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PUBLISHER REVERSES DECISION ON THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Reversing an earlier decision, the R.R. Bowker Company decided this week to publish the fourteenth edition of American Men and Women of Science, the Social and Behavioral Sciences. This decision followed a meeting on June 6 between Gary Ink, Editor-in-Chief at Bowker, and the COSSA Executive Committee. Citing economic reasons, the publisher had written to COSSA last year that they would not issue a successor to the thirteenth edition, published in 1977, because of a reduction in demand. Since that decision was made, however, numerous requests were made by social and behavioral scientists that the publisher reconsider its decision. Publication of the fourteenth edition was approved on June 14.

The two-volume edition of American Men and Women of Science, the Social and Behavioral Sciences is now scheduled for publication in September, 1984. It will contain brief biographies on approximately 50,000 social and behavioral scientists. R.R. Bowker Company also publishes American Men and Women of Science, the Physical and Biological Sciences, the fifteenth edition of which was issued last year.

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CONGRESS ADDS FUNDS TO NSF FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES

Both the House of Representatives and the Senate added funds to the National Science Foundation (NSF) budget for the social and behavioral sciences during the past two weeks. In the House, the Appropriations Committee recommended adding \$5 million to the budget for the Directorate for the Biological, Behavioral, and Social Sciences (BBS) for the social sciences. The House bill was approved on Thursday, June 2.

In the Senate, the Appropriations Committee transferred \$36 million from research to science education, but provided that \$5 million of this be transferred back to BBS to be used for research in learning and cognition. The next step is full Senate consideration of the NSF appropriation, then a conference of both houses. With both the House and Senate bills increasing the BBS budget by \$5 million, it is highly likely that the increase will be upheld in conference.

COSSA BREAKFAST SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS RECENT RESEARCH

Dr. William Kornblum, Professor of Sociology at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, discussed his research on teenage unemployment at a Congressional Breakfast Seminar this week. The seminar, which was attended by over 50 Representatives and congressional staff, was sponsored by COSSA and the American Sociological Association and co-sponsored by Representatives Paul Simon (D-IL), Jim Jeffords (R-VT), and Augustus Hawkins (D-CA). Rep. Hawkins is Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Employment Opportunities, and Reps. Simon and Jeffords are members of the Subcommittee.

Dr. Kornblum reported on extensive interviews he and his colleagues conducted with young people in New York City, Cleveland, Louisville, and Meridian, Mississippi. He focused his remarks on such topics as high school completion, teenage pregnancy, and the underground economy and their influence on unemployment for both white and minority youth.

The seminar is the first in a series of three Breakfast Seminars on the topic Unemployment and its Consequences. The purpose of the series is to bring recent research on social and behavioral consequences of unemployment to the attention of the Congress. Future seminars will deal with the psychological stresses of unemployment and with the impact of unemployment on the children of the unemployed. Enclosed is a copy of a press release announcing the seminar.

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THE COSSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The By-Laws of the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) provide for a Board of Directors of 24 members, headed by a President. The Board meets annually in November to approve the COSSA budget and discuss priorities for the coming year. At its first meeting in November, 1982, Dr. Dell Hymes, Dean of the School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania, was elected President of the Board. Between meetings of the Board, an Executive Committee consisting of the Executive Officers (or a representative of the Executive Officer) of the ten Member associations meets monthly to discuss issues of COSSA policy. Chairman of the Executive Committee is Dr. Thomas Mann of the American Political Science Association.

COSSA is fortunate in having the advice and counsel of a number of eminent researchers and scientists who sit on the Board. Members of the Board of Directors are listed below:

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CLARK TO LEAVE NSF FOR NEW POST

Dr. Eloise E. Clark, Assistant Director for Biological, Behavioral, and Social Sciences (BBS) at the National Science Foundation (NSF), will be leaving NSF as of August 1 to become Vice President for Academic Affairs at Bowling Green University. Dr. Clark, a biologist by training, was first Acting Assistant Director and then Assistant Director of BBS when the Directorate was established in 1975. Budgets for social and behavioral science research increased significantly over this period and then decreased dramatically two years ago. Throughout these years, whether budgets increased or decreased, Dr. Clark was an important source of support for the social and behavioral sciences and continued to promote the scientific integrity of the disciplines.

Dr. Clark's resignation was requested in December, 1982, along with that of Deputy Director Donald Langenberg by the newly appointed NSF Director Edward Knapp, who said he wished to fill both positions with his own appointees. As yet, there has been no announcement of appointments to either position.

NEW NIE DIRECTOR HONORED AT COSSA RECEPTION

Dr. Manuel Justiz, Director of the National Institute of Education (NIE), was the guest of honor at a welcoming reception sponsored by COSSA and the American Sociological Association on June 7. Over 120 guests from NIE, COSSA Member and Affiliate organizations, and other federal agencies and research organizations attended the reception, which was held at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. Dr. Justiz, who came to NIE from the University of New Mexico, expressed his appreciation for the support given him by the social and behavioral science community.

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SOURCES OF RESEARCH SUPPORT: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD)

COSSA provides this information as a service and encourages readers to contact the agency rather than COSSA for more information.

U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences (ARI)

ARI supports basic academic behavioral science research on topics that are of critical importance to the U.S. Army.

FY 1983 Budget: The ARI budget for FY 1983 is \$36 million, of which \$2.66 million is used to support extramural research.

Purpose of Program: ARI supports basic behavioral science research that is deemed relevant for subsequent U.S. Army applied research. At the present time ARI is supporting research in four basic areas: (1) ability assessment; (2) instructional techniques and systems; (3) cognitive processing limitations, particularly man-machine integration and decision-making; and (4) artificial intelligence, but only issues of planning and problem solving.

Funding Mechanisms: Investigator-initiated grants only. Large competitions are announced in Commerce Business Daily and in agency brochures.

Disciplines Supported: Primarily psychology, but also education research and economics.

Restrictions on Awards: Awards are made only to institutions and are generally limited to 3 years. Grants rarely exceed \$100,000 per year and are limited in the amount of equipment that can be procured.

Review Process: Investigators are encouraged to submit preliminary proposals. Final applications are assessed by a combined internal and external review process.

Success Ratio: Approximately one in three formal applications is approved.

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