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Our last Announcement (No. 4) was issued in December 1979. As our membership has increased considerably, and in order to save expenses for mailing several short announcements (as we did last year) we decided to put all the news and announcements into this one more extensive issue. Hopefully, it will reach all the members at the latest by the end of October.

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The Participation of the A.C.S. at the Twelfth National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies

As those of our members who also belong to the AAASS already know from the printed program they have by now received, the Twelfth National Convention will be held during November 5-8 (Wed.-Sat.) 1980 at Sheridan Hotel, City Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

This convention is fairly late in the year, about four weeks later than our last one in New Haven in the first half of October 1979. Room accommodations will be at Philadelphia Sheraton Hotel, 1725 Kennedy Blvd., Philadelphia, Pa. - (215) 568-3300. Zip 19103. This is the closest major hotel to Civic Center. Room reservations should have been made at least three weeks before the Convention.

Pre-registration for regular AAASS members is \$20.00 for the Convention; banquet tickets for the Friday Evening, November 7 are \$15.00 per person.

Registration at the Convention will cost \$5.00 more.

On p. 5 of the Convention Program among the Associations listed Affiliated with AAASS is also our Association for Croatian Studies. There are eight other associations affiliated with the AAASS.

It should be noted that the event in Philadelphia is organized in conjunction with the Mid-Atlantic Slavic Associations.

The Exhibit of the Croatian Ethnic Institute (an Associate of ACS) As announced on p. 14 of the Program among the 19 exhibitors at the Convention will be also the Croatian Ethnic Institute of Chicago. Its exhibit will be at booth 11. The Director of the Institute is Rev. Ljubo Krasić who is the member of the A.C.S. We hope that all our members who will be at the Convention will also find time and visit the exhibit. Except for our two letters of inquiry in the beginning, Rev. Krasić did all negotiations and preparations for this exhibit. We are looking forward to see it.

As decided at our last business meeting on October 12, 1979 in New Haven we are sponsoring two panel sessions at the 12th Convention. This is the first time that our Association is having two panels. At Columbus (1978) and at New Haven (1979) we had one panel at each AAASS Convention.

In Philadelphia we will have the following two panel sessions:

1. (Session No. 55 in the Program, p. 36):

THE ILLYRIAN MOVEMENT IN CROATIA

Time: Thursday, November 6 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Room: 547

Presiding: Elinor Despalatović (Connecticut College)

Papers:

"Croatian-Magyar Relations During the 1830s and 1840s"
Stanko Guldescu (Fayetteville State U.)

"The Illyrians and Their Attitude Toward the Old Croatian Literature"
Vinko Grubišić (Toronto)

"Illyrian Movement Reconsidered"
Elinor Despalatović (Connecticut College)

"Slovenes and Illyrians"
Henry R. Cooper (Northwestern U.)

(continued from "The Illyrian Movement...")

Discussants:

Bogdan Novak (U. of Toledo)
George J. Prpić (John Carroll U.)

2. (Session No. 66 in the Program, p. 62):

THE HISTORY AND CIVILIZATION OF DUBROVNIK

Time: Thursday, November 6 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Room: 540

Presiding: Ivo Banac (Yale U.)

Papers:

"Political Control and Economic Power: Dubrovnik's Patri-
cians in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries"
Bariša Krekić (U. of California-Los Angeles)

"Stjepan Gradić and the Cultural Climate in Seventeenth
Century Dubrovnik"
Stjepan Kراسić (Pontificia U., Rome)

"Bošković, Stay, Junić and Džamanjić: The Role of Four
Croatian Jesuits from Dubrovnik in the Cultural Life of
Settecento Rome"
Ante Kadić (Indiana U.)

"Ministration and Desecration: The Role of Dubrovnik in
Croatian History After the Fall of the Republic"
Ivo Banac (Yale U.)

A lot of work was required to prepare these two sessions. It was made easier by efficiency of Prof. Alvin Z. Rubinstein (U. of Pennsylvania), the Program Chairman. Our thanks especially to profs. Despalatović and Banac who organized the two panels, will chair them and read papers at them. The most important of course will be the attendance. At both Columbus and New Haven sessions we had many people in audience.

At this point we don't know how many of our members will attend the Convention and our two sessions. About 20 ACS members were present at the 1979 Convention. It is very important that as many as possible come to Philadelphia even if only for Thursday meetings.

Our Business Meeting

We asked the AAASS several months ago to give us a slot for our Business Meeting and to announce it in the Convention Program. As indicated on p. 9 of the same, our Business Meeting will start at 4:15, afternoon on Thursday, November 6. This will be a very

busy day for us with two panel sessions and the business meeting. The Agenda for the meeting will be distributed at the Convention to all our members. It will be held in Room 534.

The Executive Committee of the ACS consists of: profs. Joseph T. Bombelles (President); Francis H. Eterovich and Ante Kadić (Vice Presidents); and George J. Prpić (Secretary-Treasurer). Our term of two years expires now and the members should decide at the meeting about the future Executive Committee.

Our Membership

A year ago we had 30 paid-up members. We are happy to report that as of October 14, 1980 the ACS has 53 paid-up members. I am going to make a list of all members as soon as possible and distribute it to our members. We appeal to all our members - especially to those who are not coming to Philadelphia - to renew their membership by sending the annual \$6.00 dues. We would also like to ask those who can to send us a little contribution for the expenses of holding the two panel sessions. One new member was very generous and she sent us \$100.00. Unfortunately we still don't have the "tax-exempt" status but we will work on this in the near future. Please address your checks to "George J. Prpic, A. C. S." Whatever you can do will be very appreciated. Keep in mind that the next Convention will be held in 1981 in California and it will involve higher expenses to assure our participation.

If you have any suggestions for our Business Meeting please write to my address; this goes particularly for those who will not be present. Most of the Executive Committee members will be at Sheraton Hotel by mid-afternoon, Wednesday, November 5. To those of you who are coming: we'll see you in the City of Brotherly Love! Do vidjenja!

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The AAASS THIRTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

As the last issue of the AAASS Newsletter (Summer 1980) announced the next National Convention of the AAASS will be held at the Asilomar Conference Grounds, Monterey Peninsula, California on Sept. 20-23, 1981. A "Call for Papers" was printed on p. 6 of the same Newsletter. The 1981 Program Committee invites proposals for papers, panels and related activities. We will discuss our participation at this Convention at our annual business meeting. We have several ACS members in California and we will have to ask them for help.

Our member Mr. Adam S. Eterovich is the President of the Croatian-American Academic Association of the Pacific. The address is: 1372 Rosewood Avenue, San Carlos, California 94070. We just received several issues of his quarterly bulletin about the activities of the CAAAP and of the Croatian Genealogical Society. Mr. Eterovich is also in charge of the R and E Research Associates and of the Ragusan Press. Both have published a great number of books in Ethnic Studies, many dealing with the Croatian and South Slavic Ethnic Studies.

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the ACS Held on Friday, Oct. 12, 1979 in New Haven, Conn. During the 11th Convention of AAASS

Our main concern before the business meeting was the forthcoming panel session on Bosnia and Herzegovina that, after several unfortunate changes, was finally scheduled by AAASS for Friday, October 12 at 1:30 PM in "Gov. Eaton Room A." We had to inform the people via bulletin board signs where the session and our business meeting would be held.

In spite of the confusion in scheduling (by AAASS) the attendance at our panel session (that started at approximately 1:40 PM) was very good. The room was filled. All our panel participants were present including Dr. Smail Balić who had come all the way from Vienna and Cleveland.

Report on our panel session "The Occupation of Bosnia-Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary in 1878 and Its Consequences" was published in our Announcement No. 4 (December 1979).

Quite satisfied with the success of our panel we started our Business Meeting immediately afterwards shortly before 4:00 PM. It was conducted by our President Joseph T. Bombelles. It was attended by 20 people: 17 members, two observers, and one visitor from Croatia.

Prof. Bombelles informed us about the activities of the past year since our meeting at Columbus.

We have some 30 members (with paid-up dues) and \$167.00 in the treasury.

Our new member Dr. Ivo Omrčanin, who was critical of some members and activities, suggested as a theme for a panel in the near future "Dr. Ante Starčević."

In the following discussion it was agreed that at the next AAASS Convention in Philadelphia the ACS will sponsor two panels: 1) The Illyrian Movement in Croatia; 2) The Role of Dubrovnik in Croatian history.

New members who joined us during this meeting were: Dr. Ed Ifković of Connecticut and Dr. Abdul Khan (a native of Pakistan).

Also present was Dr. Mathew M. Meštrović who would become a new member soon after the meeting.

Several members paid their dues and contributions for the expenses of the panel session.

It was agreed that the subcommittee to prepare the Illyrian panel should consist of: Bombelles, Eterovich, Kadić and Prpić. They would ask Dr. Elinor Despalatović to preside over our panel on the Illyrian Movement.

Prof. Kadić suggested that Prof. Ivo Banac of Yale University, a native of Dubrovnik, should be organizer and chairman of the panel on Dubrovnik. In the discussion various names of possible participants - including some from Croatia - were suggested. Ivo Banac is our member.

Ljubo Kراسić proposed that in 1981 one panel should deal with the Croatian language. It was later agreed that we can possibly prepare only two panels for 1981. The language will be discussed at some future panel after 1981.

It is also agreed that 1983 (300th anniversary of Križanić's death) should be called the "Križanić Year."

It was also suggested that for Križanić observations a special committee should be organized. Its members will be: Ante Kadić, George Jerkovich, and Joseph Božičević.

Dr. Abdul Khan proposed that at some future panel the topic should be the Croatian State.

Dr. Anzulović mentions as topic for a future panel the issues of federalism and centralism in SFRY.

Dr. F. H. Eterovich was in favor of discussing at a future panel "The Croatian Publishing Activities Abroad."

Dr. Jerkovich would like to see as a topic of a future panel "The Sources on Croatia and Croatians."

Dr. Kadić came out in support of Dr. Omrčanin's proposal to discuss in the future Ante Starčević. Other suggestions were also accepted in general as feasible.

Dr. Omrčanin stated that the ACS should participate at the Midwest Slavic Conference in May 1980 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

As guests and observers from the Society for Slovene Studies present were Drs. Bogdan Novak and Joseph Velikonja. We were very pleased to see our old friends. Dr. Kadić mentioned possibility that the SSS and ACS could perhaps organize joint sessions in the future. A possible topic could be immigration.

Rev. Kراسić, Director of the Croatian Ethnic Institute of Chicago and of Croatian Schools in U.S. and Canada stated that his Institute considered itself associated with the ACS. This was accepted by us.

Because of his flight to Cleveland Dr. Bombelles, who conducted the meeting with great skill and calmness, had to leave before the meeting was adjourned.

It was decided by vote that the same Executive Committee should continue in the next year: Bombelles, Kadić, Eterovich, and Prpić.

The meeting ended at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

George J. Prpić

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Secretary-Treasurer

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Here we add the AGENDA FOR OUR BUSINESS MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA

- 1 Opening remarks and report by President Bombelles
- 2. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer G. J. Prpić
- 3. Remarks by two Vice-Presidents Eterovich and Kadić
- 4. Comments and discussion by present members about all reports
- 5. Election of a new Executive Committee
- 6. Miscellanea and future activities

We ask now all members who will not be present to send to us their remarks and suggestions to be discussed at the Business Meeting. You may also wish to fill out the form below ; cut it off and mail it!

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Place and date:

I (your name)

hereby appoint as my proxy at the Business Meeting of the Association for Croatian Studies to be held on November 6, 1980 in Philadelphia

the name of your proxy

Enclosed is payment of for membership dues and as my contribution for the expenses of the panel sessions.

Your signature:

Remarks and suggestions:
(use also the backside)