PROGRAM

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The Inn, Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania

May 24-27, 1956

PROGRAM 1956 CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, MAY 24

6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Registration

9:00 P.M.

Get-together Party

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FRIDAY, MAY 25

8:30 - 10:00 A.M.

Registration

10:00 A.M.

STUDIES IN POPULAR CULTURE

(East Room)

Chairman: Dallas W. Smythe (University of Illinois)

STANLEY K. BIGMAN (American University)

"Demographic and Personality Characteristics of the Readers of Various Comic Strips"

JOHN JOHNSTONE (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation) and Elihu Katz (University of Chicago)

"Youth Culture and Popular Music: A Study in the Sociology of Taste"

CHARLES WINICK (Queens College)

"The Effects of a Film on its Audience: 'The Man with the Golden Arm'"

HERBERT GANS (University of Pennsylvania)

"The Role of the Creator-Audience Relationship in the Creation of the Mass Media Product: An Analysis of Movie Making"

COMMUNICATIONS THEORY & OPINION RESEARCH (South Lounge)

Chairman: Morris Janowitz (University of Michigan)

KURT W. BACK (University of Puerto Rico)

"Communication Without Influence: The Survey Interview as a Model"

HAROLD MENDELSOHN (McCann-Erickson, Inc.)

"Requisites in the Investigation of National
Systems of Mass Communications"

MAURICE FARBER (University of Connecticut)
"The Role of National Character in Opinion Research"

S. N. EISENSTADT (Hebrew University) "Towards a Sociological Theory of Communication"

Discussants: Kurt Lang (Canadian Br'dcasting Corp.)
David Riesman (University of Chicago)

1:30 P.M.

RESEARCH AS AN INSTRUMENT OF SOCIAL

POLICY (South Lounge)

Chairman: CLYDE W. HART (National Opinion Research Center)

ROBERT T. BOWER (American University)

"Desegregation in the Washington Public Schools"

EVA ROSENFELD (New York University)

"Social Research and Social Action in Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency"

PHILIP M. HAUSER (University of Chicago) and

DONALD J. BOGUE (University of Chicago)
"Social Research and Population Policy"

Discussant: Frederick F. Stephan (Princeton Univ.)

COMPARATIVE DETERMINANTS OF POLITICAL OPINION (East Room)

Chairman: Daniel Lerner (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

H. D. LASSWELL (Yale University)

"Opinions Systems in the Political Process"

RAYMOND ARON (University of Paris)

"The Opinion Structure of Postwar France"

W. P. DAVISON (The Rand Corporation)
"The Berlin Airlift — A Case Study"

3:30 P.M.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

General Chairman: JOHN MALONEY (The Reader's Digest)

"Towards a Definition of Opinion Leadership" (Card Lounge)

Chairman: ROBERT O. CARLSON (Standard Oil Company (N.J.))

Panel Members:

THOMAS RYAN (Time Magazine)
ELIHU KATZ (University of Chicago)
JAMES M. VICARY (James M. Vicary Company)
LOUIS HARRIS (Elmo Roper and Associates)

"Use of Research in Judicial Evidence" (North Exchange)

Chairman: HANS ZEISEL (University of Chicago)

Panel Members:

RICHARD MAISEL (Internat'l Research Associates)
BENJAMIN LIPSTEIN (Audits and Surveys)
HARRY KALVEN (University of Chicago)
WALTER BLUM (University of Chicago)

"Operations Research and the Survey Method" (Lodge) (Lodge)

Chairman: Herbert Krugman (Richardson, Bellows, Henry & Company, Inc.)

Panel Members:

JOSEPH E. BARMACK (Dunlap Associates)
ROBERT FROEMKE (Standard Oil Co. (N.J.))
DONALD N. MICHAEL (Nat. Science Foundation)
WILLIAM C. SCHWARZBEK (Gen'l Electric Co.)

"Techniques for World Polls" (Camp Club)
Chairman: STUART C. DODD (University of Washington)
Panel Members:

George Gallup (The Gallup Poll)
Leo P. Crespi (U. S. Information Agency)
Helen M. Crossley (U.S. Information Agency)
John Maloney (The Reader's Digest)
Alberto J. Castelli (International Research
Associates)

"How Big Should the Sample Be?" (South Exchange) Chairman: Sol Dutka (Audits and Surveys) Panel Members:

LESTER FRANKEL (Alfred Politz Research)
W. EDWARDS DEMING (Washington, D. C.)

"Personality Measurement Techniques and the Survey Method" (Library)

Chairman: Herta Herzog (McCann-Erickson, Inc.)
Panel Members:

NORBERT FREEDMAN (McCann-Erickson, Inc.) MARIE JAHODA (Research Center for Human Relations)

ELAINE GRAHAM (Bank Street College of Education)

DAVID MAYER (Market Psychology, Inc.)

5:30 P.M.

WAPOR Business Meeting (Library)

8:30 P.M.

PUBLIC OPINION AND THE 1956 ELECTION

(East Room)

Chairman: Elmo Roper (Elmo Roper and Associates)
Panel Members:

HAROLD GOSNELL (American University)
PAUL LAZARSFELD (Columbia University)
SAMUEL STOUFFER (Harvard University)
ITHIEL POOL (M.I.T.)
LOUIS HARRIS (Elmo Roper and Associates)

9:00 A.M.

FOUR INDEPENDENT ANALYSES OF TWENTY QUALITATIVE INTERVIEWS (East Room)

Chairman: GERHART D. WIEBE (CBS, Inc.)

VIRGINIA MILES (McCann-Erickson, Inc.)

MYRON J. HELFGOTT (Ogilvy, Benson & Mather, Inc.) HERBERT E. KRUGMAN (Richardson, Bellows, Henry) DAVID L. SILLS (Bureau of Applied Social Research)

CONSUMER BEHAVIOR (South Lounge)

Chairman: DAVID WALLACE (Ford Motor Company)

J. THOMAS MILLER (Meredith Publishing Co.)
"Personality Attributes of Buyers vs. Non-Buyers"

James Coleman (Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences), Elihu Katz (University of Chicago), and Herbert Menzel (Bureau of Applied Social Research)

"Social Relationships and Brand-Product Choices"

WENDELL SMITH (Alderson & Sessions)

"A Laboratory Approach to Shopping Behavior"

AAPOR Business Meeting (East Room)

11:00 A.M.

2:00 P.M.

RESEARCH IN HEALTH (South Lounge)

Chairman: Odin W. Anderson (Health Inf. Found'n)

Jacob J. Feldman (National Opinion Research Center)

"Problems in the Study of Health Attitudes and Practices"

ASHLEY WEEKS (New York University)

"Family Spending Patterns Relating to Health"

BENJAMIN J. DARSKY (University of Michigan) and CHARLES A. METZNER (University of Michigan)

"Adapting the Principles of Questionnaire Construction and Interviewing to Health Problems"

BEN GAFFIN (Ben Gaffin & Associates, Inc.)
"How the American Medical Association Has
Used Survey Research"

OPINION RESEARCH ABROAD WITHOUT THE USE OF SURVEYS (East Room)

Chairman: Bruce L. Smith (Michigan State Univ.)
"Why Non-Survey Types of Research on Opinions and Attitudes Abroad?"

KARL W. DEUTSCH (Mass. Institute of Technology)
"Indices of National Pre-occupation and International Involvement on the Elite and Mass Level"

J. MAYONE STYCOS (St. Lawrence University)
 "Initial Problems of Investigation in the Underdeveloped Area" JEAN STOETZEL (Institut Francais d'Opinion Publique)
"Recent French Opinion Research Conducted
Without the Use of Surveys"

DEAN MANHEIMER (Internat'l Research Associates, Inc.)
"Examples of Non-Formal Research Approaches
in International Research"

4:00 P.M.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

General Chairman: DONALD CAHALAN (National Opinion Research Center)

"Research Plans for the 1956 Elections" (Library)
Chairman: ELMO C. WILSON (International Research
Associates, Inc.)

Panel Members:

George Gallup (American Institute of Public Opinion)

SIDNEY GOLDISH (Minneapolis Star and Tribune)
LOUIS HARRIS (Elmo Roper & Associates)
MARVIN D. FIELD (Field Research Company)

"Training of Opinion Research Personnel" (Lodge) Chairman: Lester P. Guest (Penna. State University) Panel Members:

JOSEPH C. FRANKLIN (Kenyon & Eckhardt, Inc.)
HERBERT HYMAN (Columbia University)
ROBERT C. NUCKOLS (Life Insurance Agency
Management Association)

WALTER V. MONROE (National Analysts, Inc.)

"Checking the Validity of Research Results" (Card Lounge)

Chairman: J. STEVENS STOCK (J. Stevens Stock Research Company)

Panel Members:

ROBERT WILLIAMS (Audits and Surveys)
RAYMOND FRANZEN (Hawaiian Pineapple
Company)

JACK ELINSON (National Opinion Research Center)

LESTER G. FRANKEL (Alfred Politz Research)
VINCENT MACHI (Alfred Politz Research)
LEE RAINWATER (Social Research, Inc.)

"Application of Scaling to Market Research" (Camp Club)

Chairman: Louis Guttman (Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences)

Panel Members:

MANUEL N. MANFIELD (National Research Services)

WILLIAM A. REYNOLDS (Fletcher D. Richards, Inc.)

IRA H. CISIN (George Washington University)
JOHN D. McEachron (American Telephone &
Telegraph Company)

SATURDAY, MAY 26

"Attitude Formation in Youth" (South Exchange)
Chairman: Charles Y. Glock (Bureau of Applied
Social Research)

Panel Members:

LOTTE BAILYN (Harvard University)
ROBERT STELZER (Student Marketing Institute)
CHARLES WRIGHT (Columbia College)
GERHART SAENGER (New York University)
JOSEPH T. KLAPPER (Bureau of Applied Social
Research)

"Basic Research: Who Should Pay for It? How Should It Be Organized?" (North Exchange)
Chairman: Donald N. Michael (National Science)

Foundation)

Panel Members:

LEE M. WIGGINS (Columbia University)
JOHN J. RILEY (Rutgers University)
TRINAH MEYERS (U. S. Dept. of Agriculture)
STANLEY K. BIGMAN (American University)

9:00 P.M.

PRESIDENTIAL SESSION (East Room)

Greetings: Leo P. Crespi, President, WAPOR Address: Harry Alpert, President, AAPOR Presentation of the Julian L. Woodward Memorial Award

SUNDAY, MAY 27

10:00 A.M.

TECHNIQUES OF PRESENTATION FOR RESEARCH RESULTS (East Room)

Chairman: Pierre Martineau (Chicago Tribune) Victor M. Ratner (McCann-Erickson, Inc.)

"Some Principles of Moving Ideas"

JAMES M. VICARY (James M. Vicary Company)

"Using a Film to Supplement a Research Report"
HERBERT BRESEMAN (Life Magazine)

"Presenting Survey Findings to Different Publics"

PROPAGANDA AND PEOPLE IN THE

COLD WAR (South Lounge)

Chairman: Joseph T. Klapper (Bureau of Applied Social Research)

GERALD L. STEIBEL (Radio Free Europe)

"Translating Area Research Findings Into Psych-War Material"

DAVID GLEICHER (Mass. Institute of Technology)

"The Personal and Professional Situation of the Soviet Military Officer"

IVAN LONDON (Brooklyn College and

MIRIAM LONDON (Inwood Institute)

"Differential Reactions of Recent and Earlier Defectors to Anti-Soviet Propaganda Themes"

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