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Our last, Announcement No. 3 (5 pp.) was issued in September of 1979. We also issued several brief announcements shortly before the last AAASS National Convention in New Haven, Conn.

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## The ACS at the 11th National Convention of the AAASS

This short report is meant especially for those members who were unable to attend the Convention.

The most important task in our activities during 1979 was our participation at the National Annual Convention of the AAASS which was held from October 10 (Wed.) till the 13th (Sat.) at New Haven, Conn. The place for the large scholarly gathering was Sheraton-Park Plaza Hotel which is near the campus of Yale University. New Haven is not linked with major air-lines and it was difficult for many members to reach it. The flight aboard Pilgrim "Airlines" from Laguardia Airport in New York was a terrible experience because of heavy rain and snow. Some of us landed far away from New Haven and had to be transported to the hotel where we arrived late in the evening. Many people were not prepared for the cold weather and were not properly dressed. Many convention participants could not get rooms at Sheraton which caused a lot of suffering. The conditions in the hotel were chaotic and on the whole there were many complaints by AAASS members. We never had such experience with any other AAASS Convention.

The time for our meeting was changed in the last moment and finally we were given a slot at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, October 12, at Governor Eaton Room A. We made last minute efforts to let the people know when and where our panel was to meet. The topic of our panel session was "The Occupation of Bosnia-Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary in 1878 and Its Consequences."

Our speaker from Vienna, Austria Dr. Smail Balić (who is in charge of the Department for Moslem and Near Eastern Studies at the National Library of Austria) had arrived with his wife a few days earlier in Cleveland, Ohio. His arrival was made possible by a generous contribution of an anonymous friend of the ACS who owns an important travel agency in Cleveland. Several of our members contributed generously for other expenses and the ACS thanks them for that.

Our panel session was opened by its chairman, prof. J. T. Bombelles at 1:40. The room was overcrowded; it was too small for the meeting!

Prof. Peter Sugar of University of Washington read his very good paper on the consequences of B.-H. occupation and gave a very interesting analysis of political aspects of the event, its background and results. He also stressed that the occupation was really an annexation. He also mentioned the reaction on the part of Serbia and Montenegro.

At 2:05 prof. Ante Kadić started his lecture on how the great political event (which led to the Annexation Crisis of 1908) was reflected in writings of Eugen Kumičić, Rev. Grga Martić, Edhem Mulabdić, and Ivo Andrić. This too was a very good, well documented and interesting lecture. We hope to see both prof. Sugar's and Kadić's papers in print before too long.

About thirty minutes later Dr. Balić spoke one position and reaction of the Muslims of B.-H. to the occupation. He spoke in fluent German even though - as we discovered, his spoken English is fairly good. He took the position that the Muslims in B.-H. have formed a separate nationality group. He admits that their character "is closest to the Croats" but during and after 1878 they had many reasons to resist the occupation by a Western and Catholic Habsburg Empire. From his and later discussants' remarks it was evident that the military campaign by Habsburg troops (at their height close to 200,000) took many casualties: over 5,000 on the Austrian side and even more on the part of the fighting Muslims.

The first discussant was prof. James F. Clarke (Univ. of Pittsburgh, Em.) who stressed the Serbian aspect of the problem.

The second discussant, prof. G. J. Prpić, among other additional facts on the topic mentioned the role of foreign observers and a rich literature in English on the history of B.-H. from the 1870's to 1914.

Afterwards there was a period for the questions and comments from the audience. On the whole, we believe, that our meeting was very successful as reflected in the quality of the lectures and comments and . . . in the number of the people in attendance. We are grateful to our three lecturers (one of whom came all the way from Austria) for their contribution and great efforts.

## Our Business Meeting of October 12

We are happy to report that several people have joined our Association. The number of our members is now close to 40. We would like to ask you all to find new members.

The first part of our Business Meeting was an informal session held on Thursday, October 11 in Room 520 (of our members Božičević and Anzulović) at the Sheraton. Our main concern was the coming meeting of the next day. President Bombelles discussed our activities since October 1978.

Suggestions were expressed that at the next AAASS Convention we should hold a panel session on Dubrovnik and another on the Illyrian movement. Various names of possible participants were mentioned, those of scholars in respective areas. Present at the meeting and informal discussion were professors: Bombelles, Eterovich, Kadić, Božičević, Anzulović, Zaninovich, Mlikotin, Ivanuš, Jerkovich, and Prpić.

Panel topics for the future conventions (like one on the Croatian language, Juraj Križanić, etc.) were also debated here. Since 1983 will mark the 300th anniversary of Križanić's death it was suggested that subcommittee consisting of profs. Božičević, Jerkovich and Kadić should prepare suitable commemorations of Križanić and his role for the Croatians and Russians.

Immediately following our panel session on Friday, we held - starting at 3:35 p.m., our official business meeting which was attended by 17 members. It was conducted skillfully by President Bombelles. Prof. Ivo Omrčanin after an emotional scene suggested a future panel dealing with Ante Starčević. This was seconded by Ante Kadić.

Present at the meeting were: profs.: Bombelles, Eterovich, Kadić, Rev. Krasić, Grubišić, Anzulović, Božičević, Jerkovich, Banac, Omrčanin, Sporer, Prpić, Ivanuš, and our new members Dr. Abdul Khan (of the Department of Education, Washington, D.C.), prof. Ed Ifkovic, prof. Mate Meštrović and a guest from Croatia.

After some deliberation it was decided that at the next AASS National Annual Convention we should participate with two panels:

- 1) "The Illyrian Movement in Croatia"
- 2) "Dubrovnik Today and in Historical Perspective."

It was suggested that in special subcommittee for the first panel should be: Kadić, Bombelles, Eterovich and Prpić. Prof. Kadić suggested that prof. Ivo Banac, a native of Dubrovnik, should help in organizing the panel on Dubrovnik. Various names of possible speakers at both panels were then mentioned. Some of them are the scholars from the homeland.

Ljubo Krasić proposed that in 1981 one panel should deal with the Croatian language. It was also suggested that 1983 should be a "Križanić Year." While Dr. Khan suggested that in the near

future one panel should discuss the topic of the Croatian State, Dr. Anzulović proposed a panel on the issues of federalism and centralism in SFRY. Dr. Eterovich proposed a topic on Croatian publishing activities abroad. Dr. Jerkovich wished inclusion of a panel dealing with the sources on Croatia and the Croatsians.

Dr. Bombelles, because of his flight to Cleveland, had to leave the business meeting a little early. The same Executive Committee (Bombelles, Eterovich, Kadić, and Prpić) was retained for another year.

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Dr. and Mrs. Ivo Banac held a reception for many participants of the Convention on Thursday evening October 11 in their apartment at Davenport College, York Street. A number of Croatsians were among the guests invited by our member prof. Banac who teaches history at Yale University. We all enjoyed this gathering. Thank you very much!

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Several Slovenian scholars attended our meeting on Friday while several of us attended their three meetings. On Wed. October 10 (7:00 to 9:00 p.m.) we attended their panel session presided by prof. Bogdan Novak (Univ. of Toledo) and dealing with "Slovene Immigration in the USA." It was cosponsored by the Society for Slovene Studies. Our member Dr. Ante Kadić read his paper on J. Kersnik at the Saturday morning session dealing with the "Topics in Slovene Litarture" organized by the S.S.S. and chaired by prof. Carole Rogel (Ohio State Univ.) The Slovenians were very active at the several AAASS Conventions. The President of the Society for Slovene Studies is prof. Rado Lenček (Columbia Univ.)

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The next Annual Convention of the AAASS will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa. on October 29 - November 1, 1980. We have already submitted to the Program Committee our proposal to hold two panel sessions (on Illyrian Movement and on Dubrovnik) and also asked them for a slot for holding our business meeting. We started to work already to prepare two panels and we will need help in this work. As more details will be known about the speakers we will let you know.

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We ask all the members of the ACS whose membership expired to renew the dues (\$6.00 a year). Any additional contribution will be used for the expenses for our next participation at the AAASS Convention.