

# Europe's Savants to Study Civilization of America

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Eighty European scholars and 20 from the United States will join in studying American Civilization this summer at Castle Leopoldskron, near Salzburg, Austria, in a unique venture in international education.

For the Europeans it will be an invitation affair with all expenses paid, including transportation to and from their homes regardless of whether they come from Prague, Rome, Upsala, Paris, Marburg, or any other point in Europe. The Americans will pay their own transportation.

The project is the work of a small pioneering group of students at Harvard University who believed it was not necessary to sit around talking about what to do about international education; something could be done immediately.

## Plan \$23,000 Fund

Their idea caught on at once and they are planning on a \$23,000 budget for this first seminar which will extend from July 15 to August 31. The proper name for it is the Salzburg Seminar in American Civilization sponsored by the Harvard Student Council in Co-operation with the World Student Service Fund and the International Student Service in Geneva.

The International Student Service Fund in Geneva is handling details of opening and staffing the castle, which was once the home of Max Reinhardt, theatrical producer. Clearance has been obtained from the American Military Government in Salzburg, which has assured the group of its full co-operation, even to the extent of equipping the castle for the seminar.

The Austrian Government has issued an official invitation to the American group, and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace has agreed to equip a small library at the castle. The project also has the full support of the Commission for International Education Reconstruction in Washington, D. C., and its sponsors hope for full indorsement eventually from the United Nations Economic, Social, and Cultural Organization.

## Policies Outlined

Policies of the seminar, which it is anticipated will furnish an annual meeting ground for European and American scholars interested in the government and

civilization of the United States, are outlined by an executive committee of students and faculty at Harvard University, where the movement started. But the seminar is not a Harvard activity otherwise, the University having no official hand in it. Executive secretary is Clemence Heller; Administrative Secretary is Richard B. Campbell, Jr.

The project is, to some extent, an outgrowth of the Harvard Student Council Food Relief Committee which took form a year ago and has been sending frequent contributions of money for food for European students. Latest contribution was \$23,000, the largest, according to the World Service Fund, ever received for this purpose.

Large numbers of letters came back from European students, as a result of the food contributions, asking questions about American ways, American customs, American government. A small group of Harvard students decided no better way of answering this flood of inquiry could be devised than the seminar.

## Many Considered

Less expensive than bringing European students to this country, they realized, would be the transporting of a faculty group to Europe to some center to which European scholars would be invited. Many sites were considered, but Castle Leopoldskron was the one finally selected. The seminar will extend from July 15 to Aug. 31.

During the winter the castle will be used as a rest home for European university students and will be wholly supported by contributions from American college students.

This summer's faculty will include the following: in American Literature, Prof. F. O. Matthiessen of Harvard, and Alfred Kazin; in American Government, Prof. Benjamin Wright of Harvard; in American History, Prof. Richard Schlatter of Rutgers University, and Miss Elspeth Davis of Sarah Lawrence College; in Sociology, Prof. Margaret Mead of Columbia University, and Gregory Bateson of the New School for Social Research, New York City; in Economics, Walt Rostow, now at Oxford University, and Wassily Leontiev of Harvard. Prof. Gaetano Salvemini of Harvard will be at the seminar for two weeks on his way to Italy.

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