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SUMMER SESSION PLANNED BY ERIK PELL

With the recent action of the Central Advisory Committee in approving Dr. Irwin Guernsey as director of a six-week Telluride Summer Session for high school juniors in 1954, the fulfillment of the Telluride summer program described by Frank Young in a recent Newsletter appears nearly certain. The program grew out of a desire for an educational venture which would contribute, within the Nunn tradition, in some needed and if possible unique way to a boy's education, which would be a constant challenge to the Telluride members, and which would be a worthwhile supplement and possible source of candidates to both Deep Springs and Telluride Association. It should also be a program within our financial means--perhaps even increasing our over-all efficiency by using facilities which would otherwise be idle. It is a long list of desires, but we feel that the envisaged program has such strong possibilities for realizing all of them that it merits the enthusiastic support of every Deep Springs and every Telluride associate.

The Program

The program will run from 5 July through 15 August with fifteen high school juniors and a faculty of three, all resident at Telluride House. An attempt will be made to arouse the enthusiasm of these boys for the role college training can play in their lives, with the hope that they will then approach university life with maturity and selective judgment rather than with the more typical attitude that college is just another four years of prescribed training to be gotten through.

The formal program for achieving all this will consist of two daily seminars. The first will have for its theme The Emergence of Leadership in a Democratic Society and embody a searching historical analysis of the leaders in American life and the political, economic, and social factors which have given rise to their leadership. The Second seminar will

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NEW FUNDS REPORT

The first report on the progress of this year's New Funds Drive reveals that a total of \$2,997.52 has been collected thus far. Except for New York and Ithaca, however, most areas have not yet reported the results of their work. Mr. Johnson informs us that much of the money contributed thus far has been unsolicited. In future issues of the Newsletter, we shall report on further progress of the Drive.

COMMAGER INITIATES TELLURIDE LECTURES



Henry Steele Commager, Professor of History at Columbia University and noted author and lecturer on American ideas and history, delivered three lectures at Cornell University in October on "The Necessity of Freedom," thereby initiating the annual series known as the Telluride Lectureship. The Lectureship was established by the 1952 Convention.

Commager's lectures treated three of the most pressing problems facing the American mind today. The first dealt with "The Necessity of Dissent, or Conformity and Non-Conformity in American Society"; the second with "The Necessity of Joining, or The Problem of Guilt by Association"; and the last with "The Necessity of Experimentation, or The Uses of Pragmatism."

Though all three addresses were originally scheduled for medium-sized Olin Hall, the last two had to be moved to Bailey Hall, the University auditorium, because of the large crowd which was turned away on the first night. It is estimated that over 3,000 different people heard Doctor Commager speak, and that each of the last two lectures were attended by close to 2,000. The series promoted considerable discussion in the press and in the Campus and Ithaca communities.

After each of his talks, Doctor Commager discussed his subject matter and other

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CORNELL BRANCH NOTES
BY ROBERT FORTUINE

Having safely reached the half-way mark in the academic year, Cornell Branch can look back on a generally successful semester, and ahead to one promising equally as much. The problem of integration of new members, which was the object of so much discussion last year, turned out to be no problem at all this fall, thanks in large part to the work of the newly-formed Orientation Committee under Mike Moravcsik. The complex committee machinery set in motion in September has been running smoothly and efficiently without the necessity of any major lubrication jobs.

In October, John ("Hans") Tyler, from Coventry, Connecticut, was granted preferment by the Branch and the Ithaca associates. Hans is a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences, and is the holder of a Cornell National Scholarship. His selection marked the high-point in the activities of the Undergraduate Guest Committee during the term. This committee, under the Chairmanship of John Lindenbaum, in addition to producing a man for immediate preferment, has also done valuable work in interviewing prospective candidates for next year during the Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations. Furthermore, all Branch-members have been asked to speak with their professors regarding recommendations for possible candidates.

The Faculty Guest program this fall was highlighted by a six-week visit of Dr. Edwin Steacie, the President of the Canadian National Research Council. Doctor Steacie came to Cornell as the Baker Lecturer, and although only the more technical-minded of us attended his lectures, we nevertheless found him a most interesting and pleasant guest. Other short-term guests at the Branch were Father Rene Lenaerts of the University of Louvain, Lawrence Perkins, a prominent Chicago architect, three young men from the U.N. Secretariat, and a number of government officials from the Far East, including three from Indonesia, and one each from Nepal, India, and the Philippines. The House held an informal reception for Yehudi Menuhin after his Bailey Hall Concert.

Two highly successful social events with the faculty were the annual Alumni Thanksgiving Dinner and a Duplicate Bridge Tournament with several couples from the Law School. At the Thanksgiving Dinner some sixty-five Branch members, Branch alumni, TA members and their

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DEEP SPRINGS NOTES
BY JOHN HUDSON

The Deep Springs Student Body reconvened on January 10 after a twenty-five-day Christmas vacation during which all but three of the fifteen members visited their respective homes. Now we are beginning the long stretch to June when the Telluride Association Convention will be held at Deep Springs.

Thus far in the school year, the weather has been warm and dry with the turning of the trees, fields, and desert from green to winter's brown and grey. Work on all parts of the ranch has continued at a good pace thanks to the fair weather. All the tasks are concerned with making the present physical plant and ranch as efficient and productive as possible.

The academic program has provided a varied offering in science, mathematics, literature, history, and religion. Doctor McCulley and the students have effected an improved public speaking program with plays, debates, readings, extemporaneous speeches, and general speeches. Our experiences in literature are being enlarged at readings by Doctor McCulley on Monday and Thursday evenings. Besides holding his classes, Mr. Findley is working in the library cataloging books, reshelving them, and obtaining new ones to fill our needs. Mr. Lee has been teaching and helping with Sunday services. Doctor Bradley of Claremont Graduate School was our first lecturer and spoke on Pacific relations and politics.

The Student Body program of government and service has been working to provide satisfactory relations among the Deep Springs groups, standards of student conduct, and outlets for avocational interests. Work in the last field has produced rodeos, riding classes, a chorus, instrumental groups, the "Chinaman's," photographs, movies and records, treasury, and bookstore services. Students have taken advantage of the good weather with short hikes and rides, and trips to Death Valley, Yosemite, Eureka Valley, the Mammoth Mountain ski area, and Mt. Whitney.

The work program had some heavy moments because of manpower shortage at the beginning of the year, but now that the large projects have been completed and winter has arrived, the demands of the program have returned to normal. The new men, in this part of the program as in the other phases, have generally found themselves and have applied themselves well.

The new additions to the Student Body this year are: John Mawby, Bill Greer, George Rinehart, George Smith, Steve Birdleough, Paul Cleaver, Dave Webb, Doug Paulson, and Laurie White.

One big event after Thanksgiving was the fall Trustees meeting at Deep Springs attended by six members of the Board. All had an opportunity to speak with the Trustees and with Telluride Association President Robert

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LINCOLN EXCHANGE RENEWED

The Lincoln College-Telluride Association Exchange Fellowship is financially and educationally in the broadest sense the finest opportunity the Association can give one of its associates. The Fellowship has been renewed for another three-year period, and the Fellows of Lincoln College are interviewing men so that they may designate their candidate in late winter.

The present holders of the Exchange Fellowship are Association member Newton Garver, studying philosophy at Lincoln College, and Christopher Willy, studying international law in the Cornell Graduate School. Both scholars receive a basic preferment of board, room, and tuition.

Association members, former Deep Springs students, and younger Alumni who may be interested in application for the Exchange Fellowship should communicate with the Chancellor as soon as possible. Telluride associates who apply for the Exchange Fellowship should be unmarried or plan to leave their wives at home, since our holder of the Fellowship will reside within the College, which is regarded as one of the more rewarding experiences connected with the Exchange.

The following resolution was adopted by the 1953 Convention:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the President appoint a committee empowered to select the Lincoln College Exchange Scholar for the academic year 1954-55 if such action is necessary in the case of one or more applicants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, if possible interviews be held with the candidates and that final selection be considered before April 15, 1954; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that applications for the Exchange Scholarship shall be sent to the Chancellor not later than March 1, 1954.

H E L P !

As most of our readers know, the amount of money budgeted by Convention for the publication of the Telluride Newsletter does not cover the necessary expenses. We are planning to publish two more issues of the Newsletter before the 1954 Convention and therefore make an appeal to our readers for contributions.

DEEP SPRINGS NOTES (continued)

Gatje who also attended the meeting.

At present, the employees on the ranch include Mr. "Tex" Taylor, ranch manager; Mr. Reeve Deason, mechanic; Mr. Eddie Shaw, cowboy; Mr. Ray Shelley, farmhand; and Mr. and Mrs. Clint Ferguson, cooks. Commodore W. G. Greenman, U.S.N. (ret.) continues as Director.

CORNELL BRANCH NOTES (continued)

wives were able to get together, with Mr. Lisseck, our cook, preparing a veritable feast for the occasion. The Bridge Tournament, engineered by Prof. Harry Henn, proved a rousing success socially, although the faculty carried away the first five prizes.

At a November meeting of the Ithaca Associates, Prof. H.D.F. Kitto of the University of Bristol was granted preferment for the spring term. Dr. Kitto will be at Cornell this spring as a visiting professor in the Classics Department. He has a fine teaching record at both Bristol and Glasgow, and is the author of several books on Greek culture, including the Penguin Edition The Greeks.

Keith Johnson and his Entertainment Committee were responsible for several outstanding social events with the fair sex during the term. A dinner-dance on the Yale football game weekend was the occasion for some excellent entertainment by Rod Robertson, Dick Loomis, Bob Fortune, and Dick Dolen. The Fall-weekend House Party was well attended and enjoyed by all, and an exchange dinner with the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority was highly successful.

An informal seminar, organized by Dick Loomis, was held at the Branch for the third consecutive year. Selected dramatic works from Aeschylus to Shaw were chosen as topics for the discussions, which were ably led by Professors Solmsen, Keast, Collignon, Partridge, and Mizener. Dick Loomis has also organized a series of informal discussions on religion. These meetings, held once a week, have been enthusiastically received by the Branch.

Al Aronson did his best to field a football team this fall. He did manage to collect a motley band on two occasions, and both times the Telluraiders put up a stubborn fight, only to succumb to the seemingly limitless reserves of the enemy. The basketball team, under the able captaincy of John Lindenbaum, has had its ups and downs with the latter predominating, but again its lack of depth has been the chief difficulty. The team hopefully looks forward to its final game against Delta Upsilon.

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Architect Joseph Bogatay has been awarded the Paul Dickinson Prize for having the highest grade average during his freshman year in the College of Architecture at Cornell. The award is in recognition of Bogatay's work last year.

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Roderick Robertson's one-act play, "Two Worlds to Conquer," won Honorable Mention in the 1953 Cornell Dramatic Club Play Contest. It was produced for an invited audience on November 5, 1953 in the University Theatre. A second, public performance of it is planned for March. The playwright will direct this production himself.

DEATHS

Roger L. Dann died in the hospital at Manhasset, L.I., on December 12, after a long illness. He was associated with the Irving Trust Co. of New York City.

Dann attended Deep Springs 1919-22, received his AB degree at Cornell, and was a graduate of the Yale Law School. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Estelle Watts Dann; two sons, Tyler Dann, a student at Columbia, and Roger L., Jr., of the U. S. Navy; his twin brother, Robert H. Dann; his brother Hollis Dann, Jr.; and his sister, Mrs. Harold Young.

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Dr. William A. Squires, 68, died of a heart attack on July 19, 1953, in the locker room of the Garden City Golf Club after a putting practice session.

Doctor Squires was reared in Logan, Utah, where his father John Squires ran a barbershop and served Mr. L. L. Nunn, who helped finance young Squires' education at the School of Dentistry of the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated in 1907. Doctor Squires was a specialist in porcelain work and practiced dentistry in Manhattan for 30 years. He was past-president of the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry, a fellow of the American College of Dentistry and the New York Academy of Dentistry, and a former professor at Columbia University School of Dentistry. He is survived by his widow, Vida Thatcher; a son, Boyd T.; two brothers, Leo and Albert; and two sisters, Mrs. Florence Balliff and Mrs. Katie Poulter.

MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS

Dr. John L. Anderson and Miss Elizabeth Maria Dux were married on Oct. 16 in Bel Air, Md. The Andersons reside at 62 Court Drive, Lancaster Ct., Wilmington, Del.

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Married: Architect Walter van Gelder and Miss Betty Jo Fennell on Dec. 20. 2630 Haste St., Berkeley, Calif.

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Born on Oct. 9, Margaret Brooks, fifth child and third daughter of the Earl Ohlingers. In Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Monsieur Jean Bourgeois et Madame née Yvette Clermon ont la joie de vous annoncer la naissance de leur fille Béatrice, à Paris, 10 Novembre.

End One Party Rule In Rotterdam

★ VOTE 5 B ★

ELECT

JAMES R. OLIN

Democratic Candidate for

SUPERVISOR

Town of Rotterdam

"AN ABLE AND EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATOR"



James R. Olin was elected Supervisor of the town of Rotterdam, New York, this autumn. With enrollment 2-1 Republican, Olin headed the Democratic Party ticket and was elected by a 5100-4300 margin. Olin is an ex-President of Telluride Association.

Rotterdam is a residential area with a population of 30,000. The area consists of 33 square miles with a budget for local government of \$800,000.00, exclusive of schools. The pathway of a Democratic Supervisor over four Republican Councilmen is strewn with political mines and beartraps.

Olin was President of the Association during 1951-53. After his election in Rotterdam he resigned as Custodian of Telluride Association, due to the pressures of holding public office and the demands of his regular job. An electrical engineer, he is superintendent in the Medium Induction Motor Dept. of General Electric Co. in Schenectady. He has succeeded as Custodian by Dr. Roy Pierce.

Olin's platform included: "Ending one Party rule in Rotterdam and ending one man 'Boss' rule, opening town meetings to the public, no padded estimates or excessive profits on town contracts, decreasing taxes, adopting a zoning plan, and eliminating waste."

Born on January 8, Peter Kellogg Kimball, second son of the Lewis Kimballs, of Carpinteria, Calif.

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Born: Chad Crawford, No. 1 of The Rev. and Mrs. Norman H. Barbour. 6 lbs. 10½ oz. Barbour was graduated from Seabury-Western Divinity School (Episcopal) and was ordained Deacon last May.

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Joanne and Ralph Comer of Charleston, S. C., have a daughter, Nancy Nelson Comer, born Jan. 6. 5 lbs., 15 oz. Comer is on the teaching staff of the Medical College of South Carolina.

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Born: James Lauriston Skinner, in Ithaca, August 17. No. 2 of the G.W. Skinners.

P E R S O N A L S

Mark Sexton is a reporter-rewrite man for the New York Bureau of the United Press. Graduated from Haverford College, he peddled Good Humors in upper Manhattan to earn money for a trip to Spain, where he spent two and one-half months as press agent and interpreter for a friend who is trying to become a bull fighter. "It was a rewarding experience," writes Sexton, "but I ran out of money."

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Henry Jameson, now in his last year at Union Theological Seminary, spent last summer in clinical training at the Conn. State Hospital in Middletown. His thesis will be on the role of the church in the small town.

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The Cornell Savoyards put on a production of "Trial by Jury" as a pre-holiday Campus entertainment. William Romell was featured as the Defendant, and Donald Johnson sang in the chorus. Wendell Williams was Musical Director, and in the orchestra Joel Cogen played the flute and Richard Dolen the clarinet.

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Lieut. William Cowan finished his Naval service during the holidays and began work in mid-January as Asst. Regional Representative in the northeastern states of the Foreign Policy Association.

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Carlyle Ashley has just completed his 30th year with the Carrier Corporation. He is chief staff engineer of the Company, the holder of 40-odd patents covering a wide range of subjects.

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Ensign Meredith Gourdine, on weekend leave from his duties as electronics officer aboard the aircraft carrier Coral Sea, won the broad jump at the Metropolitan Amateur Athletic Union indoor track and field championships held in New York City January 9. He made a leap of 22 feet 5 inches, and the photograph taken of this effort was published in the New York Times sports section on January 10.

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Dr. John deBeers, Treasury Dept. economist and specialist in international finance, accompanied members of the Senate Banking & Currency Committee in the autumn on a 7-week, 19,000-mile visit to 14 republics, including all 10 in South America. In Mexico City deBeers saw Dr. John Niederhauser who is working on an Agricultural Program under the auspices of the Rockefeller Foundation.

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Austin H. Kiplinger, Chicago news commentator, has replaced Elmer Davis on the regular Mon.-Fri. broadcasts over the ABC radio network.

Edwin Rust is beginning his fifth year as Director of the Memphis Academy of Arts. He reports happily that local architects are becoming sculpture-conscious, and writes: "I have three things in or on public buildings, will install a bronze fountain in a garden this week, and am working on two large aluminum reliefs for the new Baptist Hospital."

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Albert Arent has collaborated with one of his associates in the law firm of Berge, Fox & Arent on HOW TO SETTLE A TAX CONTROVERSY. Attorney Arent, with offices in Washington and N. Y. City, is also Prof. of Federal Income Taxation at the Georgetown Univ. Law School.

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Leigh Ortenburger received his MA in mathematics in June. He is continuing study for a doctorate at Univ. of Calif. and teaching two courses as teaching assistant. Last summer was again spent as a mountain guide for the Petzoldt-Exum School of American Mountaineering.

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Lawyer C. Robert Simpson began work in July as Asst. Counsel with the Southern California Edison Company in Los Angeles.

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The Adrien Duncans with their four children have returned from Europe to Mt. Holly Springs, Pa. For about two years Duncan served as liaison engineer between the Americans and French 'Ponts & Chausees,' smoothing relations and interpreting the outlook, engineering and methods of each to the other. Duncan is currently writing the feasibility report for a proposed turnpike between Dallas and San Antonio. He writes: "Though nominally a civil engineer, my work these past several years has hinged more on English and language (as a prime tool in idea-communication) than on any other group of symbols (drawings, numbers, etc.)."

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John Lankenau, fall term President of Cornell Branch, will serve as a part-time instructor in the College of Electrical Engineering, while completing his second year at Cornell Law School this spring.

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Martin Washburn is head of the editorial board of the Cornell Writer. Vol. 1, No. 1 of the new quarterly contained 48 mimeographed pages. "Fiction, humor, poetry, commentary, and criticism," say the editors, "will be included in our pages. In attempting to present the best material the Campus submits for our consideration, we shall not be governed by a particular type or style or literary point of view." Ronald Sukenick was prose editor for the first issue.

MORE PERSONALS

S/Sgt. Norris Smith had served a full Far East tour in mid-Dec., and he plans release from the service next summer after a few months in Tokyo. He plans graduate study in the autumn.

SUMMER BRANCH (continued)

consider Communication of Thought Through Language and will include an introduction to the instruments of study and thought at the college level, as well as an introduction to the concepts of semantics and the contrasts between the many forms of communication--technical, literary, esthetic.

In addition to the formal program, there will be trips to many of the scenic and industrial points of interest near Ithaca and to the buildings and laboratories on the Cornell Campus. Sufficient time will be left free for athletics, study, and informal discussion. Although it had originally been planned to include some type of work program--so much a part of Nunn enterprises --it has not been deemed advisable to do so this first year. The Telluride associate who will serve as the third facultyman will be charged with exploring the possibilities for such a program in the succeeding year, as well as with the responsibility of trying to sell the virtues of pre-college work experience to the students. The sense of responsibility which comes from work experience will be developed, to some extent, by making the students responsible for meal-time service and for care of the house and grounds.

Our Director, Doctor Guernsey, has had long experience in teaching boys, and one needs to talk with him to realize his enthusiasm for teaching and his regard for his students. He has taught social studies and American history and economics for thirty-eight years at DeWitt Clinton High School in New York City and has also taught courses at New York University and the City College of New York. He is chairman of the DeWitt Clinton Scholarship Committee and is a college advisor and dean of the student Honor Society. He has been history editor of the New International Encyclopedia and of the New International Yearbook, has authored A Reference History of World War II and has co-authored an historical work entitled The United States.

Recruiting

Recruiting will be done through the customary Telluride Association channels. As usual, alumni groups will take an active part, with the Chancellor acting as coordinator. This summer program has such excellent prospects that it is surely worth a little added effort by each of us to ensure a top-rate student body for its first year. The program will be run on a scholarship basis with all expenses except travel and personal incidentals borne by the Association. We look forward with confidence to finding fifteen outstanding young men, but it will require that our friends and alumni let these young men know that the opportunity exists.

The Historical Files of the Association have been greatly enriched by further additions of works by Dr. Herbert J. Reich of the Dunham Laboratory, Yale School of Engineering. The Bibliography of Reich's articles listed 48 published in scholarly, scientific, and professional publications. In addition to his volumes "Theory and Applications of Electron Tubes," "Principles of Electron Tubes," and "Ultra-High-Frequency Techniques," already in the Historical Files, we have just received five volumes in which Reich appears as editor and as author in collaboration: "Microwave Theory and Techniques," (Van Nostrand); "Very High-Frequency Techniques," (Two vols., McGraw Hill); "Fundamentals of Radio Communications," (Van Nostrand); and Reich's "Technique et Applications des Tubes Electroniques," the last suggested bedtime reading for Arts students.

TELLURIDE LECTURES (continued)

questions of political philosophy with members of the Cornell Branch at the House, and on one of the evenings was joined by Prof. Robert E. Cushman. Doctor Commager was unable to stay overnight at the House after any but the second lecture, due to previous commitments in New York City.

A reception, attended by over a hundred prominent members of the Cornell faculty and of the Ithaca community, was tendered Doctor Commager by the Branch on the day of his final lecture.

Noted as a lecturer and historian, Professor Commager studied at the University of Copenhagen and the University of Chicago, where he obtained his doctorate in 1924. He has taught at New York University and Cambridge University, where he undertook the duties of Pitt Professor of American History.

His most recent books include The American Mind, The Blue and the Gray, and Living Ideas in America. He is a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, the U.S. Army War History Commission, and the Historians' Committee on Air Power. Professor Commager recently returned from England, where he was Harold Vyvyan Harmsworth Professor of American History at Oxford.

The material in Professor Commager's second Telluride lecture was the basis for an article which later appeared in The New York Times Sunday Magazine Section.

In establishing the lectureship, the 1952 Convention hoped that it would add to the consideration and discussion in the Cornell University community of those problems whose successful resolution is essential to the continued progress of a free and intelligent society.

The success of the first series has encouraged the Lectureship Committee, whose present chairman is Martin Washburn, in its search for a lecturer for the 1954 series. John Mellor chaired the 1953 Committee.