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FIRST BIENNIAL ACSUS CONFERENCE, DUKE UNIVERSITY

Following its establishment at the Airlie House Conference, the Committee on Canadian Studies met at East Lansing in October of 1970 at the invitation of Dr. Victor Hoar (Chairman, Canadian Studies Program, Michigan State) and with the financial help of the U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities. There it unanimously agreed to proceed immediately to establish a national Association for Canadian Studies in the United States. It drafted a constitution, arranged for the adoption of the constitution by all members of the proposed Association, and arranged for the election of officers with provision for rotation. It decided to publish a newsletter; and it also announced that the present Committee would become the first Executive of the new Association and would organise the first biennial general meeting along with a seminar conference on Canadian studies, to adopt the constitution and hold elections.

Dr. Preston organised and hosted the first ACSUS general meeting at Duke University from April 2-3, 1971, in which over 100 participants from 25 different states attended. At the Conference, the first general business meeting of ACSUS was held with Dr. Preston presiding as President. The provisional constitution drafted at Michigan State was formally adopted, (see p. 26) and officers of the Executive Council of ACSUS were elected.

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The theme of the Duke Conference was "The Influence of the United States on Canadian Development: A Series of Case Studies." The Conference was divided into six substantive sessions ranging from labor relations to linguistic and literary influences. While papers given at the Conference are not available, Dr. Preston is presently negotiating with the Duke University Commonwealth Series regarding the publication of the papers on behalf of ACSUS. The conference session and speakers were as follows:

Influences on Social and Political Studies - Chairman: R. Taylor Cole (Duke)
Allan Kornberg and Alan Tharpe (Duke) "On the Social Sciences in Canada"
Mildred Schwartz (Illinois) "On the Conduct of Politics in Canada"
Peter Regenstreif (Rochester) "On the Mass Media"

- Economic Studies Chairman: Craufurd Goodwin (Duke)
 - Carl Beigie (Irving Trust Company) "The Effects of the Automotive Agreement"
 Robert Gilpin (Princeton) "The Economic Relations of the United States and
 Quebec"

Discussion led by Louis Sabourin (Ottawa)

- Intellectual Influences Chairman: Richard A. Preston (Duke)
 - Carl Berger (Toronto) "The Discovery of North America in Canadian Historiography 1920-1970"
- Regional Influences Chairman: Edward Miles (Vermont)

Andrew Clark (Wisconsin) "Influences from the South on Nova Scotia and her Neighbours, 1710-1867"

Lawrence B. Lee (San Jose State) "The American Role in British Columbian Irrigation"

Discussion led by Richard Leach (Duke)

- Labor Relations Chairman: Gerard Rutan (Western Washington State)

 Robert Babcock (Wells College) "Sam Gompers and the Berlin Decision of 1902"

 Irving Abella (York) "The C.I.O., the C.C.L., and the C.P. in Canada"

 Discussion led by Frank de Vyver (Duke)
- Linguistic and Literary Influences Chairman: Christopher Armitage (UNC)

 Alexander Hull (Duke) "The Americanization of French Speech in the Windsor Area"

Carl Klinck (Western Ontario) "Salamagundi in Canada: Washington Irving, James K. Paulding, and Some of their Contemporaries in Canada" Discussion led by Russell Nye (Michigan State).

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