Sir Heinz Koeppler, keynote speaker at Pomona Conference.

WEST COAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

"The American ideal which gave birth to the Fulbright program is having an impact on all Western Europe. It is showing, by the best kind of example, that the state exists to serve the people and not vice-versa." That was the parting message of keynote speaker, Sir Heinz Koeppler, C.B.E., to luncheon guests at the first Western meeting of the Fulbright Alumni Association on February 4.

Nearly 150 former grantees and visiting scholars from five Western states and seven foreign countries gathered for the day long conference at the Kellogg West Center overlooking the campus of California State Polytechnic University in Pomona. Dr. Koeppler, who founded and headed the Wilton Park international conference center in Sussex, with the support of the British Foreign Office, was but one of the distinguished guests who participated. Also present, both as a former Fulbright grantee and as an expert resource person, was Washington Attorney Michael H. Cardozo, IV, who helped draft the original legislation for the Fulbright Act as a State Department legal expert during the 1940's.

Other speakers included, Dr. John H. Esterline, a veteran U.S. Foreign Service officer and now professor and chairman of the Political Science Department at Cal Poly, as well as Richard F. Crabbs, Executive Associate of the Council for International Exchange of Scholars in Washington, D.C. Dr. Duncan Wimpress came from his home in Texas to represent (continued on p. 2, col. 1)

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The final lashings of an historically severe mid-Atlantic winter did not prevent nearly 60 former Fulbrighters from traveling to Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Hotel—the birthplace of the Association a year earlier—to attend a one-day Regional Conference on March 11. After a day of reflection on the Fulbright Program's achievement, of assessment of current programs support needs and of charting initial steps for metropolitan, regional and national organization, the conferees who had come from as far as New London, Connecticut on the North and Charlotteburg, Virginia in the South left—in the words of one rapporteur (Mitchell Morse of Temple University)—in a "state of mild euphoria.

These themes ran through the Philadelphia discussions:

1. The Fulbright experience is valued almost universally by former grantees as having brought them enormous professional and personal values.

2. Yet, it is recognized that in recent years the program's prestige and impact has been less than in its earlier stages. Institute of International Education Vice President Cassandra A. Pyle emphasized in her remarks to the conferees that the program's values would be harder to maintain in the period ahead without more organized support, especially voluntary support. The organization of the Fulbright Alumni Association could not be more timely.

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FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION PLANNED

The First National Convention of the FAA is scheduled for September 15, 16, and 17, at the Dupont Plaza Hotel, Washington, D.C. J. William Fulbright has tentatively accepted an invitation to address the convention, while spokesmen of the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, the Board of Foreign Scholarships, and the Institute of International Education have indicated their readiness to participate.

In addition to all former Fulbrighters, current foreign Fulbrighters, and the heads of Fulbright Commissions abroad will be invited to attend. Planners of the convention hope to provide a warm fraternal atmosphere for the renewal of acquaintances and the sharing of experiences. Meetings, panels, and workshops are in the planning stage, as well as social receptions and excursions in the Washington area.

Dorothy Bruchholz Goodman (Fulbright to England 1950-52), Headmistress of the Washington International School, is Chairperson for Local Arrangements.

Individuals interested in participating on the program, or making suggestions regarding its content should write to the Program Chairperson:

Robert A. Corrigan, Provost
Division of Arts and Humanities
University of Maryland
College Park, MD 20742

Finalized program details and hotel reservation forms will be mailed soon to all FAA members. Mark your calendars now and plan to lend your support.
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Ramon Bela: Executive Director, Commission for Educational Exchange Between the United States of America and Spain, Madrid. "The potential contribution of alumni associations organized both in the US and respective countries abroad could appear as one of the most significant factors in the successful continuation of the Fulbright programs."

Monese Billington: Professor, History, New Mexico State University. Host institution: University of Vienna 1962-63. "When I was a Fulbrighter at Vienna, my two children attended an Austrian kindergarten and public first grade there. When each of them was asked to write an autobiographical sketch in order to be admitted to a private college years later, each of them independently conceded that the year in Vienna was the most significant year in their lives. That statement proved not only to be a fact of the past but also a portent of the future. My daughter is now preparing to spend a year or more in Berlin studying the violin, and my son will enter graduate school in the fall to prepare for a career as a foreign service officer. One never knows the possible consequences of a Fulbright appointment."

Robert D. Boulter: Executive Director, The United States Educational Foundation in Ireland, Keptiniath. "I have been watching the development of the Fulbright Alumni Association with considerable interest and I do think that we should try to put together some sort of Western European organization like yours."

George W. Collins: Associate Professor, History, Wichita State University. Host country: Afghanistan 1976-77. "Some of my lectures in Afghanistan in 1976-77, together with those of Jo Tice Bloom, who was there in 1977-78, have been assembled as a textbook for Afghan students. Lectures in American History, translated into Dari by Kasim Hashemi and published by Kabul University. I believe it would be advantageous to provide funds within the Fulbright program for similar publications on a more regular basis. It would be a relatively inexpensive way of insuring that the individual Fulbrighter's contribution to the host country would be a more lasting one."

Jerome C. Ford, Department of Linguistics, Georgetown University. "It appears to me that we former Fulbrighters constitute two things: a pool of knowledge and a source of contacts. In terms of the former we are a body of people who have knowledge and information that can be valued both qualitatively and quantitatively. We are a knowledge resource, a living encyclopedia. In terms of the latter we are a body of people who have valuable contacts with other Fulbrighters, with other professionals in our fields, as well as with individuals in given geographic regions. We are a personal contact resource, a living directory. Therefore, we can be of use first to each other on an individual basis, and secondly through our contacts with individuals and organizations in the localities where we presently work or have worked."

"Although we pursue varied directions in professional careers, we find, often to our surprise, that the paths of our lives cross and that our interests intersect or overlap. Consequently, if we make our interests and inquiries known to each other, we will undoubtedly find that such communication not only facilitates our own work but serves to spread our knowledge around, thus disseminating the wealth of information we have gained personally."

"In my own situation, I am working on some projects where I am sure I would benefit from being able to correspond with or talk to other former Fulbrighters. One such project is concerned with collecting more information on doctor-patient communication in order to confirm views expressed in a manuscript I have written on the subject. I am also involved in an area where I would value contacts in different geographic areas of the country in order to help put my work in the hands of people who would benefit from it. Here I refer to two booklets I have written for students and teachers of foreign languages. One is entitled Why Study a Foreign Language? The second is entitled Job Opportunities for People Who Know a Foreign Language. It would certainly benefit students and teachers in secondary schools and colleges to know that such information is available. I would thus value the Fulbright Alumni Association as a significant and pertinent organization to be part of."

"We are not an elite group in the sense of having snob appeal, but we are elite in being a select group of intellectuals and professionals. In this regard, we have much to offer each other and to mankind by maintaining communication channels through the Association."

Lucien Jambrun: Executive Secretary, Franco-American Commission for Educational Exchange, Paris. "In my opinion, the FAA can accomplish a great deal, both for the future of the Fulbright program, and more generally for the development and improvement of educational exchange, with all its consequences for individuals, scientific progress, and international cooperation."

Margarida Reis e Sousa: Interim Executive Secretary, Luso-American Educational Commission, Lisbon. "We are now in the process of forming our own Portuguese Fulbright Alumni Association and the possibility of affiliating it with its US counterpart was raised. Have you thought of a process for bringing together under a Federation, or whatever it may be called, the several Alumni Associations that exist in a variety of countries?"