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Professor W. W. Willoughby, of the Johns Hopkins University, has been on leave of absence, assisting the Chinese government in the preparation of its case before the Washington Conference on Far Eastern affairs.

Professor Clyde L. King, of the University of Pennsylvania, was engaged during the summer of 1921 as research expert for the joint congressional commission of agricultural inquiry. The report of the commission deals chiefly with the causes of agricultural depression.

The University of Michigan and the University of the Philippines have completed arrangements for an exchange of professors of political science. Maximo M. Kalaw, head of the department of political science in the latter institution, will give courses at Michigan during the academic year 1922–23, while Professor Ralston Hayden will do similar work at the University of the Philippines. Professor Hayden will leave for Manila in May, 1922. He will be away about fifteen months and expects to make a first-hand study of colonial government, not only in the Philippines, but also in the Japanese, French, Dutch, and British possessions. Professor Hayden will shortly publish a collection of the new European constitutions.

Professor H. E. Bolton, of the University of California, will take charge of Professor W. R. Shepherd's courses in Columbia University during the second semester. Professor Shepherd is on leave during the present year.

Professor Howard L. McBain, of Columbia University, has been appointed by Governor Miller a member of the commission for the revision of the New York City charter.
Dr. Julius Goebel, Jr., has been appointed lecturer in international law at Columbia University. He has taken over the courses formerly conducted by Mr. Henry F. Munro, now of Dalhousie University.

Dr. H. E. Yntema has been appointed lecturer in Roman law and comparative jurisprudence at Columbia University.

Professor Raymond G. Gettell, of Amherst College, will give courses in American government and foreign relations in the coming summer session of the University of California.

Dr. Charles H. Maxson, of the University of Pennsylvania, has been carrying on an investigation on unicameral legislation in the British-American provinces of Canada.

At the University of California, Dr. N. Wing Mah gives a course during the second semester on the contemporary politics and foreign relations of the Chinese republic. Next year Professor W. Popper will give a course on governments in the Near East, and Professor H. I. Priestley one on Hispanic-American institutions.

At an institute of efficiency in government, held at Chicago December 1–3 in conjunction with the first annual convention of the Illinois League of Women Voters, the laxness of men in voting was discussed by Professor Charles E. Merriam, of the University of Chicago; nominating processes, by Professor P. Orman Ray, of Northwestern University; and ballot forms and defects by Professors Ralston Hayden, of the University of Michigan, and A. R. Hatton, of Western Reserve University.

There has been established at Norwich University, within the department of political science, a bureau of municipal affairs which will hold itself ready to give assistance to the counties, cities, towns and villages of Vermont in the solution of problems peculiar to municipal corporations. The bureau will render this service in the following ways: (1) by giving information regarding community organization, town planning, and the administration of local government; (2) by publishing bulletins dealing with problems of government which are of current interest and distributing them to municipal officers, civic organizations, and libraries; (3) by encouraging the establishment of local town
reference bureaus; (4) by providing communities with speakers on governmental topics; (5) by holding local government conferences. The establishment of this bureau is a continuation of the work already done in this field by Norwich through the publication of the bulletins on poor relief and town planning. K. R. B. Flint, professor of political science, will be director of the bureau.

The National Convocation of Universities and Colleges on International Relations, including representatives of more than two hundred universities and colleges, met at Chicago, November 12, 13, and 14, 1921, to consider the problem of the limitation of armaments. As a result of this convocation, a permanent organization was formed, to be known as the National Student Committee for the Limitation of Armaments. Its purpose is to stimulate among college students an interest in the issues confronting the nations interested in the limitation of armaments; and to mobilize and make articulate student sentiment relative thereto. The movement had its inception at the Intercollegiate Conference on Reduction of Armaments called together at Princeton University on October 26. At this conference, delegates from thirty-nine colleges enthusiastically supported the project of reduction of armaments and advocated making a nation-wide appeal to college students. Among the resolutions adopted at the Chicago meeting is one of especial interest to teachers of political science. It was resolved that the "Convocation, aroused by the consideration of the great problems now under discussion at Washington, calls the attention of college and university officers and students to the necessity of providing more fully than do present courses of instruction in American educational institutions for an intelligent understanding of the problems of national and international life. To the end that present defects in these matters be corrected, it is urged that courses of instruction be provided which shall acquaint students in schools and colleges with the fundamental necessity of social coöperation and the disastrous consequences of the lack of international harmony and war."