

EDITOR'S NOTE

In 1987 Panteios School of Political Sciences celebrated its 60th Anniversary by organizing various scientific and festive activities.

This anniversary aimed at underlining both the School's sixty years of continuous scientific activities and contribution to Social Sciences and the Greek society since Pavlos Koundouriotis, president of the Republic at that time, put its foundation stone (1927), as well as emphasizing the goals of the School's founders, ever memorable George Fragoudis and Alexander Pantos, who visioned it as one step towards free speech and scientific research.

Apart from the institutional changes aiming at modernizing and advancing the quality of studies and the educational program, other activities took place, such as scientific conferences, book exhibition etc. In addition prestigious foreign academics were invited and delivered speeches hereby honoring with their presence this historical anniversary.*

The outcome of these speeches is the present volume containing the texts given to us in time to be included here.

The distinguished lecturers in alphabetical order are as follows:

Adams, W. (G. Washington Univ.), Böttcher, W. (Center for European Studies, Aachen), Brun, H. (Univer. Laval, Quebec), Gress, D. (Hoover Institute, Stanford Ca.), Lancelot A. (Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris), Leca J. (Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris), Markovic, M. (Univ. of Belgrade), Sato H. (Univ. of Tsukuba, Japan), Sison J. (Univer. of Philippines).

Unfortunately it is not included in this volume the text of Prof. G. Tapinos' speech (Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris) who discussed the

** Among the highlights of the Anniversary activities were:*

—The golden medal offered to the former Chancellor of W. Germany W. Brandt (18/6/87).

—The golden medal presented to the Academician J. Georgakis (15/5/87) former rector of Panteios School.

The above and other anniversary events are presented in separate festal volumes.

Also separate volumes contain the proceedings of scientific conferences dealing with political personalities such as Al. Papanastasiou (1990), G. Kafandaris, (1991), A. Gramsi (in cooperation with the journal ANTI), the Balkan Identities etc.

phenomenon of immigration in the countries of European Community and also prof. M. Patry's speech (Univ. of Quebec) dealing with the political and administrative system of Canada and Quebec. Panteios School certainly missed the presence of two distinguished academics, prof. V. Dashitchev (U S S R Academy of Sciences) and prof. M. Semov, (Rector of Sofia Univ, Bulgaria). They were both invited, were unable to attend in person but they did participate through letters of congratulation.

Even though the completion of this volume took more than the expected time, we are certain that the texts continue to have the same scientific interest as at the time of their presentation. That's because these topics being analyzed and discussed here not only refer to some contemporary themes of Social Sciences but they also address to some aspects of the most difficult questions /problems of the world wide political, social and economic reality.

The order of the texts in this volume has followed the chronological line of speech presentations from April through Decembre 1987. Mr. Frank Sebert and Mr. Costis Fatouros from the Rector's Secretarial Office contributed to the proofreading of the texts and we really appreciate their hard work. All the texts are printed in the language in which the lectures were given with the exception of the one of prof. Marckovic which is printed in Greek.

On behalf of the Panteios Academic community would like to thank all the distinguished lecturers who very willingly accepted the School's invitation and enlightened with their presence the School's 60th Anniver sary

There is no doubt that the importance of the subjects along with the guest speakers' prestige helped a lot not only in the advancement of the scientific dialogue, a cornerstone of Panteios School, but also in its good cooperation with other Academic Institutions and Research Centers for the mutual understanding of international problems and their possible solution through scientific discussion and research.

Because of the scientific significance of all the texts included in this volume we are hopeful that it will be an important contribution to the international bibliography.

With these thoughts in mind we are presenting this volume to the Greek and the broader scientific community.

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