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Our last announcement (4 pp.) was issued in December 1978. It contained a brief review of our participation at the Tenth National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies at the Neil House Motor Hotel, Columbus, Ohio during October 12-15, 1978.

At that AAASS Convention the ACS held a successful panel session entitled "Croatia and the Croats in the 1970's". It took place on October 12 at 3:00 p.m. It was our first!

The last announcement also informed our members that the Board of Directors of the AAASS at the meeting of October 15 "unanimously approved the request of the Association for Croatian Studies as an affiliate of the AAASS." Thus since October 15, 1978 we have been affiliated with the AAASS.

In the letter of November 15, 1978 in which she informed us about the granted affiliation, the Executive Secretary of the AAASS, Jan S. Adams also appealed: "Kindly extend our welcome... to all of those who will be joining the AAASS as new individual members."

We therefore urge again all those who wish and can to become members of the largest Slavic Studies organization in America AAASS. Quite a few of our members already belong to the AAASS.

We have now in early September 1979 over twenty-five paid-up members of the ACS. We will strive to increase the membership; this will be a task that we are going to discuss at the Convention in New Haven.

Participation at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Slavic Conference

At the suggestion of Dr. Francis H. Eterovich, one of our Vice-presidents, it was decided to participate at the 1979 Annual meeting of the Midwest Slavic Conference in Minneapolis.

Several letters and telephone calls were exchanged between this Secretary-treasurer and prof. Adele K. Donchenko of the University of Minnesota who served as the Coordinator of the meeting held during May 4-6, 1979 at the very pleasant Leamington Hotel in downtown Minneapolis.

Our participation was secured and the program of our panel session was printed in the Final Program of the conference. It was under the title: "The Present State of Croatian Studies in the United States and Canada."

Our program was as follows:

Chairman: Joseph T. Bombelles, John Carroll U., President, ACS

"'Croatia', Encyclopedic Series on Croatian Culture and History"
Francis H. Eterovich, DePaul U., editor "Croatia"

"Published Research on the Croatians in the Am. West and South"
Adam S. Eterovich, President, Ragusan Press, Cal.

"Twenty-five Years of the Croatian Academy of America"
George J. Prpić, John Carroll U.

"The Croatian Ethnic Institute of Chicago and Croatian Schools
in the United States and Canada"
Rev. Ljubo Krasić, Director, Croatian Ethnic Inst.

Discussant: Bogdan Raditsa, Fairleigh-Dickinson U., Em.

It should be noted that Adam S. Eterovich, our member, came all the way from Palo Alto, Cal.

Our session took place on Friday, May 4 during 10:45-12:15 at Room A-6.

The present representatives of the ACS attended the rest of the conference and participated in the Conference Dinner, Saturday evening.

This annual meeting of the Midwest Slavic Conference was not well attended. The scholarly quality of the papers and discussions was high. (I also attended the session of the Society for Slovene Studies.) The next annual meeting of this Slavic organization will be held in May 1980 at Cincinnati.

Several of us visited the Center for Immigration Studies at the Univ. of Minnesota in St. Paul. The friendly members of the staff showed us around and we had a chance to see the Croatian and other South Slavic collections.

The Eleventh National Convention of the American Association
for Advancement of Slavic Studies

will be held: October 10-13, 1979 at Sheraton Park Plaza Hotel in New Haven, Connecticut

The ACS members at our meeting in Columbus, Ohio last October expressed their desire that we should participate at this Convention with two panels. After some deliberation we settled for one.

Our program did not appear in the "Preliminary Program" for the New Haven Convention that was mailed out during the Spring.

However, later on (in early June) the AAASS accepted our proposal for a panel session which will discuss

"The Occupation of Bosnia-Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary in
1878 and Its Consequences"

Our final scheduling was hampered by the fact that we had to wait for some time to receive the answer from one of our panelists; Dr. Smail Balić in Vienna, Austria.

The time of our panel meeting: Friday, October 12, 11:15.

The room will be announced in the final Program of the AAASS Convention. We still did not - at this writing - receive the copies of the final Program.

Presiding over the session will be Prof. Joseph T. Bombelles,
President ACS (John Carroll University)

Papers:

"The Consequences of Bosnia's Occupation in Austria-Hungary"
Prof. Peter Sugar (University of Washington)

"The Occupation of Bosnia-Herzegovina in Croatian and Serbian
Major Literary Works"
Prof. Ante Kadić (Indiana University)

"Muslims and the Occupation of Bosnia-Herzegovina"
Dr. Smail Balić, Vienna, Austria

Discussants: Prof. Bela Vardy (Duquesne University)
Prof. George J. Prpić (John Carroll University)

As one of the main purposes of our Association is precisely to be active at conventions and other meetings of scholarly organizations such as this one, it is very important that as many members of ACS as possible attend our panel session and the AAASS National Convention!

If you wish to make reservations at the Convention hotel write to:

Sheraton-Park Plaza Hotel
Chapel Square
New Haven, Conn. 06510

Phone: 800-325-3535

If you cannot come but would like to send us a letter, a message, or proposal write to me as soon as possible or address it to the hotel where I will be during Oct. 10-13.

During the Convention we will hold our meeting. This business meeting is very important as we have to discuss various matters and determine the course of action for the future. The time and place of meeting will be announced to all present at the Convention during its first day.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our panel meeting and at the Convention. For those who could not attend I will write a report and mail it by December of this year.

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Mihajlo Mihajlov's Lecture

The well known Yugoslav dissident, writer and scholar, Prof. Mihajlo Mihajlov (who attended our panel meeting last October in Columbus) held a very well attended lecture at John Carroll University on March 28, 1979. Its title was "The Future of Yugoslavia After Tito." The lecture took place at JCU's Science Center at 7:30-9:30 in the evening. There was a very lively debate following his lecture. He also met with some of our members and friends.

The Association for Croatian Studies co-sponsored this lecture along with the JCU's Institute for Soviet and East European Studies.

President J. T. Bombelles at Ankara Congress

Our President, prof. Joseph T. Bombelles was invited and attended the Fourth International Congress of the South-East European Studies at Ankara, Turkey, held during August 13-18. On August 16 he read to an international audience his lengthy paper prepared for this occasion. Its title: "Yugoslav Migrant Workers

and Their Reintegration into Yugoslav Economy." Among some 600 in attendance at the Congress there were over sixty American scholars. Most of the participants were from West Germany and SFRY.

Rev. Ljubo Krasić at the Washington Meeting

Our member Rev. L. Krasić, Director of the Ethnic Institute in Chicago and of the Croatian Schools in the United States and Canada attended upon invitation the President's Commission on Foreign Languages and International Studies meeting in the nation's capital. It took place in early September. He will inform us (and so will Dr. Bombelles) on what transpired there.

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Invitation to Participate in a Newsletter

Under the initiative of Prof. Frederick B. Chary of Indiana U. a meeting was held on June 23 at Huntington, Ind. by several Studies Groups to found a new publication: American Association for Southeastern European Studies NEWSLETTER. Prof. Chary is the editor of the Bulgarian Studies Group Newsletter. We were also invited to attend but were unable because of the Summer School. Prof. Rado L. Lencek, the President of the Society for Slovene Studies sent on August 15, 1979 a statement regarding the position of his Society regarding the NEWSLETTER. One copy of this Statement was addressed to us. The Slovenes expressed their willingness to cooperate provided that "such cooperation is based on the principle of equality among all participants in matter of representation and the division of privileges and obligations."

Beside the Society for Slovene Studies and our own there are still the following: Albanian Studies Association, Bulgarian Studies Association, Romanian Studies Association, and The North American Society for Serbian Studies.

We will discuss the matter of this Newsletter at our meeting in New Haven.

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Please send any comments you may have to our Announcement No. 3 to my address at John Carroll University.

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October 1, 1979

Dear members of the ACS:

By now you must have received - and read - our Announcement No. 3 which also informs you on our forthcoming panel session at the National Convention of the AAASS in New Haven, Conn. during Oct. 10-13.

Our session is scheduled for 11:15 Friday, October 12. Linda Bowers, Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the AAASS informed me that the Final Program for the Convention will be distributed in New Haven at the convention. Those of you who will attend our panel meeting look up the Program for the room where it will be held!

As it always happens in programming such sessions there will be some changes in our program.

As Prof. B. Vardy is unable to be one of the discussants we will have instead of him as the first discussant Dr. James F. Clarke, Professor of History, University of Pittsburgh, Pa. Our old friend Prof. Clarke is an expert on Bulgarian history. We are grateful to him to accept the role at our panel at a late date.

It is also very likely that the lecturer from Vienna, Dr. Smail Balic' will not be able to come to our meeting. This is beyond our control.

Our Annual Meeting

All of our members who will attend our panel session will gather at a luncheon (most likely at the convention hotel and if possible in a separate room). After the meal we must have our Annual Meeting at which we will discuss our activities and plans for the future. In this respect Dr. Ante Kadic, one of our vice-presidents, suggested in his recent letter of September 29 some very interesting agenda which we will have to discuss.

IF a majority of members present at the National Convention will have different suggestions as to the time of our Annual Meeting we will deal accordingly.

As of October 1, 1979 we have 30 members who have paid their dues. We will have a chance in New Haven to recruit new members.

We urge you again: please come, if in any way possible, to the convention, to our panel session on October 12 and to our Annual Meeting!

If you cannot come please let us know in writing your suggestions for future activities.

Thursday
October 4, 1979

THE LAST ANNOUNCEMENT BEFORE OUR MEETING

AT NEW HAVEN AAASS CONVENTION

To all members of the ACS:

Yesterday on October 3 I was informed by Dr. Jan S. Adams, the Executive Secretary of the AAASS (by a phone call) that our panelist Prof. Peter Sugar was scheduled for the same time at another meeting. Dr. Adams and her assistant Linda Bowers therefore decided that the only way out of this situation is to re-schedule our meeting.

Our meeting will not be held at 11:15 on Friday but at 1:30 the same day.

As Dr. Adams said, they will give us a good room and post a sign where the ACS panel meeting will be held. Therefore we ask our members to keep this change in mind and look for the sign indicating the place of our meeting.

Rescheduling of our panel meeting will probably move us to have our Annual Meeting at a different time. We have think about that! We could hold our Annual Meeting on Thursday if possible, or on Friday morning?

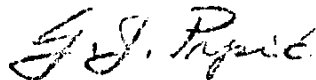
Today, on October 4, Dr. Bombelles received a telegram from Dr. Smail Balić in Vienna that he is coming to the United States on October 7, and will deliver his paper at our panel session on Friday, October 12. Please announce this to your friends.

These new developments took place when I was ready to mail the first page of this letter. I am mailing the letter today and I hope that all members will receive it on time.

Please give us your moral and material support to make our meeting in New Haven a real success!

Thank you!

Sincerely,



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Secretary-Treasurer, ACS