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## TA PURPOSE AND PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS CHANGES IN TASP PROCEDURES, ASKS FOLLOW-UP OF STUDENTS

BY GERHARD LOEWENBERG

The Standing Committee on Purpose and Plan held a second meeting in Ithaca on April 11-12 in order to formulate recommendations on some of the general issues discussed at its January meeting and described in the last issue of the *News Letter*.

The committee has given its main attention to the Telluride Association Summer Program, in the conviction that it represents a significant educational project in the most neglected field of American education today. The Program is thus worthy of the Association's best effort, and it simultaneously plays an essential role in the Association's endeavor to attract the most promising young men to its membership.

Narrowing the purpose of the program, as is implicit in the suggestion of an all-Negro Program, does not seem compatible with the objectives of the Association, which, as we understand them, are not limited to an exclusive concern with any single subject or problem. This does not preclude, of course, the possibility that a particular year's program take the segregation problem as its subject. Furthermore, a greater effort might well be made to reduce the unconscious biases in our system of recruitment that have prevented us from attracting capable Negro students to all of the Association's programs. However, because of the general objection to an

all-Negro Summer Program, and because the committee had no fully developed and supported plan for such a program before it, no detailed examination of it was undertaken.

Without altering the character of the Summer Program, the Committee is persuaded that the Association is capable of running it successfully and of realizing its full potential. To this end the Committee proposes certain changes in the details of its operation. The Board of Directors has become a relatively cumbersome administrative instrument whose members are geographically scattered. It seems desirable to constitute the Board in such a fashion that it can actually function as a committee which is able to meet. This could be achieved by a reduction of its size, some attention to geographic propinquity in appointing it, and the expressed expectation that its members shall meet at least in order to make their major decisions. Its recruitment functions, which are easily separable from its other work, should be delegated to one of its members.

Naturally it is impossible in a seven weeks' Summer Program to communicate the principles and purposes of Telluride Association as successfully as would be possible in a primary branch. There is no possibility, due to the limits of the summer vacation in high schools, to

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### PRESIDENT IRWIN REQUESTS

The 1959 Convention of Telluride Association will convene in Ithaca at 10:00 A.M. Saturday morning, June 13. Opening Convention on Saturday morning is a deviation from past practice of many years. The change was made because it was hoped more Association members would be able to attend some part of Convention if fewer days were lost from work or stolen from vacation, and because students would lose less time from summer employment.

Problems to be discussed by trustees are little different from previous years: membership, preferment, programs and finance. Special attention will be directed to the work of the Standing Committee on Purpose and Plan. A review of our programs in light of the purpose and plan of the Association is necessary to give direction to the future programs that Convention may establish.

The attendance of trustees is urged once again.

### CONVENTION ATTENDANCE

Quorum difficulties have plagued recent meetings of the Association. Attendance at Convention, in my opinion, is an essential responsibility of each trustee; it should be neglected only in unusual circumstances.

Former members and other friends of the Association know that Convention is the mechanism by which policy is determined for the coming year. If a large number of members attend Convention, debate is often educational because of the diversity of opinion. The meetings give interested observers an opportunity to renew acquaintances and to review the operation of an institution with which they were once more closely associated. Former members and friends are invited and encouraged to attend our meetings; your presence and opinions will be appreciated.

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## DEEP SPRINGS NOTES

BY WILLIAM F. MAUGHAM

For the first time in the last few years, we have had three full classes in our Student Body—a total of twenty-three students. This has been a major factor in the successful programs carried out this year.

All three classes were represented on the Advisory Committee this semester: Lex Larson, a second year man (our Vice-President), Jack Newell, a third year man, and Mitty Musser, a first year man. Ken Pursley was our Labor Commissioner and Bill Hoffman our able Student Representative to the Board of Trustees.

Our own Student Body programs (labor and committee) progressed with reasonable success this year, considering that most of the students were interested in other subjects. The academic situation was below par for Deep Springs, but this was due to many factors and not attributable to any one, entirely. Indications point to a better situation next year, with an entirely new faculty.

The intellectual atmosphere was enlivened, however, by the appearance of a number of guest lecturers this year. Among them: Mr. Francis Noon talked on Mr. Nunn; Dr. Charles Gilbert on the geology of Deep Springs Valley; Dr. Frederick Balderston on some of his research at the University of California; Dr. Howard Kirschner (publisher of *Christian Economics*) on God, our monetary system and government; Dr. Wendell Fifield (minister and lecturer) on the spiritual aspects of life; Father John Bremner (professor at the University of San Diego) on the love of God and our Country, and the necessity of loyalty and defense of our Country against totalitarianism; and Chief Cleon Skousen (from the Salt Lake City Police Department) on the moral basis for good government and good society. Most of these lectures stimulated lively discussion.

At this writing it is known to all that there has been a change at Deep Springs. It serves only for me to note that change for the record. There has been friction this year. Some might term it as friction of ideological differences, others tend to say it is just the normal friction between new and old guards. However, four students were not reinvited, and indications show that as many or more will voluntarily not return. Coupled with the graduating class, this leaves from three to six returning students next year, a far cry from the sixteen that returned this year. Indications also show, however, that the returning core will be most capable in helping to keep Deep Springs near the levels of achievement it was approaching.

## DR. ROBERT B. AIRD APPOINTED NEW TRUSTEE FOR DEEP SPRINGS

Dr. Robert B. Aird, 55, has been selected as a trustee of Deep Springs to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Parker Monroe. His selection was announced by the trustees at their spring meeting, May 9.

Aird is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John W. Aird, who frequently took care of Mr. Nunn's students and employees at Olmsted. Aird was born in Provo, and was a student at Deep Springs from 1921 to 1923, and at Telluride House, Cornell University, from 1923 to 1926. He then entered the Harvard Medical School, where he received the degree of M.D. in 1930.

Aird joined the staff of the University of California in 1932, where he has been chairman of the department of neurology from 1947 to the present.

Dr. Aird was a member of Telluride Association from 1924 to 1948. He married Ellinor H. Collins in 1935, and they have four children.

In announcing his appointment, the trustees stated that they "think that Deep Springs will gain greatly from the guidance that Dr. Aird can give the institution. He is a trained teacher, educator, and college administrator, devoted to the ideals established for Deep Springs by the founder."

## SHERLOCK DAVIS DIES

SHERLOCK (Sherry) DAVIS, 56, died after a long illness on April 23 at Georgetown University Hospital. At the time of his death he was general counsel to the United States Cuban Sugar Council.

Born in Brooklyn, Davis attended the Polytechnic Preparatory School in that city before he went to Deep Springs in 1917. He became a member of the Association at the 1919 Convention, and left Deep Springs in 1920 to study history and government at Harvard College. After graduation in 1924, he entered the Harvard Law School. He was elected President of the Association at the 1929 and 1930 Conventions and held other important Association offices. After working several years in a Wall Street law office and a Buffalo banking firm, Davis went to Washington as a technical adviser to the Securities and Exchange Commission in 1934. Called to active duty as an Army captain in 1940, he served as military attache at the American Embassy in Buenos Aires from 1942 to 1946 and received the Army Commendation Ribbon for his service. He then acted as director of guaranties in the Economic Cooperation Administration for a period before joining the Sugar Council.

Davis is survived by his wife, Dorothy Mondell Davis, and by his sister Helen, wife of Alumnus Sidney S. Walcott.

## COMMITTEE URGES TASP RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED BY TA CONVENTION

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extend the length of the program, nor would this make a perceptible difference in this respect. Neither would a two year sequence substantially increase the "Telluride content" of the program; in fact there is considerable doubt, particularly among past participants in the programs, that the original impact of the program could be sustained in a second year. Indeed, it is unlikely that the purposes of Telluride Association can be "taught" in any time interval. They are probably best communicated through the example of its members and contact with its activities.

The Committee therefore recommends that wherever possible, a majority of the members of the faculties of the Summer Programs be Telluride Associates, and that other members of the faculties be clearly informed about the Association's purposes, particularly that of developing social responsibility among the participants in its programs. In this way the Summer Program, which is the most realistic alternative to a primary branch available at present to the Association, may serve some of the functions of a primary branch in the structure of the Association.

To insure this further, the Committee believes that a much more systematic effort should be made to follow up the preferment applications of Summer Program students. It is our obligation to explain the interest which the Association has in these applicants to their parents, and to convey the advantages of Branch life to them. Not enough seems to have been done so far to give a personal explanation of the Association to the families of the students who have attended its Summer Programs, with the result that their choice of colleges may be made without adequate information.

As an educational experiment, the Summer Program must be regarded as an effort to supplement the admittedly inadequate preparation for college offered by the secondary schools. It should therefore be of interest to the Association that studies such as the Ford Foundation's "They Went to College Early" have indicated that able high school students are not only capable of receiving better college preparation but of earlier college entrance. Many universities, including Cornell, are now willing to accept a few outstanding applicants after their junior year in high school. It is likely that the University would be prepared to accept the best students of the Association's Summer Programs under these circumstances. With an expeditious preferment procedure, it is entirely possible for Cornell Branch in conjunction with the University to admit one or two outstanding students immediately after their participation in the Summer Program. The Committee recommends that the possibilities of this procedure be explored, in the belief that the exceptional high school student's educa-

tion can be significantly advanced in this fashion and that this experiment is consistent with the Association's objective in the Summer Program.

To implement these various recommendations, the Committee will submit the following resolutions directly to the 1959 Convention, as directed by the Programs Committee of the 1958 Convention.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Telluride Association Summer Program shall be appointed with regard for some continuity of the membership of this Board from one year to another and the ability of the members of the Board to meet.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the recruitment powers of the Board of Directors be exercised by one member of said Board designated by the President of Telluride Association.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that it shall be one of the duties of said member, working with the Pre-Convention Preferment Committee, to follow up the applications of such students of Telluride Association Summer Programs as are granted resident preferment by arranging personal contact between the parents of each such student and a representative of the Association who can explain the terms of the preferment and the interest of the Association in the student.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the subjects of the Summer Programs shall be planned by the Board of Directors in consultation with the respective faculties of the Summer Programs, and that the objectives which Telluride Association has for these programs shall be communicated to the faculties.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that insofar as qualified Telluride Associates are available to serve on the faculties of the Summer Programs, a majority of members of these faculties be Telluride Associates.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors be empowered to grant resident preferment at Cornell Branch to no more than two of the best students of the Summer Programs for the academic year immediately following their participation in the Summer Programs, on the understanding that they will be admitted to Cornell University on the completion of their third year in high school.

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## AUDRIETH ACCEPTS POST IN GERMANY

DR. L. F. AUDRIETH, professor of chemistry at the University of Illinois, will leave in June to take a two-year assignment at the American Embassy in Bonn as Science Adviser to the American Ambassador. Working on a program initiated by the Department of State, Audrieth will assist in evaluating the impact of scientific, technological, and engineering achievements on international relations; will keep close contact with significant scientific, engineering, and technological achievements; and will facilitate closer contacts between American and foreign scientists.

# COMMITTEE'S SEARCH FOR NEW CHANCELLOR BROADENED; NL READERS ASKED TO RECOMMEND 'OUTSIDERS'

BY ROBERT F. GATJE

After three years of careful screening of the Telluride-Deep Springs alumni, the Committee which is charged with the responsibility for finding a successor to E. M. Johnson as Chancellor of Telluride Association has reluctantly come to the conclusion that it is very unlikely that we will be able to find the new Chancellor within our alumni group. There have been a number of serious candidates under consideration and a couple of very near misses (in fact, at this writing, one candidate unable to take the job next fall may be available the following year), but the Committee now feels that the qualities we are looking for are so rarely combined in one man that we can no longer afford to limit our search to the alumni group, however advantageous the concept of continuity might be.

It is perfectly possible that, because of the obvious limitations of a three-man committee conducting very private negotiations, we have missed many potential candidates within our "insider" group—either because we do not know all about all of our alumni, or because we were inevitably influenced by *our* judgment of a candidate's interest and availability. If there are any aspirants to the Chancellorship who are reading this article, I can only ask 1) that you forgive us for having overlooked you, and 2) that you write to me immediately so that we can begin consideration of your candidacy.

At the same time we should like to ask that all readers of the *News Letter* carefully consider whether there is within the ranks of their personal friends or associates that man, or woman, who might be the next Chancellor; if so, we should like to be notified promptly.

I assume that most readers are familiar with the present duties of the Chancellor and of the Association's recent Convention attempts to revise the duties of the

office so that it might be attractive to a wide circle of candidates, including those who might only want to devote part-time to the position. Whatever the merits of these several suggestions for change, the key to our search is certainly *flexibility* and, aside from certain essential aspects of the Chancellorship, we are prepared first to find the new Chancellor and then to shape the job to suit his, or her, talents. We all know that we'll never find another "Johnny" but we can hope that someone else, perhaps quite different, can in a somewhat different role serve the Association with equal distinction.

The "essential" duties of the Chancellor, as summarized at the 1956 Convention, are: 1) Director of Recruitment, including some travel, 2) Permanent Representation of the Association to its Alumni, Cornell University, and other Foundations, including some activity directed toward raising New Funds, and 3) Counsellor to Cornell Branch and Guide to the Conventions when assembled. Today there are some members who feel that even some of these duties might be dispensed with or performed by other agencies.

The Association cannot afford to pay its Chancellor a princely wage with its present resources, but we do feel that we can meet and continue to match the salary scale of a college teacher. The exact terms would of course be subject to individual negotiations and will probably, incidentally, be the subject of a lively debate at the forth-coming Convention. We offer a three-year contract, with tenure to follow.

We feel that the office of Chancellor, filled with such devotion for so many years by E. M. Johnson that we all but take him for granted, offers today a high challenge to his successor. We ask your help in finding this rare individual. I look forward to a mountain of mail.

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