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THE WASHINGTON STATISTICAL SOCIETY

News Letter - April 1947

Nomination of Officers for 1947-48

As required by the constitution of the Society, the President appointed the following three persons to serve as the nominating committee:

- A. Ross Eckler, Bureau of the Census
- Walter F. Ryan, Bureau of the Budget
- N. Arnold Tolles, American University

Two members were nominated, in accordance with the constitution, for each of the offices by the committee. They are:

President

- Charles F. Sarle, Bureau of Agricultural Economics
- Harold Wolkind, War Department

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Vice-President

- Ernst W. Swanson, Chamber of Commerce of the United States
- Irving H. Siegel, Veterans Administration

Secretary-Treasurer

- Samuel Weiss, Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Albert A. Eisenstat, Bureau of the Census

Additional nominations may be made by any member of the Society at the April meeting or at the May meeting before the elections take place. Election to offices will be held during the annual meeting of the Society which will be held early in May.

April Meeting on International Comparisons

International Economic Comparisons will be the topic of the meeting of the Society to be held Wednesday, April 9 at 8 P.M. in Room 101, Hall of Government, George Washington University, 21st and G Streets, N.W. The increasing demand for economic statistical data by international agencies and the need for bases of comparison of the various series available make the subject a most timely one.

Faith M. Williams of the Bureau of Labor Statistics will act as Chairman.

Papers to be presented are:

"Comparisons of Costs of Living," Irving Kravis, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Comparisons of Labor Productivity," W. Duane Evans, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Cost of Living paper will be discussed by:

Ruth Ayres, Department of State  
Janet Lyons, Bureau of the Budget

The Productivity paper will be discussed by:

Charles Merwin, International Monetary Fund

The program will be concluded with discussion from the floor.

#### Seminar Programs

The series of seminar programs mentioned in the February News Letter is continuing at the Department of Agriculture Graduate School. Admission is by Graduate School pass or by arrangement with the Director. Speakers at the April and May programs will be:

Tuesday, April 18: Meyer A. Girshick (Bureau of the Census)

Chairman: B. Ralph Stauber (Bureau of Agricultural Economics)

Title: Simultaneous Economic Relationships

Tuesday, May 10: Churchill Eisenhart (Bureau of Standards)

Chairman: John H. Curtiss (Bureau of Standards)

Title: The Arithmetic Mean and the Median as Estimates of Parameters of Location, with Particular Reference to the Problem of Anomalous Observations.

The programs will be held in Room 1605, Department of Agriculture, South Building. Time of both meetings is 8:10 P.M.

#### Public Opinion Section to Discuss Interviewers

Hiring and training of interviewers will be the topic of a round table discussion at the meeting of the Public Opinion Section, Monday, April 21 at 8:00 P.M., Room 101, Hall of Government, George Washington University, 21st and G Streets, N.W. Experiences with various methods of instructing interviewers, establishing uniformity in the interviewing process, the type of persons who make the best interviewers, and related problems will be discussed.

Chairman: Dr. Charles F. Sarle (Bureau of Agricultural Economics)

Participants in the round table:

James G. Stockard (Bureau of the Census)  
Emerson M. Brooks (Bureau of Agricultural Economics)  
Frances C. Fox (Bureau of Labor Statistics)  
Ira H. Cisin (Troop Attitude Research Branch, War Department)  
John C. Eberhart (Veterans Administration)

Samuel Weiss, Secretary-Treasurer