Department of Geophysics and took up his duties on 23rd January. He is a Master of Science of the University of Sydney and has completed the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy of the California Institute of Technology. From 1950 until 1953 when he left for America, Mr. Lovering worked as Assistant Curator in the Department of Mineralogy and Petrology of the Australian Museum in Sydney. Mr. Lovering and his wife are living at University House.

Miss Ruth Dedman will take up a twelve-month appointment as Research Assistant in the Department of Demography at about the beginning of March. Miss Dedman is a Bachelor of Science of the University of Melbourne, and has spent over two years working with the Population Investigation Committee at the London School of Economics.

Mr. G. Pursell arrived in Canberra on 18th January to take up his appointment as Research Assistant in Economic History in the Department of Economics. Mr. Pursell has recently completed the final year of his Honours course in Economics at the University of Sydney.

News and Movements

Professor G. Sawyer (Law) returned to Canberra on 9th December after a year's study leave spent mostly in London. Professor Sawyer worked for much of the time at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies; he lectured at the Universities of Oxford and Nottingham, at Queen's University of Belfast; attended a conference held by the British Committee on Comparative Law in Edinburgh; and in November visited Western Germany under the auspices of the Foreign Office.

Dr. A. C. Mayer, a Research Fellow in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, has been appointed to the post of Lecturer in Asian Anthropology in the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London. He will leave Canberra with his family on 24th March.

Mr. R. Purchase, Laboratory Manager of the Research School of Physical Sciences, has been granted leave to enable him to visit the United Kingdom. He left Canberra on 19th November and expects to return at the end of April. While he is abroad he will visit a

number of laboratories and scientific institutions in England, Holland, Switzerland and Germany.

Dr. W. E. H. Stanner, Reader in Comparative Social Institutions, left Canberra in October to spend a period of study leave in America and Europe. He has been made a grant by the Carnegie Corporation which will enable him to visit Berkeley, Chicago and other universities in the United States and to spend some time in New York and Washington. Dr. Stanner expects to arrive in England in May where he will visit various anthropological schools, and he plans to visit the Royal Institute in Holland. He will be away from Canberra for about a year.

Professor E. W. Titterton (Nuclear Physics) visited Perth during October and gave a number of lectures to the staff and students of the Physics Department of the University of Western Australia. He also delivered a public address at the invitation of the Vice-Chancellor and gave a talk to the Institute of Physics.

Professor R. v. d. R. Woolley (Astronomy) delivered the Pollock Memorial Lecture on Astronomy and Philosophy on 20th October at the University of Sydney. The Lectureship was founded in 1923 as a result of an appeal by the University of Sydney and the Royal Society of New South Wales, and the Lecture is given at intervals of about three years.

Dr. H. Kramer who was appointed a Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Experimental Pathology in October 1953, left the University at the end of January to take up a post in Sydney with the N.S.W. Cancer Council.

Professor J. W. Davidson (Pacific History) plans to make two overseas trips during the year. He left Canberra for Malaya and Indonesia on 6th January and will be away for about seven weeks on the first part of his study leave. In April Professor Davidson will attend a Conference of the South Pacific Commission in Suva, after which he will continue his study leave in the United States, England, Paris and Rome. He expects to be back in Canberra about November.

Mr. R. McD. Chapman has resigned his Research Fellowship in the Department of Political Science as from 29th February. Mr. Chapman has been on leave of absence from Auckland University College since March 1953, and he is now returning to his Lectureship in History.

Dr. J. H. Carver, a Research Fellow in the Department of Nuclear Physics, was married on 10th December to Dr. Molly Fielding; they are living at University House.

Dr. Norma McArthur, a Research Fellow in the Department of Demography, has accepted an appointment as Census Commissioner to the Government of Fiji. In connection with her work as Commissioner, Dr. McArthur visited Suva for about two weeks in November, and she expects to take up duty in March or April of this year.

The Vice-Chancellor left Canberra at the end of December for a short visit to the United Kingdom on University business. He returned via the United States and arrived back on 9th February. **Professor M. L. Oliphant** acted as Vice-Chancellor in Mr. Melville's absence.

Mr. B. S. Benjamin, a Research Fellow in the Department of Social Philosophy, has been appointed to a Senior Lectureship in Philosophy at the Canberra University College and took up his duties on 1st February.

Mr. W. D. Borrie, Reader in Demography, has been invited by U.N.E.S.C.O. to attend an international Conference in Venezuela with representatives from the main immigrant-receiving countries to discuss problems relating to the integration of immigrants. The Conference will be held in April and Mr. Borrie expects to be away for about three weeks.

Dr. J. N. Phillips resigned his Research Fellowship in the Department of Medical Chemistry on 1st November and has accepted a position with C.S.I.R.O. in Canberra. Dr. Phillips was awarded a scholarship in 1949 and was appointed a Research Fellow in 1953.

Professor L. J. Ragatz, Visiting Professor in the Department of History, left Canberra in December to return to his post at the Ohio State University. His wife and family will follow him about the end of April on the expiry of Mrs. Ragatz's Fulbright grant.

Dr. C. C. Kratzing, a Research Fellow in the Department of Biochemistry, has been appointed a Senior Lecturer in Physiology at the University of Queensland and left the University to take up his appointment on 31st January.

Mr. P. Scott arrived in Canberra from Hobart to take up his appointment as Research Fellow in the Department of Geography on 1st December.

Miss Mary Coppinger has resigned her position as Graduate Assistant and left the University on 9th February to return to the United Kingdom.

Mr. J. A. Passmore, Reader in Social Philosophy, arrived in Canberra with his family on 9th January. Mr. Passmore formerly held the Chair of Philosophy at the University of Otago and he has spent the last year working in Oxford. His appointment as Reader in Social Philosophy dates from 1st February, 1955.

Professor O. H. K. Spate (Geography), left Australia on study leave at the beginning of December. He spent some time in India visiting a number of universities and attended an International Geography Seminar at the Aligarh Muslim University. Professor Spate left Bombay for the United Kingdom at the end of January and will be in London until July.

Professor E. F. Penrose, Visiting Professor in the Department of Economics, and **Dr. Edith Penrose**, an Honorary Fellow in the same Department, left Canberra in December to return to Baltimore where Professor Penrose holds the Chair of Geography and International Relations at the Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. D. S. Robertson, a Fellow in the Department of Particle Physics, recently made a five-weeks' trip overseas on University business. He visited factories in Germany, Holland and France in connection with the supply of equipment for the proton-synchrotron, and spent a few days in London, Leeds and Birmingham before flying to New York. In the United States he visited Brookhaven, Berkeley and Stanford, and returned to Canberra on 23rd December.

Professor J. C. Eccles (Physiology), returned to Canberra in November after spending six months' study leave abroad. He attended meetings of the Physiological Society in Cambridge, an international colloquium of neurophysiologists in Paris and the International Meeting of Neurobiologists in Groningen. In the United States of America he was invited to give the Harvey Lecture in New York, and the Herter Foundation Lectures at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Dr. J. H. Lister has resigned his appointment as Research Fellow in the Department of Medical Chemistry as from 15th May, 1956.

Miss Kathleen Jupp, a Research Assistant in the Department of Demography, has been granted leave of absence for twelve months, to visit England and the Continent, and to attend courses in Demography at the London School of Economics. She will leave Canberra about the middle of February.

Miss Gwendolin Woodrooffe's appointment as Research Assistant in the Department of Microbiology has been extended for a period of three years from 15th March.

Mr. R. E. C. Penny, a Research Fellow in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, has been awarded a Rockefeller Fellowship in Social Science and will spend a year in the United States, working for most of the time at the University of Michigan. Mr Penny and his family left Canberra on 25th January and expect to be away about fourteen months.

The following Research Fellowships have been extended:—

Dr. J. H. Carver (Nuclear Physics) for two years from 24th February, 1956.

Dr. R. A. Gollan (History) for two years from 5th January, 1956.

Dr. B. W. Holloway (Microbiology) for two years from 2nd February, 1956.

Mr. H. W. King (Geography) for one year from 3rd March, 1956.

Dr. Norma McArthur (Demography) for a period of up to three months from 6th January, 1956.

Mr. B. C. McKillop (Far Eastern History) for two years from 4th February, 1956.

Mr. R. E. C. Penny (Anthropology and Sociology) for one year from 1st February, 1956.

RESEARCH STUDENTS

The Council has approved the admission of the following research students to the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy:

R. D. Goodman (Political Science)

A. W. Martin (History)

H. Rosenberg (Biochemistry)

The next conferring of degrees ceremony will probably be held in May.

Miss Carleen O'Loughlin (Economics) left Canberra on 6th January to spend two weeks in Sydney before sailing for England. She has been granted leave to spend the last six months of her course at the University of Cambridge.

Mr. J. R. Beckett (Anthropology and Sociology) who holds a Goldsmiths' Company's Travelling Scholarship, arrived in Canberra on 7th January. Mr. Beckett is a graduate of University College, London, and his home is in London.

Mr. R. N. Rosecrance (International Relations) departed from Canberra on 20th January and will visit Djakarta, Bangkok and Tokyo on his way home to the United States. Mr Rosecrance spent about fourteen months working at the University on a Fulbright grant.

Mr. C. A. Valentine (Anthropology and Sociology) attended a conference of the World Health Organization which was held in Manila in October.

Mr. A. J. Catt with his wife and two children, arrived to take up his scholarship in the Department of Economics on 12th October. Mr. Catt is a New Zealander, a graduate of Victoria University College, and was formerly working with the Reserve Bank of New Zealand.

Mr. R. H. Scott (Economics) who held a scholarship from the Commonwealth Bank for 1955, left Canberra on 29th October. He has returned to Sydney.

Dr. W. Svoboda (Anthropology and Sociology) has been granted leave to resign his scholarship from 24th March when he will return to Vienna.

The Board of Graduate Studies has extended the suspension of Miss Carol Ballingall's course to 15th March. Miss Ballingall had to leave Canberra because of the serious illness of her elderly father; he has now shown some improvement and she hopes to be able to sail for Australia on 2nd February. Miss Ballingall is a student in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology.

Mr. B. W. Smith (Pacific History) left the University at the end of the year to take up an appointment as Lecturer in the Fine Arts Department of the University of Melbourne.

Mr. A. W. Rodgers (Astronomy) has been granted leave to spend six months working in England at the Royal Observatory, Hurstmonceaux, and expects to leave about the end of June.

Dr. G. A. Wilkes who held a General Scholarship from 1953 to 1955, has now returned to Australia and has again taken up his position as Lecturer in the Department of English of the University of Sydney. Dr. Wilkes' degree of Doctor of Philosophy of the University of Oxford was conferred in absentia in December.

Mr. T. M. Brown completed his two-year course in the Department of Economics and left Canberra at the beginning of December. He has returned to his post in the Department of Trade and Commerce in Ottawa.

Dr. J. H. Mercer (Geography) returned in November from a field trip to Samoa.

Dr. J. R. Smythies (Physiology) left Canberra on 26th September and will spend the remaining eighteen months of his Nuffield Fellowship working in Cambridge at the Psychological Laboratory. Dr. Smythies had to return to England because of the illness of his baby daughter.

Miss Nancy Munn, a Fulbright student in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, arrived in Canberra on 6th October. Miss Munn is a Bachelor of Arts of the University of Oklahoma, and a Master of Arts of the University of Indiana.

Mr. J. D. Pitchford (Economics) returned to Canberra in January after spending a term working in the University of Melbourne.

Mr. H. J. Fallding (Anthropology and Sociology) has been appointed Senior Research Fellow in the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Sydney. He will work on aspects of rural sociology.

Mr. E. C. Fry (History) has been appointed to a temporary Lectureship in History at the University of Western Australia.

Mr. J. M. Gani (Statistics) has been awarded a Nuffield Foundation Travelling Fellowship which will enable him to spend a year working in England at the University of Manchester. Mr. Gani and his wife expect to sail from Melbourne early in March.

Dr. H. T. Clifford, who held a general scholarship from 1953 to 1955, has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy of the University of Durham. Dr. Clifford at present holds a post as Lecturer in Agricultural Botany at University College, Ibadan.

Admission of Research Students

The following research students were recently admitted by the Board of Graduate Studies (the name, degree for which enrolled, Department, duration of course, supervisor, topic of research and commencing date of course of each student are listed below):

- J. R. Beckett; M. A.; Anthropology and Sociology; six terms; topic of research to be decided.
- A. J. Catt; Ph.D.; Economics; nine terms; Professor Swan; topic of research to be decided; 12th October, 1955.
- S. C. Das; M. A.; Statistics; six terms; Dr. Watson in Professor Moran's absence; "Statistical distributions and their application"; 5th July, 1954. Mr. Das was previously enrolled as a Ph.D. student.
- Nancy B. Munn; not proceeding to a degree; Anthropology and Sociology; "Symbolism in its religious and social aspects in Australian Aborigines"; 6th October, 1955.

The following research topics have been approved by the Board of Graduate Studies:

- M. Anas (Geography): "A geographical study of the New Guinea-Solomons area".
- A. J. F. Boyle (Nuclear Physics): "Scintillation counter and its application to the study of energy states of the Nucleus Be⁸".
- K. H. Lokan (Nuclear Physics): "Studies in Nuclear Physics".
- T. R. Ophel (Nuclear Physics): "Studies in Nuclear Physics".

Scholarships

The Board of Graduate Studies has approved the following extensions of scholarships for a third year or until the oral examination, whichever is the earlier:

- R. N. H. Bulmer (Anthropology and Sociology) from 6th March 1956
- J. M. Bennett (Geography) from 15th March 1956
- D. R. Curtis (Physiology) from 16th February 1956 until 11th August 1956
- H. J. Fallding (Anthropology and Sociology) from 16th December 1955 for three months
- C. Forster (Economics) from 16th March 1956
- E. Klestadt (Far Eastern History) from 1st March 1956
- K. S. Mathur (Anthropology and Sociology) from 20th March 1956
- J. S. McDonald (Demography) from 15th March 1956
- C. W. Newbury (Pacific History) from 25th February 1956 for three months
- T. M. Perry (Geography) from 15th March 1956
- J. D. Pitchford (Economics) from 13th March 1956
- Marie O. Reay (Anthropology and Sociology) from 16th December 1955 for three months

D. J. Tugby (Anthropology and Sociology) from 29th March 1956

Emma Sadka (Pacific History) from 13th March 1956 until 31st December 1956

Scholars 1956

The following scholarship awards for 1956 have been announced. Further awards will be noted in the next issue of the News.

The Research School of Physical Sciences:

Donald Stewart Gemmell (Nuclear Physics), 21, is a graduate of the University of Adelaide. He expects to take up his Scholarship by the beginning of First Term.

Ronald Green (Geophysics), 25, arrived in Canberra during February and will work on paleomagnetism. Mr. Green is a graduate of the University of Queensland and has been working as a geophysicist in the Bureau of Mineral Resources, Melbourne, since 1953.

Eknath Waman Godbole (Radiochemistry), 27, is a Master of Science of the Banaras Hindu University in India and since last July he has been working as a Research Assistant at the Institute of Science in Bombay. He will arrive in Canberra in April or May.

The Research School of Social Sciences:

Keith Russell Bowes (History), 22, graduated as a Bachelor of Arts of the University of Adelaide in 1955 and has been working for the degree of Master of Arts. He is shortly to be married and will take up his Scholarship at the beginning of term.

Robert James Lee Hawke (Law), 25, is a Rhodes Scholar who completed his work for the B.Litt. degree of the University of Oxford at the end of last year. Mr. Hawke's home is in Western Australia and he holds the degrees of Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Arts of the University of Western Australia. He will be married early in March and will arrive in Canberra soon after the beginning of term.

Patrick James O'Farrell (History), 22, is a New Zealander and a graduate of Canterbury College. He has recently completed his work for the degree of Master of Arts. Mr. O'Farrell hopes to be in Canberra by the beginning of term.

Margaret Skulina (Demography), 27, was born in Czechoslovakia and is a graduate of the University of Nottingham. She has been working in London for the past two years and has been doing part-time research at the London School of Economics. She is particularly interested in the assimilation of post-war immigrants in Australia. Miss Skulina expects to arrive in Canberra late in February.

Venkateswarier Subramaniam (Political Science), 35, is a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and a Master of Arts in Politics of the University of Madras, and has recently completed his thesis for a Doctorate. He lectured in Chemistry for a number of years and has had considerable experience as a journalist, writing mainly on political issues. He has also written a book on the Indian Public Service and is interested in comparing the Public

Services of India and Australia. Mr. Subramaniam is married, and he hopes to arrive in Canberra in March.

John Miller Tregenza (History), 24, is a Bachelor of Arts of the University of Adelaide. He graduated in 1953; taught at the Prince Alfred College in Adelaide during 1954, and for the past year has been a tutor in English at the Adelaide University. He is interested in working on Australian literary magazines of the 19th century. Mr. Tregenza is married with one child, and arrived in Canberra in February.

The Research School of Pacific Studies:

Trilokinatha Madan (Anthropology and Sociology), 23, was born in Kashmir and is a Bachelor of Arts of the Jammu and Kashmir University and a Master of Arts of the University of Lucknow. He is at present a Lecturer in Social Anthropology at Lucknow University. He expects to arrive in Canberra about the end of March.

Anthony Creedon Palfreeman (International Relations), 25, was born in Shanghai and is a graduate of the Institute of International Studies in Geneva. He has worked as a journalist in Hong Kong and spent two years working with an international oil company in Australia. Mr. Palfreeman is particularly interested in the international re-

lations of East Asia and the Pacific, and will commence work at the University at the beginning of term.

Igor de Rachewiltz (History), 26, was born and educated in Rome, and is a graduate of the University of Rome. He spent two years at the School of Oriental Studies in Rome and has been working for a time with the Food and Agricultural Organization. He sailed from Italy in December and will be in Canberra for the beginning of term. Mr. de Rachewiltz married recently in Melbourne and will be accompanied by his wife.

John Rutherford (Geography), 30, has been working for five years as Economics Research Officer in the New South Wales Department of Agriculture. He is a graduate of the University of Sydney and is particularly interested in agricultural geography. Mr. Rutherford expects to arrive in Canberra with his wife and two children in March.

Dagfinn Arnulf Sivertsen (Anthropology and Sociology), 28, is a Norwegian and a Master of Arts of the University of Oslo. In 1953 he was awarded a U.N.E.S.C.O. Fellowship enabling him to spend a year in Mysore where he carried out community surveys. For the past year he has been working as a Research Assistant at the Institute for Social Research in Oslo. Mr. Sivertsen is married but will not be accompanied by his wife. He hopes to be in Canberra by the end of March.

ACADEMIC VACANCY

Applications are invited for the following position: Readership or Senior Fellowship in Economic Theory in the Department of Economics (closing date: 6th April, 1956).

Copies of the advertisement and particulars of the conditions of appointment are available from the Registrar.

PRINCIPAL DATES

February

10th—Friday: Finance Committee.
Standing Committee
24th—Friday: Board of Graduate Studies.

March

8th—Thursday: Finance Committee.
9th—Friday: Council.
12th—Monday: First Term begins.
Commencement Dinner—University House.
14th—Wednesday: Joint Faculties' Board.

23rd—Friday: Board of Graduate Studies.
30th—Friday: Good Friday—University Office closed.

April

2nd—Monday: Easter Monday } University Office
3rd—Tuesday: Easter Tuesday } closed.
13th—Friday: Finance Committee
Standing Committee
25th—Wednesday: Anzac Day—University Office
closed