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Our Participation at the Twelfth National Convention of the AAASS

The 12th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (in conjunction with the Mid-Atlantic Slavic Association) was held during November 5-8, 1980 at the Philadelphia Sheraton Hotel which is located at J. F. Kennedy Blvd.

Even though it was held fairly late in the year (about four weeks later than the previous one) the Convention was accompanied by very pleasant weather. The organization, the hotel accomodations, and the weather were much better than in October 1979 in New Haven, Conn. Everything went smooth; the attendance was excellent; all our meetings took place at the time scheduled in the final printed program. The days of the week when the Convention was held were: Wednesday to Saturday. (This will not be the case at the next AAASS gathering this year in California!)

Our first panel session, "The Illyrian Movement in Croatia" was held on Thursday, November 6 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Room 547. (The room was too small for the crowd that attended.) It was chaired by Prof. Elinor Despalatovic (Connecticut College).

The first lecture was by Prof. Stanko Guldescu (Fayetteville State U.) about "Croatian-Magyar Relations During the 1830s and 1840s." Then Prof. Vinko Grubišić read his paper on "The Illyrians and Their Attitude Toward the Old Croatian Literature. (Dr. Grubišić came from Toronto, Canada.) Following was Elinor Despalatovic's "Illyrian Movement Reconsidered."

Prof. Henry R. Cooper (Northwestern U.) delivered a paper entitled "Slovenes and Illyrians."

Discussants were Profs.: Bogdan Novak (U. of Toledo) and George J. Prpić (John Carroll U.) All the papers, especially one by Dr. Despalatović, were very good, received favorable comments from the discussants, and were well received by the audience. Several questions were raised and answered. Dr. Despalatović conducted the session with skill and authority. The timing was very good.

On the same day in the evening, from 7:30 to 9:30, in Room 540 (which was large enough for some fifty people in audience) our second panel session took place. It was presided by our member Prof. Ivo Banac (Yale U.) He did on the whole an excellent job. The topic was "The History and Civilization of Dubrovnik." The first paper by Prof. Bariša Krekić (U. of California-Los Angeles) discussed "Political Control and Economic Power: Dubrovnik's Patricians in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries."

The author of the second paper, Prof. Stjepan Krasić of the Pontificia U., Rome, Italy, could not be present. Prof. Banac, who had translated the paper into English, read it under the title "Stjepan Gradić and the Cultural Climate in Seventeenth Century Dubrovnik."

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

Then Ivo Banac read his paper on "Ministration and Desecration: The Role of Dubrovnik in Croatian History After the Fall of the Republic." While all lectures at this session were of high academic quality Banac's was the most provocative and interesting. He and Kadić emphasized the Croatian identity of the City-Republic.

There were no discussants at this session but there was a lively debate after the lectures between the audience and the members of the panel.

Our both panel sessions (first time that we had two at such conventions) were quite successful in terms of quality and attendance. The success was result of hard work of the organizers of two sessions: Despalatović and Banac. The ACS appreciates their efforts and hard work both as chairpersons and lecturers.

Many thanks also to other lecturers who by their papers contributed to our success. Most of them are known in the field of Slavic Studies through their published books and articles. Some, like Drs. Kadić and Guldescu are our old friends whom we met at previous AAASS Conventions and at the seminars of the Am. Croatian Academic Society in Cleveland.

### The Exhibit of the C. E. I. Was Not Held!

The exhibit of the Croatian Ethnic Institute of Chicago (which is associated with the ACS) was not held during the AAASS National Convention. The exhibit was announced in the final Program for the event and we announced it in our last issue of the Announcement. Shortly before the convention Rev. Ljubo Krasić, OFM, the Director of the C.E.I. and our member was transferred by his superiors from Chicago to Sudbury, Ontario. He was therefore unable to come to Philadelphia and hold the exhibit to which we all looked forward. The booth with the sign of the Croatian Ethnic Institute was ready but remained empty during the entire time of the convention. We all regretted this very much and several members of the ACS expressed their regret in a letter addressed to Rev. Krasić's superiors in Chicago. We also requested in the letter that he should be returned to his position as Director of the Institute, a job for which he is well qualified. Rev. Krasić is still in Sudbury.

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### The Business Meeting of the ACS - Minutes - November 6, 1980

The annual Business Meeting of the Association for Croatian Studies (which was announced in the Convention Program on p. 37) was held on Thursday. It started at 4:20 in Room 534 which was well suited for this occasion.

The President of the ACS, Dr. Bombelles opened it and welcomed some 25 members and guests. After he invoked the Robert's Rules of Order Dr. Ivo Omrčanin left the room.

(6 members were represented by proxies.)  
Dr. Elinor Despalatović was elected as the chairperson (parliamentarian) for the meeting. She conducted it quite skillfully and according to the rules. "Points of order" and "Questions of privileges" were discussed briefly.

George J. Prpić, the Secretary-Treasurer then read the "Minutes of the Business Meeting of the ACS Held on Friday, October 12, 1979 in New Haven, Coon. During the 11th Convention of the AAASS."

These "Minutes" were published on pp. 5-7 of our Announcement No. 4 They were approved by the assembly.

Then President Bombelles read the Agenda for today's meeting; they were approved. This was followed by the report of Secretary-Treasurer When we met in New Haven our membership was 30; as of October 31, 1980 we had 53 members. We had in our treasury on October 11, 1979 \$176.20. Receipts (income) from October 12, 1979 to November 4, 1980 amounted to \$457.00 (membership dues \$211.00; donations: \$246.00). Expenses during the same period were: \$378.67. Thus we had on Nov. 4, 1980 in our treasury a total of \$254.53.  
The Secretary-Treasurer also reported on extensive correspondence

which also included the mailing of our newsletter. S.-T.'s report was accepted and approved.

One of our vice-presidents, Dr. Francis H. Eterovich in his report and comments stressed the need for a final Charter and By-laws. We must be incorporated as a non-profit organization and get tax-exempt status. This was followed by a short discussion.

Vice-President Dr. Ante Kadić then suggested: one of our panels at the next AAASS Convention should deal with the mass liberalization movement in Croatia during the late 1960's and beginning of the 1970's. The topic was debated later on.

A possible topic in the future could be "Three Generations of the Croats and Slovenians in America" (in cooperation with the Society for Slovene Studies).

Prof. Bogdan Raditsa congratulated the ACS for the past activities and praised the fact that the ACS is an affiliate of the AAASS.

Dr. Despalatović (as chairperson of the Business Meeting) then conducted the election (by secret ballot) of the new Executive Committee. It will be as follows:

President: Dr. Joseph T. Bombelles; Vice-Presidents: Dr. Ante Kadić and Dr. Elinor Despalatović; Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. George J. Prpić.

After this election, at approximately 5:20 discussion was continued on the panels for the future convention. Most of the debate was around the topic of mass movement and democratic dissent in Croatia. Most of the present participated in the discussion. It was agreed that the topic "Croatian Dissent: 1966-1971" involves also issues of federalism vs. centralism, the mass movement ("Maspok"), related issues. A sub-committee on the panel on dissent will consist of: Bombelles, Kadić and Anzulović.

A motion was introduced by Dr. Eterovich (and accepted) to have a panel at the next convention on the topic of "Croats and Slovenians on the West Coast." (If they are not agreeable to it, then we will discuss only the Croats.) Dr. Ivanuš proposed that only Croats be discussed.

Dr. Kadić mentioned that as a possible topic to be discussed together with the Slovenians could be "Slovenian-Croatian Literature in Exile." Resulting from all these proposals and discussions were these three topics for panels at the next convention:

"Croatian Dissent During the 1960's and 1970's"

"The Emigré Literature of the Slovenians and Croats" (in conjunction with the SSS)

"The Croats on the Pacific"

Our new member Prof. George Šutija suggests that the ACS make contact with the Center for Social Sciences and Humanities in Dubrovnik which he had visited.

Dr. Eterovich was requested at the end of the meeting to work on a definitive form of our Charter and By-laws. It was suggested that the ACS be incorporated in the State of Ohio where also the tax-exempt status should be obtained.

President Bombelles thanked everyone for attending our meeting, for the election of the Executive Committee, and for all the suggestions and constructive work that was accomplished here.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 6:00 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted by:

*George J. Prpic*  
George J. Prpic  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Some Observations on the Philadelphia Convention

The organization of the sessions, including our two panels, was very good thanks to the efforts of Dr. Alvin Z. Rubinstein, Prof. of Political Science, U. of Pennsylvania, who was the Chairman of the Program Committee.

The rooms in the beautiful hotel, its location near the center of the historic city, the facilities, presence of many nearby restaurants, connections with the airport, etc. were quite satisfactory. About 30 Croatians from the United States and Canada were present. Five new members joined our ACS during the Convention. We met many old friends and acquaintances.

Several members of the ACS took meals together including one Friday night at a seafood restaurant. On the last day three of us took a sightseeing tour by bus and visited all most important historical places including the Independence Hall with its Liberty Bell. It was lovely Saturday morning. We were enchanted with the beauty of old and new Philadelphia, its architecture, river and sea sites, boats, warships. In many ways this is a unique American city. Here the American independence was born.

Most enjoyable of course were meetings and chats with our old Croatian friends with whom we spent many hours together. Our old Slovenian friends joined us on several occasions. Among them were profs.: Hočevar, Milač, Lenček, Novak, Orazem, and Žebot. Among the Serbs we met profs.: Matejić, Mihajlović, and Petrovich.

On Wednesday, November 5, 7:00-9:00 pm, at Room 534 the Serbs held a session in honor of Desanka Maksimović, the "First Lady of Serbian Poetry." The old grand lady came for this occasion from Belgrade. Several members of the ACS attended this very impressive gathering.

Presiding over the meeting was Dr. Mateja Matejić of Ohio State U. There were four papers discussing and honoring the work of Mrs. Maksimović. Discussants were profs. V. Mihajlović and N. Moravčević. Mrs. Maksimović gave a short recital of her poetry in Serbian. It was a very nice and successful meeting in which the Serbs in exile paid a warm tribute to their poetess from the Old Country. The Serbian academic community in this country and the Embassy of the SFRY held also several receptions in honor of the old lady. We had a chance to meet her and shake hands with her. She was indeed charming and friendly to everyone. The question we asked ourselves afterwards was: could the American Croats do the same thing to one of their poets from Croatia?

One of the interesting sessions was entitled "Yugoslavia After Tito." Held on Friday, November 7, 11:15 to 1:15 in Room '76 it was presided by Prof. Paul Shoup of U. of Virginia. Papers were read by profs. Susan L. Woodward (Williams College) and Steven L. Burg (Brandeis U.) and David S. Cariens of the CIA. Discussants were profs. Fred W. Neal and Paul Shoup. Several Croats, notably prof. Bogdan Raditsa, participated here in the discussion at the end of the session. The Slovenians sponsored several panels. The Society for Slovene Studies sponsored a session during the afternoon (1:30-3:30) of the last day, Saturday. The topic was "Twentieth Century Slovene Political and Social Developments" in Rm. 534. This writer was the only Croatian who attended since many people were already gone. Presiding was Dr. Bogdan Novak, our old friend from Cleveland and many Slavic conventions. Mrs. Mary Molek held a very interesting lecture: "Louis Adamic: Political Activist." Widow of a very prominent Slovenian activist in this country she talked very critically about Adamic's controversial activities. She spoke as an eyewitness. Prof. Carole Rogel of the Ohio State U. lectured on "Edvard Kardelj's Impact on Socialist Yugoslavia." Excellent discussants were profs. Jože Velikonja (U. of Washington) and Cyril Žebot (Georgetown U.) The present expressed their regret that prof. Raditsa, who knew Adamic intimately, was not here to give his views. (He had already left for New York.) I gave a few remarks on what the Croats thought about the positive and negative role of Adamic. (Adamic wrote a great deal also about the Croats and collaborated with them during World War II.)

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Letter from the AAASS to the ACS

In response to the letter that we sent on December 3, 1980 to Dr. Edward Thaden, the Executive Secretary, AAASS thanking for giving us three slots at the Philadelphia convention, we received from him a letter dated December 16, 1980. See the text of Dr. Thaden's letter on the next page!

Dear Professor Prpic:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 3, 1980. We would also like to commend your Association for its excellent selection of topics and panelists. As regard the next convention in California, we have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Professor Alexander Dallin at Stanford University. He is the coordinator of the convention, and he will be taking care of all details in regard to the scheduling of meetings.

With best wishes for the holidays and the New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours

Edward C. Thaden  
Professor of History

University of Illinois at Chicago  
Circle

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THIRTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AAASS



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1981 Annual Meeting of the AAASS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Our Association's great annual event, the annual meeting, will take place on the California coast in the early fall of this year, arranged in conjunction with the Western Slavic Association. The time is September 20-23, mid-day to mid-day. The place is Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, just outside Monterey and within a few minutes' drive of Carmel. It promises to be a memorable occasion for both its intellectual fare and the exquisite natural setting.

The Program Committee, under the effective chairmanship of Alexander Dallin (Stanford University), has produced an outstanding program. Few of us, I dare say, will be disappointed by the menu of nearly one hundred sessions. The Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Edward Laurance (Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey), is hard at work to ensure the smooth functioning of the convention--and, for all I know, the usually glorious weather of the season. We are all grateful to the WSA and its President, Peter Sugar (University of Washington), for bringing the two fine committees into being.

As for the site, those who know it need no convincing. To those so unfortunate as to not yet have visited the Monterey Peninsula, my words of collegial advice are "do so without fail or delay." Everything about it--the shoreline, the sea, the beaches, the woods, the coastal hills, the superb golf courses, the views, the limpid air, the climate the historic sites (from Mexican times), the restaurants and shops--cannot easily be matched anywhere on this continent, and the ensemble is perfection itself in my unbiased scholarly opinion. And, of course, San Francisco is only a few hours away.

The Asilomar Conference Center, a part of the California State Park System, does full justice to the setting. It consists of many buildings scattered in a pine forest, only yards away from a lovely beach and the Pacific Ocean. The conference facilities are excellent, and the rates are remarkably low (note: American plan).

In sum, this year's AAASS convention is just the occasion to be combined with a vacation, to bring along family and friends. Asilomar's rate structure favors groups of two or more per room, while the travel arrangements as described in the information packet sent to members provide considerable flexibility at relatively low fares. If you have not already received our packet with the preliminary program and information about travel and accommodations, do write without delay to the Association's national office in Chicago (address above).

On to AAASSilomar!!!

Gregory Grossman  
President, AAASS

P.S. to those members who cannot partake of this year's national convention:

First, my sympathies. Second, allow me to address a special appeal to you. Your Association's annual convention is not only an exciting intellectual forum, an organizational "must," a valuable labor market, and a social occasion to meet old friends and make new ones. It is also an important contribution to your Association's financial well-being. Except for one thing, our financial condition is not so bad: the 1981 budget of the national headquarters is in balance (partly thanks to our expectations for Asilomar), both the Slavic Review and the Current Digest are soundly based and strongly led, and other activities are also in good shape (after some trimming in recent years). But we have one big worry hanging over our collective head: a superannuated debt of about \$25,000 to a printing firm.

I appeal to every member who is not planning to be at Asilomar to send us a moderate sum--say, \$25--as a (tax deductible) contribution toward the paying off of this debt. If only half of you respond, the debt will melt away like snow in Monterey. Make the check to "AAASS," mark it "Debt Fund," and mail it to our Chicago office (address above). Please do!

P.P.S. to those who change their minds and do come to Asilomar after having sent in their contributions: If you so request, AAASS will return the contributed amount to you, for we'd rather see you at Asilomar!

Above is the letter of AAASS President, Dr. Grossman to all those our members who also belong to the AAASS. It gives you an idea about the unique place where the 13th National Convention will be held.

We started the necessary preparations for the panels long time ago. By his letter of February 17, 1981, Prof. Alexander Dallin, Chairman of the Program Committee informed us that we cannot have three panel sessions as we originally wanted. At his suggestions we decided then to hold one panel on "Croatian Dissent During the 1960's and 1970's in SFRY" and the second entitled "The Croats in the American West." Dr. Dallin offered that the AAASS would co-sponsor the second panel. As he pointed out, none of the 14 affiliates of the AAASS could hold more than two panel sessions.

As things stand now our ACS program at Asilomar will be as follows:

Monday, September 21, 3:45-5:45 the Business Meeting of the ACS  
On the same day in the evening a Croatian supper will be held near the convention place organized by the West Coast Chapter of the Croatian Academy of America and our West Coast members. The exact time and place will be 7:00 p.m. at Pierre's restaurant.



Tuesday, September 22, 9:00-11:30 a.m. (rooms to be announced in the final Program of the Convention)

1. CROATIAN DISSENT DURING THE 1960's AND 1970's IN SFRY

Presiding: Joseph T. Bombelles, John Carroll U.

papers: Ante Kadić, Indiana U. "The Role of Vlado Gotovac in Croatian Mass Movement"

Matthew M. Meštrović, Fairleigh Dickinson U. "Political Background of Croatian Dissent"

Joseph T. Bombelles, "Economic Background of the Croatian Democratic Movement"

discussant: Ivo Vučićević, President, Croatian Academy of America

2. 3:45-5:45 p.m.

THE CROATIANS IN THE AMERICAN WEST

Presiding: Francis H. Eterovich, DePaul U.

papers: George J. Prpić, John Carroll U. "Ratkay and Consag and the Opening of California"

Adam S. Eterovich, The Ragusan Press, Palo Alto "The Croatian Pioneers in the West: A Historical Survey"

discussant: C. Michael McAdams, U. of San Francisco

Thus we will hold two sessions on Tuesday, September 22, 1981: the first in the morning and the second in the afternoon. The rooms will be announced in the final printed program which we still did not receive.

Because of distance and expenses it remains to be seen how many of our members will come from the East. We hope that all our members - and their guests - from the West, especially from California, will come to attend our Business meeting and the two panel sessions.

We are also informed that the West Coast Chapter of the Croatian Academy of America will sponsor a supper on Saturday, September 19 in San Francisco for their members and ours who will be there at that time. For information call Mr. Ivo Vučićević at (415) 751-5012. We understand that during the convention there will be an exhibit of Croatian books in Asilomar. Let us hope everything will go as planned and enough people will come to our sessions as they did last year in Philadelphia.

The Thirteenth Annual Seminar of the A. C. A. S. of Cleveland

The American-Croatian Academic Society of Cleveland (which was founded in 1959) held during March 14 and 15, 1981 its Thirteenth Annual Seminar under the theme "Global 2000 and the South Slavs." It was co-sponsored by the Institute for Soviet and East European Studies of John Carroll University. The sessions of the seminar were held at Jardine Room of the JCU's Students Activities Center. About a hundred people from various parts of the United States and Canada attended the two-day sessions of this very successful academic gathering. Dr. Thomas P. O'Malley, S.J., the President of John Carroll University welcomed all participants at the start of the event.

Several members of the Association for Croatian Studies participated in lectures and discussions. The theme of the first panel session on the morning of Saturday, March 14 was "Global Political Conflicts and the South Slavs." Its chairman was Prof. Bogdan Raditsa, Prof. of History (Emeritus) of Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, N. J. The speakers were: Dr. Michael S. Pap, Director of the Institute for Soviet and East European Studies (who discussed the Soviet expansionism and threat to the South Slav lands); Dr. Nikolai G. Altankov of Santa Barbara, Cal. (who discussed the problems of South Slav nationalism and stressed the problem of Macedonia); Dr. Matthew M. Mestrovic, Prof. of History, Fairleigh Dickinson U. spoke about the Soviet-Yugoslav tensions and related problems, and analyzed the present situation in SFRY. Prof. Mihajlo Mihajlov of the National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina talked about American-Yugoslav relations and the ideological aspects of the global conflict.

Dr. Mario Spalatin, Assistant District Attorney for the State of Wisconsin (from Milwaukee) chaired the second morning session that started at 11:00 o'clock and was entitled "Global Economic and Social Conflicts, the United States and the South Slavs." Mr. Richard G. Miles, Yugoslav Desk Officer, Department of State discussed the U.S. policy toward Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. Dr. Joseph T. Bombelles, Professor of Economics at JCU lectured on the "Global 2000" and its relationship to the U.S. policy toward the South Slavs in the future. A luncheon was held afterwards.

Dr. Boris Mikolji, Prof. of Sociology, the Rochester Institute of Technology, was the chairman of the afternoon panel session that started at 2:00 o'clock. Dr. Cyril Zebot, Prof. of Economics, Georgetown U., Washington, D. C., spoke about "The Slovenians and the Global 2000." Prof. Rajko Kostić-Katunac (Human Resources Dept., State of New York) lectured in Serbian on the topic "The Serbs and the Global 2000." Prof. Mirko Vidović of Lyon, France talked in Croatian on "The Croatians and the Global 2000."

In the evening of the same day a banquet was held at Harley Hotel of Cleveland, East in Willoughby. About a hundred people heard after 9:00 p.m. a lecture by Mr. Paul Lendwai from Vienna, Austria. He is the author of several books and many articles dealing with Yugoslavia, and also foreign correspondent for a number of British and American newspapers and journals. He was introduced by Dr. Bombelles and then spoke about the present problems of the SFRY.

On the second day, Sunday, March 15 only one panel session was held. It started at 10:00 o'clock and was chaired by Dr. Robert B. Carver, Prof. of Sociology, JCU. Dr. Branko M. Pešelj of Georgetown U. spoke about "Independence Through Self-determination or Union Through Negotiation." Dr. Francis H. Eterovich (Prof. Emeritus, DePaul U., Chicago) lectured on "European Political Union and Croatian Independence." Dr. George J. Prpić, Prof. of History, JCU, discussed "The South Slavs and Modern Terrorism." Mr. Drago Sporer of New York City lectured on "Swiss Political Model and the South Slavs." Over seventy people attended the session. The theme of this session was "The Means and the Ends."

The very successful and very well attended Seminar ended with a short speech by its organizer, Prof. Bombelles. On the 13th in the evening Dr. and Mrs. Bombelles gave a reception for all the participants and guests at their home in Shaker Heights. Luckily, during all three days the weather was very pleasant.

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### Activities of Our Members

#### What You Always Wanted to Know About Croatia, Croatians and Croatian Americans

is a special issue of the Croatian Genealogical Society, Croatian-American Academic Association of the Pacific, and the Ragusan Press, headed by our member Adam S. Eterovich. This is Bulletin Nos. 3 & 4 of December 1980. On 52 pages it contains a great deal of information: bibliography, coats of arms, new books, activities, etc., and is richly illustrated. Price to non-subscribers \$3.50. The address of the publisher: Mr. Adam S. Eterovich, 1372 Rosewood Avenue, San Carlos, Cal. 94070.

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Biographical Directory of Americans and Canadians of Croatian Descent, Vol. V (including data on many professionals, professors, artists, etc.) is in the process of publication. Its editor is Dr. Francis H. Eterovich. It will be published by Ragusan Press of California. This directory will contain more entries than any of the previous editions. It may be ordered from: Dr. Francis H. Eterovich, 1628 West Morse Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60626.

Journal of Croatian Studies is the annual publication of the Croatian Academy of America. Its first issue appeared in 1960. Editors are Jerome Jareb and Karlo Mirth. Dr. Jareb, our member is Professor of History at St. Francis College, Loretto, Pennsylvania. The address of the Journal is: P.O. Box 1767, Grand Central Station, New York, N. Y. 10017.

Croatia and the Croatsians: An Annotated Bibliography in English, by George J. Prpić is in the process of publication. It contains more than a thousand entries dealing with the topic of Croatia and Croatsians. Inquiries and orders should be addressed to: Associated Book Publishers, Inc. P.O. Box 1032, San Mateo, Cal. 94403.

### Summer Travels

Several of our members made extensive trips this summer and visiting various places, doing research, attending congresses and meetings. Our President Joseph T. Bombelles spent the summer at Hoover Institute, Stanford, Cal. researching and writing. Joseph Bozicevich, Ante Kadić, and Matthew M. Mestrovic attended the international congress of the Slavists (in late spring) in Sofia, Bulgaria on the occasion of the 1300th anniversary of the Bulgarian statehood. Several members, including Fedora Šikić and Vlado Strmski visited Croatia; Mrs. Šikić also visited Germany and Austria.

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### An Appeal to Our Members

Our last Announcement No. 5 had seven pages. This issue No. 6 has thirteen pages. Our last issue appeared in October of 1980 while this one should reach you by the end of August. I would like to receive your comments and suggestions for the newsletter.

Most of all, I would like to get information on your activities, publications, trips, and accomplishments. We would publish such items in this Announcement.

If you know some Americans or Canadians who are interested in Croatian Studies, please send me their address and we will invite them to become members of the ACS. The yearly membership dues are only \$6.00. As Article 2 of the Constitution and By-Laws of our organization states:

"The ACS is a nonprofit, nonpolitical and professional organization whose purpose is to advance scholarly study, publication and teaching relating to Croatia and Croatsians. The ACS will foster closer communication among scholars interested in Croatian Studies."

With this in mind we are going to participate for the fourth time in the largest scholarly gathering of Slavists on this continent, the Thirteenth National Convention of the AAASS. Come and help us to make our participation a real success. If you can't come, perhaps you could send us a contribution for our expenses.

The Agenda for the Business Meeting of the ACS to Be Held on Monday, September 21, 1981 at Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, California at 3:45-5:45 p.m.

1. Opening remarks by J. T. Bombelles, President ACS
2. Welcome by Mr. Ivo Vučićević, President of the Croatian Academy of America, resident of San Francisco
3. Report by G. J. Prpić, Secretary-Treasurer (including the Minutes of the last business meeting, financial situation, membership)
4. Remarks by vice-presidents Despalatović and Kadić
5. Discussion of and comments on all reports
6. Election of the new Executive Committee
7. Miscellanea and discussion of future activities, notably: two panels for the next, 14th AAASS Convention

We request all our members who will not attend the business meeting to send us remarks and suggestions to be discussed at our meeting. We also encourage you to fill out the form below. Cut it off and mail it as soon as possible to Secretary-Treasurer whose address is on the first page of this Announcement.

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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 September 21, 1981 at Asilomar

the name of your proxy

If you wish?

Enclosed is my payment of ..... for membership dues and

as my contribution for extraordinary expenses.

Remarks and suggestions:  
(use also the back side if necessary)

Your signature: