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Committee on The Challenge of Social Adjustment posed by the Changing Position of
Liquid Fuels: Professor J. L. Dillon (Chairman), Professor M. Logan, Professor
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Professor H. A. J. Ford
Professor N. D. Harper
Professor J. D. Legge
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Panel D (Education, Psychology, Social Medicine)
Professor R. Taft (Chairman)
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Professor R. H. Day
Dr J. P. Keeves
Professor R. Over
Professor D. Spearritt*

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Professor P. Glow : South Australia
Professor G. C. Bolton: Western Australia
Professor P. Sheehan : Queensland
Dr P. J. Lloyd : A.C.T.
Professor P. Scott : Tasmania
THE ACADEMY AND ITS OBJECTIVES

The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (prior to July 1971 the Social Science Research Council of Australia) is a corporate body of social scientists. Each member, on election to the Academy, takes the title of Fellow. For the origins and development of the Academy, see the 1975-76 (or an earlier) Annual Report, and K. S. Cunningham: The Social Science Research Council of Australia 1942-1952, SSRC, Canberra, 1967.

The functions of the Academy are:

(i) to encourage the advancement of the social sciences in Australia;
(ii) to act as a co-ordinating group for the promotion of research and teaching in the social sciences;
(iii) to foster research and to subsidise the publication of studies in the social sciences;
(iv) to encourage and assist in the formation of other national associations or institutions for the promotion of the social sciences or any branch of them;
(v) to act as the Australian national member of international organizations connected with social sciences; and
(vi) to act as a consultant and adviser in regard to social sciences.

As at 30 June 1981 there were 181 Fellows of the Academy. New Fellows are elected by postal ballot on the recommendation of the Membership Committee. The Academy’s functions are discharged by the Executive Committee, which consists of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and seven other members, all elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Since 1953 the Australian Government has provided an annual grant to assist the Academy to meet administrative and travel costs. In 1980-81 the grant was $64,000, compared with $58,000 in the previous year.

The rapid pace of social, economic and technological change has opened up many new areas inviting social inquiry, but with its limited financial resources the Academy must be highly selective in its choice of new research and study areas. To identify such areas, the Academy organized its Fellows some years ago into four research Panels with the subject groupings as indicated on page 7 of this Report. The Panels have served the Academy well with advice relating to membership matters, the selection of new research topics and general policy issues. The Panels remain an important element of the Academy’s structure. However, as Panel members are grouped by related disciplines only and not by geographical location, their members cannot easily be brought together at a reasonable cost at times other than at the Annual General Meeting. Consequently the Academy has supplemented Panel activities with assemblies of Fellows on a State basis, with meetings held in the various capital cities. Beginning in May 1979, such ‘State’ meetings were held in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Canberra and a review of the experiment at the Annual General Meeting in November 1979 concluded that such activities could be a useful and relatively inexpensive supplement to Panel activities and should therefore be continued. It was felt, however, that such meetings should be called to discuss particular issues of current significance as these arose rather than as a regular programme. It was also felt that such Branch meetings might occasionally be held to consider joint Academies’ issues and activities.
In 1980-81 Branch meetings were held in Canberra in April, in Brisbane in May, in Adelaide and Melbourne in June, and meetings have been arranged in Sydney and Perth for later in the year. The meetings had a variety of objectives. The Canberra meeting took advantage of a visit by Professor Fei Hsiao-t'ung, a distinguished Chinese sociologist and Vice-President of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, to discuss problems associated with the development of the interchange scheme between the Chinese Academy and the Australian Academies of Humanities and the Social Sciences. In Brisbane attention focussed on issues for social scientists arising from government policies and actions that might be investigated and reported on by Branches. Adelaide raised the question of a wider range of Academy lectures and oral histories of Academy Fellows. Melbourne heard a report on the Liquid Fuels Seminar held in April and discussed further research proposals arising from this. The Sydney Branch is to consider fund-raising for the Major Project on Australia and the Southwest Pacific.

In the past the Academy has put much emphasis upon its Major Research Projects, which are described in a later section of this Report. These have been major interdisciplinary exercises which have disseminated their findings in many books, articles in learned journals, and research reports. These projects have done much to stimulate new research, not merely among the Fellows of the Academy, but widely throughout universities and research institutes in Australia. They have also helped to clarify issues of significance in the formulation of government policies. The conduct of research has also benefited greatly from close collaboration of the research workers with government officials and departments at both Federal and State levels. This interaction has been essential to the progress of these projects. This has been the case particularly with the many individual studies that have flowed from the projects on the Aborigines in Australian Society, and on Immigrants in Australia.

Such Major Projects must have a limited life in order to ensure a reasonable spread of activities over time. They are also costly enterprises, involving the raising of considerable funds from outside sources, such as statutory bodies and business firms. The Aborigines and Immigration projects each involved raising about $100,000: in real terms the cost today of quite a modest research project would be at least twice this amount. Raising funds at such levels is not easy, and while the Academy benefits to the degree that gifts to the Academy for research purposes have been exempt from income tax since August 1964, donations for other important activities — many of them research-related — such as the dissemination of scientific knowledge, do not qualify for such a concession. The Academy still seeks inclusion with those education and research bodies in whose cases a donation does not have to be specifically for research to be accepted as an income tax deduction.

In the past two years the Academy has embarked on a number of shorter-term enterprises and at the same time has been reviewing topics of major national and academic significance to which it should turn its attention in the future. The task is not easy, for while issues of significance may be readily enough identified, their effective investigation may be more appropriate to a scholar or institution other than the Academy, both for academic and financial reasons. As the regular income of the Academy covers only its essential administrative services, the subject chosen by it for investigation must be one that can gain both tangible support from an interested public and meet the scholarly standards of independent inquiry set by the Academy.
The role of the Academy as a research body has also now to take into account other statutory funding bodies in the field of social sciences, particularly the Australian Research Grants Committee. Individual projects already receiving support, or subsequently approved for support by such bodies, may have close relevance to a broader general theme of interest to the Academy. The Academy appreciates the informal discussions already held with such bodies to improve co-ordination and to eliminate unnecessary duplication of effort in research projects. The role of the Academy as a catalyst in encouraging research is apparent in a number of individual projects stimulated by the Academy’s own Major Projects which subsequently received support from these funding bodies. This has been the case with both the Aborigines and Immigration projects. The Academy has also benefited greatly from collaboration with individual universities with respect to particular projects, and currently in its new venture on Australia and the Southwest Pacific.

At its Annual General Meeting of November 1979, the Academy agreed that ASSA should continue to engage in major projects of the traditional kind, but it also felt that the Academy 'should give more attention to seeking out, discussing and commenting upon significant current issues; through standing committees, workshops and symposia, and the continuation of branch activities'. These policy objectives are reflected in the steps taken during 1980-81 to initiate Branch meetings, including the appointment of Branch Conveners, and in the account of seminar and symposia activities which follows.

Research is not, however, the only function of the Academy, and the rounds of discussions in the separate States have also been designed to find ways and means of increasing the effectiveness of the Academy's role as a consultant and adviser and in promoting and encouraging 'the advancement of the social sciences' both in Australia and abroad. In these wider roles the Academy appreciates closer collaboration with the Academies of Science, the Technological Sciences and the Humanities through the deliberations of the Consultative Committee of the Australian Academies and in joint seminars and workshops. Details of these activities in 1980-81 are set down in following sections of this Report.

The Academy also continued its international activities through its affiliation with the Asian Association of Social Science Research Councils (AASSREC) and the International Federation of Social Science Councils (IFSSO). A new venture of considerable significance was also initiated: an interchange scheme between the Australian Academies of the Social Sciences and the Humanities, acting jointly, and the Chinese Academy of the Social Sciences. Further details are given in the later section of this Report (see pages 13-14).

**ACADEMY ACTIVITIES**

1. RESEARCH

Four Major Projects have been completed by the Academy and its predecessor, the Social Science Research Council in Australia: Women in Australia, Taxation in Australia, Aborigines in Australian Society and Immigrants in Australia.

The results of each of the first two projects were produced as a single volume. The Aborigines project was a much larger and longer-term enterprise, which generated eleven research monographs and three major synoptic volumes by the project's Director, Dr Charles Rowley. This series covers a wide range of topics including the history of
Aborigines since European settlement in Australia, their settlement patterns in both remote and urban areas, their economic status, health and morbidity. The final volume *The Aboriginal Population of Australia* by L. R. Smith was published in 1980.

In the *Immigration Project*, ten monographs have been published and a final study of the post-war settlement patterns of immigrants in metropolitan Australia is still under consideration. Published volumes include studies of selected ethnic groups, immigrant communities, patterns of income and expenditure, political attitudes and behaviour, and the impacts of professional and highly skilled immigrants in Australian society.

In the related project on *Studies in the Education of Migrant Children*, which was financially supported by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Dr Phil Meade completed Report No. 2, *The Educational Experience of Sydney High School Students: Students', Teachers' and Parents' Perceptions of Schooling* (Australian Government Publishing Service, Canberra 1981). The Academy provided assistance for the final editing and preparation of the manuscript for publication. This project was severely affected by the untimely death in 1979 of Dr Meade’s collaborator, Dr Jean Martin, and the Academy appreciates the dedicated work of Dr Meade in bringing this volume to completion. A third volume in this series is expected to be published shortly.

Activities began on the new *Major Project on Australia and the Southwest Pacific* during the year, with the appointment of Dr H. Nelson, Fellow in the Department of Pacific and Southeast Asian History, Research School of Pacific Studies, ANU, as Director of the Project. In addition, two posts are being allocated in this Department to studies within the Project’s scope. The Academy greatly appreciates this generous co-operation of the Vice-Chancellor and of the Head of the Department, Professor G. Daws, in supporting these arrangements. At the close of the year, the Academy had initiated steps, through its Finance Committee and the Project Committee, to seek funding for additional research studies. The immediate objective is $50,000 in a project which is estimated to cost at least $200,000 at present prices over a period of approximately five years.

The Project Committee has approved studies covering six volumes:

1) An introductory survey of Australia in the Southwest Pacific;
2) Australia and Papua New Guinea (2 vols.);
3) Australia and Fiji;
4) Australia and New Caledonia and the New Hebrides;
5) Australia and the Southwest Pacific – the present and future.

It is also intended to invite scholars working in relevant areas to co-operate with the Project, and topics agreed to be appropriate include:

- The Second World War in the Southwest Pacific
- The movements of Pacific peoples, within islands and overseas
- The Pacific planter
- Australia’s administrative frontier in the Pacific
- The investment frontier
- Health status, disease and health services
- Defence and strategic interests.
In addition to the studies commissioned directly by the Project, the intention is that, as with the *Aborigines* and *Immigration* Projects, there will be close liaison with scholars throughout Australia working within the general field of Australia-Island relations. Furthermore, it is also intended that, as the Project develops, increasing attention will be given to contemporary issues.

The Academy also continued to sponsor a number of 'Trend Reports'. Under the guidance of Professor F. Gruen, the preparation of Volume III of the *Surveys of Australian Economics* was continued and a volume of five chapters is expected to be published in 1981.

In addition, steady progress continued in the preparation of the second "Trend Report", *Survey of Australian Political Science*, under the guidance of an Editorial Committee with Professor D. Aitkin as Chairman. The goal is one volume covering political history and biography, political institutions, political sociology, public administration, radical political science, international relations, political theory and foreign politics. Publication is planned for 1982.

2. SYMPOSIA AND CONFERENCES

This year saw an extension of those activities on topics which were felt to be of national interest.

The *Annual Symposium* held on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting in November 1980, was on the topic *Refugees: The Challenge of the Future*. Convened by Dr C. A. Price, the discussion was built around four papers:

- The Refugee Situation Today (Dr G. Goodwin-Gill)
- The Indo-Chinese Refugee Situation: A Kampuchean Case Study (Dr Milton Osborne)
- Refugee Settlement: An Australian Case Study (Dr D. Cox)
- Being a Refugee (Dr E. F. Kunz and Dr H. J. Schneider)

The *Proceedings* of the Symposium are expected to be published by September 1981.

A second Symposium, designed as a follow-up to an earlier seminar which led to the publication *Youth Unemployment* was held in Canberra in February 1981, with the title *Youth Employment, Training and Education*. The speakers included visitors from overseas as well as from many parts of Australia and the discussants and audience were drawn from university teaching and research staff, business and trade union organizations, and the Public Service. The major themes were:

- An Overview of Youth Employment and Unemployment (Dr R. G. Gregory and Dr P. Stricker)
- The Transition from School to Work (Dr J. P. Keeves)
- Education and the Preparation for Adult Life (Professor W. F. Connell and Professor P. W. Musgrave)
- Lessons from the Australian Experience (Mr P. E. P. Kirby)
- Apprenticeship Training and the Labour Market (Dr P. A. Scherer)
- Income Support for Young People (Mr P. Dixon)
- The US Experience (Dr R. Smith)
- The Experience of OECD Countries (Dr K. Pankhurst)
A third Symposium, held in Canberra in April 1981, was associated with the Joint Academies' Project on *The Challenge of Social Adjustment posed by the Changing Position of Liquid Fuels*. Again participants were drawn from a wide range of academic, government and business areas and disciplines and included members of all four Australian Academies. The Symposium, which was opened by Senator J. L. Carrick, Minister for National Development and Energy, was based on four major papers:

- Social Aspects of Energy in Australia: A Social Literature and Research Review (Professor S. Harris)
- Petroleum and Liquid Fuel Alternatives in Australia (Professor G. Taylor)
- Economic Aspects of the Liquid Fuel Situation (Associate Professor G. McColl and Dr G. M. Folie)
- Energy and Social Change (Dr J. R. Saunders)

As the year closed, preparations were in hand for a Conference to be held in September 1981, jointly sponsored by the Academy, the Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, and the newly-formed Australian Council on Population and Ethnic Affairs, to discuss the *Implications of Australian Population Trends*.

Proceedings of these Symposia and Conference will be published.

3. ANNUAL ACADEMY SYMPOSIUM

For an account of the Symposium in November 1980 on *Refugees*, see Item 2. above.

In November 1980, the Annual General Meeting agreed that the Annual Symposium for November 1981 should discuss the topic *Aboriginal Sites and Rights and the Impact of Resource Development*, with Professor R. Berndt as Convener.

4. ANNUAL LECTURE

The Eighth Annual Lecture of the Academy was given in the Coombs Lecture Theatre, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University on Tuesday, 4 November 1980 by Professor P. W. Sheehan, University of Queensland. The subject of Professor Sheehan's Lecture was *The Pure-Applied Distinction in Social Science*. The Lecture was published and is available from the office of the Academy in the National Library, Canberra.

The Director-General of the National Library of Australia, Mr Harrison Bryan, accepted the invitation of the Academy to deliver the 1981 Annual Lecture in November with the title of *Knowledge, Information and Libraries*.

5. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Academy continued its affiliation with the Asian Association of Social Science Research Councils (AASSREC) and with the International Federation of Social Science Organizations (IFSSO). An important innovation in 1980-81 was the inauguration of the *Exchange Scheme* between the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the Academies of the Humanities and of the Social Sciences in Australia.

a) *Chinese-Australian Exchange Scheme*

Five Australian scholars were approved by the Chinese Academy for visits to China in 1981:
Associate Professor J. R. Anderson, Dean, Faculty of Economic Studies, University of New England;
Professor W. Brugger, Professor of Politics, School of Social Sciences, Flinders University of SA;
Dr R. Gerdes, School of Drama, University of NSW;
Professor W. Kasper, Department of Economics, Faculty of Military Studies, University of NSW, Duntroon;
Dr Alice Tay, Department of Jurisprudence, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney.

In June 1981 the Australian Academies' Selection Committee approved the following recommendations of the Chinese Academy for visits to Australia, with the scholars arriving between September and October 1981:

Mr Zhao Shaowei, Institute of Foreign Literature, The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (host: Professor Leonie Kramer, Department of English, University of Sydney);
Mr Sun Peijun, Institute of South Nationality: Chinese Asian Studies (host: Professor G. C. Harcourt, Department of Economics, University of Adelaide);
Mr Cheng Bifan, Institute of World Nationality: Chinese Politics (host: Professor J. A. C. Mackie, Department of Political and Social Change, ANU).

b) AASSREC

Initial steps were taken for Australia's participation in the Biennial Conference to be held in Bangkok in October 1981 with the appointment of Professor W. Geddes as the Academy's representative for this Conference.

c) IFSSO

Professor D. Aitkin represented the Academy at a Workshop held in Paris in March 1981 where the future programme of activities of the Organization and preparations for the next annual Conference to be held in Paris in November were discussed. A major theme of this Conference, as for the AASSREC Conference, is to be an appraisal of the major issues for the Social Sciences in the 1980s.

6. JOINT ACADEMY ACTIVITIES

The Academy continued its co-operation with the Consultative Committee of the Australian Academies. Two major joint project activities were involved in the Study of the Protection of Prehistoric Places, the ASSA representatives (Professor Gale and Dr Rowley) undertook to prepare a proposal for a study of the effects of tourism on prehistoric places.

Phase I of the Project on The Challenge of Social Adjustment posed by the Changing Position of Liquid Fuels was virtually completed with the Joint-Academy Symposium held in April 1981. (See Item 2, p. 13, above for details of the Symposium.) The Academy expresses its appreciation of the financial support of the National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Council which made Phase I of this Project possible. Following the Symposium, the Consultative Committee agreed that a further application for the major Research Phase should be made to NERDDC, but as this Phase was wholly relevant to the Academies of the Social Sciences and the Humanities, the new application should go forward in their joint names. The result of this application will not be known until November 1981.
At the request of the Australian Science and Technology Council (ASTEC), ASSA also joined with other Academies in considering a Draft Report on Basic Research and National Objectives. A submission relating to the social sciences and the humanities was prepared jointly by representatives of ASSA and AAH.

**PUBLICATIONS SPONSORED OR ASSISTED BY THE ACADEMY**

*Reports on Major Research Projects*


J. P. M. Long: *Aboriginal Settlements*.
C. D. Rowley: *The Destruction of Aboriginal Society*.
H. P. Schapper: *Aboriginal Advancement to Integration*.
C. D. Rowley: *Outcasts in White Australia*.
Fay Gale: *Urban Aborigines*.
P. M. Moodie: *Aboriginal Health*.
L. Broom and F. Lancaster Jones: *A Blanket a Year*.
Frank Stevens: *Aborigines in the Northern Territory Cattle Industry*.
Hazel M. Smith and Ellen H. Biddle: *Look Forward, Not Back*.
Elizabeth Eggleston: *Fear, Favour or Affection*.

*Immigrants in Australia Series*, ANU Press, Canberra, 1972-79

Jean Martin: *Community and Identity*.
Ruth Johnson: *Future Australians*.
Paul R. Wilson: *Immigrants and Politics*.
Alan Richardson: *British Immigrants and Australia, A Psycho-social Inquiry*.
C. A. Price (ed.): *Greeks in Australia*.
Eva Isaacs: *Greek Children in Sydney*.
M. J. Salter: *Studies in the Immigration of the Highly Skilled*.
Rachel Unikoski: *Communal Endeavours, Migrant Organizations in Melbourne*.

*Studies in the Education of Migrant Children*, AGPS, Canberra, 1980-81

Ronald Taft and Desmond Cahill: *Initial Adjustment to Schooling of Immigrant Families*.

*Australian Economic Series*, George Allen & Unwin, Sydney 1978-

Academy's Own Publications (excluding Annual Lectures)

Annual Reports, since 1956.

Annual Lectures of the Academy

Academy Symposia, ANU Press, 1977-

Publications Arising from Sponsored Activities
See Annual Report, 1976-77 and earlier.

Publications Subsidised by the Academy
See Annual Report, 1976-77 and earlier.

FINANCE

The audited financial statements of the Academy for the year ending 30 June 1981 are presented below.

Again the year was one of rising costs, the effects of which were cushioned by an increase in the Commonwealth Government's grant by ten per cent, bringing the level to $64,000. The Academy also doubled the annual subscription to $60 in 1980-81. The Annual General Meeting in November 1980 agreed that subscriptions should be increased to $70 in 1981-82 (other than retired Fellows) and that thereafter the subscription should be indexed annually to the official Consumer Price Index. Again, however, costs have tended to exceed these "indexed" increases in revenues, particularly with relation to travel and accommodation – two items which cannot be cut further if the Academy is to operate at the national level.
Separate Government funding of the ASSA/AAH-China Agreement was greatly appreciated, as was NERDDC's support for Phase I of the Liquid Fuels Project: but for each new research enterprise the Academy has to seek outside funds, and at the end of the year attention was focussed on the needs of the new Project Australia and the South-west Pacific. Increasingly, too, the continuation of a programme of seminars and symposia will require collaboration with other organizations which can at least share the costs as well as the benefits of these enterprises.
### THE ACADEMY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES IN AUSTRALIA

#### BALANCE SHEET – AS AT 30 JUNE 1981

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F. H. G. GRUEN, Acting Hon. Treasurer

I have examined the books and accounts of The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (Main Account). I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required and am of the opinion that the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Statement of Revenue and Expenditure represents a true and fair view of the financial affairs of The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (Main Account) as at 30 June 1981.

L. A. BELLINGHAM, B.Com., FASA, Hon. Auditor
## Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ended 30 June 1981

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Less Contribution to Administrative Expenses from The Academies' Australia-China Exchange in the Humanities and Social Sciences | — | 750

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THE ACADEMY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES IN AUSTRALIA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ACCOUNT
Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30 June 1981

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F. H. G. GRUEN, Acting Hon. Treasurer

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L. A. BELLINGHAM, B.Com., FASA, Hon. Auditor
# THE ACADEMY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES IN AUSTRALIA
## RESEARCH PROJECT ACCOUNT
### Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30 June 1981

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**F. H. G. GRUEN, Acting Hon. Treasurer**

I have examined the books and accounts of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (Research Project Account). I have received all the information and explanations I have required and am of the opinion that the above Statement of Receipts and Payments represents a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (Research Project Account) for the year ended 30 June 1981.

**L. A. BELLINGHAM, B.Com., FASA, Hon. Auditor**
THE ACADEMY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES IN AUSTRALIA
THE AUSTRALIAN POPULATION AND IMMIGRATION COUNCIL – ASSA CONFERENCE ACCOUNT
for the Period Ended 30 June 1981

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L. A. BELLINGHAM, B.Com., FASA, Hon. Auditor
THE ACADEMY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES IN AUSTRALIA  
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AUSTRALIAN ACADEMIES – LIQUID FUELS PROJECT  
Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Period Ended 30 June 1981

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F. H. G. GRUEN, Acting Hon. Treasurer

I have examined the books and accounts of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (Consultative Committee of the Australian Academies – Liquid Fuels Project). I have received all the information and explanations I have required and am of the opinion that the above Statement of Receipts and Payments represents a true and fair view of the affairs of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (Consultative Committee of the Australian Academies – Liquid Fuels Project) for the period ended 30 June 1981.

L. A. BELLINGHAM, B.Com., FASA, Hon. Auditor
### Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the period ended 30 June 1981

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** Represented by:**

- Commonwealth Savings Bank, Account No. 090.557, 1,114.85
- Commonwealth Savings Bank, Savings Investment Account No. 5010037, 20,464.93

Total: $21,579.78*

#### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have examined the books and accounts of The Academies' Australia-China Exchange in the Humanities and Social Sciences. I have received all the information and explanations I have required, and am of the opinion that the above Statement of Receipts and Payments represents a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Academies' Australia-China Exchange in the Humanities and Social Sciences as at 30 June 1981.

L. A. BELLINGHAM, B.Com., FASA, Hon. Auditor

* An amount of $18,805.00 of this balance is committed to cover the liabilities outstanding for the implementation of the first year of the Scheme.
1. NEW FELLOWS

The Rules of the Academy state that 'persons who are deemed to have achieved distinction in one or more branches of the social sciences may be elected as Fellows of the Academy if (i) they are nominated by one Fellow and seconded by two other Fellows; (ii) they are recommended by the Membership Committee after investigation of their eligibility; and (iii) they receive the support of a majority of the Fellows for the time being at a postal ballot'.

Six new Fellows were elected in 1980. They were: Mr Harrison Bryan, Director-General, National Library of Australia; Dr A. J. Hagger (Economics), University of Tasmania; Professor E. J. Hannan (Statistics), Australian National University; Professor J. W. McCarty (Economic History), Monash University; Dr C. Pateman (Political Science), University of Sydney; Professor J. G. Wallace (Education), Deakin University.

Two Honorary Fellows were also elected: Emeritus Professor P. H. Partridge, Chancellor of Macquarie University, previously Director of the Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University and a former President of the Academy, and Dr. C. D. Rowley, Visiting Fellow, Department of Sociology, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, previously Executive Director of the Academy, and before that Director of the Research Project Aborigines in Australian Society and the author of three major studies in that Project.

In June 1981 there were 181 Fellows, including 12 Honorary Fellows and ten Overseas Fellows. The Annual General Meeting decided that up to ten names should be submitted to the postal ballot for election to Fellowship in 1981. A list of Fellows as at June 1981 is given in pp. 30-45 of this Report.

2. OBITUARIES

Shortly after the close of the year to which this Report applies, in July 1981, the Academy lost two of its Fellows through the sudden deaths of Professor T. Brennan on 11 July and Professor R. N. Spann on 25 July. The following is a slightly shortened version of the tribute to Professor Brennan, which was prepared by Professor Spann shortly before his own sudden death. The tribute to Professor Spann is from an address delivered by the Rev. Alan Dougan at a service held in the Great Hall of Sydney University on 30 July.

PROFESSOR T. BRENNAN

Tom Brennan, Professor of Social Administration in the Department of Social Work, died suddenly on 11 July.

Tom came to the University of Sydney in 1958, after an early career more varied than that of most academics. He was born in the village of Frizington, Cumberland on 9 March, 1917, the son of a miner whose own family had migrated from Ireland in search of work. His father moved again, to Yorkshire. Tom won a scholarship to Doncaster Grammar School and matriculated at the age of fifteen. During the Depression, there was no possibility of further education and he held many jobs, from woodcutter
and pit-head worker to bus-conductor. But he went on reading, became interested in economics, and one day took a bus ride to Cambridge and knocked on Professor A. C. Pigou's door. With help from Pigou and others, he won an adult scholarship from the West Riding County Council which enabled him to go to King's College, Cambridge, and to study Economics and later Russian. He was a conscientious objector in the Second World War, one of the few unconditionally exempted while not pleading religious grounds. In fact he spent much time as a fire-watcher on the roof of King's College Chapel, and worked as a ditch-digger in a wartime agricultural drainage scheme.

Already as an undergraduate he was drawn towards the investigation of current social problems, and to work on social and economic surveys. Indeed his first research project was completed during a university vacation, in a working-class area of Glasgow, a city in which he was later to spend fruitful and happy years in the 1950s. In the later part of the Second World War he began to study problems of postwar reconstruction in the British social service and in urban planning. Before he was 30 he was already sole or joint author of three books on urban problems in the English Midlands. For four years in the period of the post-war Labour Government he was a Regional Research Officer at the Board of Trade.

Then a chance came to enter academic life. The British universities received their first government grants earmarked for social research and in 1949 Brennan was appointed Director of Social Research at the University College of Swansea. There he wrote one of his most readable works, Social Change in South West Wales (1954), one of several pioneer studies of local communities that began to appear in the 1950s. I should also mention here a perceptive short essay, 'The White House', in the Cambridge Journal (January 1954). This is a vivid and nostalgic evocation of the work of a small but important political discussion group that met in South Wales about the time of the First World War, a group which among other things had nourished the miners' leader, Jim Griffiths, later a Labour minister, and a model to the young Tom Brennan of what such a man should be. He knew the old working class life from the inside, and was aware of the hollowness of its modern simulacra.

This work done, Tom moved on again, this time as Director of the Govan Social Survey conducted by the University of Glasgow; out of this came many articles, and a book about Glasgow, Reshaping a City (1959).

However by the time this book was published Tom Brennan was twelve thousand miles away. He was appointed to the University of Sydney in 1958 with the title of Director of the Department of Social Work, one of many ways the University then had of indicating that the department dwelt in its view, on the fringes of the academic enterprise. In 1966 he was given the title of Associate Professor and three years later, under a new Vice-Chancellor, became Professor of Social Administration. Brennan inherited a department which, though not without talented staff, was in some ways in the doldrums, with an unworkable degree structure and too many students of marginal ability. In the next decade and a half of it was transformed. The present degree of Bachelor of Social Studies was created, the academic standard of students rose until by the later 1970s it was considerably harder to gain admission to Social Work than to Arts or Economics or Science, and around 100 students a year were graduating in the department. Of course this great increase in the number and quality of students raised its own problems, not least that of finding and keeping enough staff of the right standard.
Under Tom Brennan, and with the able assistance of colleagues such as Norma Parker and Mary McLelland, the Sydney department contributed more than its share of leadership to this State and to other schools of social work. It helped to staff other departments. For many years it provided both state and national officers for the Australian Association of Social Workers. Within it were founded and first edited the two academic journals in the field. Brennan also edited and wrote six chapters of a text, *The Foundations of Social Casework* (1966), for many years the only Australian textbook on social work.

In those years of reconstruction, it was perhaps inevitable that Professor Brennan could not devote the same time and energy to research, and he also lacked the financial support which many of his colleagues thought that his work warranted. This was a source of some distress and frustration, as he saw himself as a contributor to sociology, as well as an educator of social workers. However, he continued his work in urban and community studies, including a book on the problems of the Housing Commission estate at Green Valley, published as *New Community, Problems and Policies* (Angus and Robertson, 1973). He sat on many committees and wrote a variety of useful commissioned reports, which led to significant change. He was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. Recently he had been at work on a book on *The Comparative Study of Social Welfare*, and also spent some time writing fiction. He taught for many years a major course in Social Theory in the Faculty of Arts and one on Research Methods, and for some years lectured to candidates for the Diplomas in Town Planning and in Public Health and to the Institute of Psychiatry at Broughton Hall. Indeed he was always anxious to encourage contacts with other departments.

Professor Brennan had a great concern for high academic standards and this did much to enhance the credit and status of his department in the University. He despised trendiness and regretted what he saw as the increasing acceptability in the universities of anti-intellectualism and assaults on the principles of reason (a favourite book of his was Jacques Barzun's *The House of Intellect*). His style in discussion was combative, and he had many characteristics of a Yorkshireman, including directness and sometimes obstinacy. But he aimed only to address the arguments and the facts, and had no time for people who thought that these were secondary to having the right political stance or one's heart in the right place. He expected great loyalty from colleagues and did not forgive those who he felt had let him down.

In Sydney, Tom Brennan also engaged with zest in various activities outside the department. To give one example, he was a leading member of the committee that set up the Staff Club and was Vice-President in its first year of operation. He and his then wife Hazel became well-known figures around the University. Among other things, newcomers from overseas found themselves taken under a friendly and hospitable wing. He was widely read outside his own subject, fond of music and knew his Bible well. He spoke fluent Italian and got by in several other languages; Italy was his favourite country, which he tried always to visit when on study leave. In *Who's Who*, Tom recorded his hobbies as 'gardening, bee-keeping, cooking', to which one would have to add a number of other items, such as 'breeding fancy pigeons, playing the harmonium and messing about in boats'. He had always a taste for country pursuits (in Glasgow he kept ponies and bred goats). He enjoyed the company of his three sons in these and other activities, and formed a close bond with them. He could be a most entertaining
talker with a fund of knowledge of life and manners in many areas of society. It was sad for his friends to see that tough, stocky, energetic figure afflicted by coronary troubles. At the time of his death, he was planning to re-marry, and looking forward to his retirement next year.

R. N. Spann

PROFESSOR R. N. SPANN

The Council of St. Andrew's College were dismayed when in 1953 their Vice-Principal, Professor R. E. Smith of the Latin Department, accepted the Chair of Ancient History at the University of Manchester. It was learned during that year that a lecturer from Manchester had been appointed by this University to the Chair of Government and Public Administration, and the Council of the College decided that, as he was a bachelor, he might be invited to live in College. By the end of March, the Council had no doubt of the suitability of Professor Richard Spann for the position of Vice-Principal and he was appointed on 1 April 1954. Thus began a relationship which lasted until his death in his College rooms early on Saturday morning, 25 July.

In his quaint way he used to say that he served in Andrew's under three principals and all of them were decent men but they had four-letter words for their Christian names — John McIntyre and Alan Dougan and Hugh Cairns. It was my privilege to have him with me for the whole eighteen years I was Principal and to be guided by his wisdom and understanding, and warmed by the depth of his friendship.

If I were to select a text for this address, I think I would take the Epistle to the Romans, Chapter 12, Verse 16, where St Paul bids us "mind not high things, but be concerned with men of low estate". Nobody was too insignificant for Richard Spann; he never sought or expected honours for himself.

I would like to think of him today as an Administrator, a Scholar and a Christian Gentleman. But first let me mention the simple facts of his life. He was born on 5 March 1916 at Didsbury near Manchester and educated at its famous Grammar School. He had a brilliant record at school and won an Exhibition to Balliol College, Oxford. He took a good degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics in 1937, won the Robert Herbert Memorial Prize in 1938 and began his teaching career in 1939 at the University of Manchester as an Assistant Lecturer. Soon after, World War II broke out and he enlisted immediately in the Royal Navy and served for five years, part of the time on Lord Mountbatten's staff in Ceylon. It was impossible to get him to speak about his war service. At the end of the war he returned to the University of Manchester as a Lecturer in Government, where he remained, except for a period in 1950-51 when he was a Rockefeller Fellow at Harvard, until his appointment to Sydney on the last day of 1953. He was elected a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia in 1956 and was made an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in 1977.

Richard Spann was a fine administrator. He had several periods as Dean of the Faculty of Economics: he was appointed by the State Government to prepare the case for and against the creation of a new State in New South Wales; he served on the Bennett Committee set up to advise the Government on municipal and shire boundaries: he was for a time a member of the Commonwealth Government's Universities Research Grants Commission: and he was appointed to the Administrative Review Council. His capacity for work was tremendous, especially in the early hours of the morning. I remem-
ber our Vice-Chancellor wryly remarking at the beginning of a University Committee meeting of which we were both members, "Well, gentlemen, it's nine o'clock and we had better begin. We can't expect Professor Spann to be early for a nine o'clock meeting".

That brings me to Spann the Scholar. He was not only an expert in his profession of Political Science. It has been said he could have equally adorned a Chair of English Literature, Philosophy and even Theology. He had the broadest possible range of interests. His executors have to dispose of, according to his wishes, what must be one of the finest personal libraries in the State. I sat with him in our College Senior Common Room night after night for nearly twenty years, and when after the coffee was taken and the port passed, the talk began, I never knew him unable to take an informed part in the academic discussions, whatever the subject. If you mentioned a book, he would know it and tell you who wrote it and when and by whom it was published. If there was any dispute on a matter, he would disappear, to return from the College Library with the appropriate authoritative work. He lived for his work and I believe that his greatest fear was that in some unguarded moment he might become entangled in matrimony which would interfere with his research.

His interests included the arts. He loved the theatre. Indeed, at Manchester Grammar School he auditioned for the school play, but the first sentence he was required to speak included the word "one" which he always pronounced in Mancurian fashion as "wan". He was ushered off the stage. Thus ended his acting career, until he took a part in the St. Andrew's College play this year.

He sang heartily in the College Chapel, although not always tunefully, but he knew and loved music and was an enthusiastic concert-goer. He appreciated art and had several fine works in his collection, such as Clifton Pugh's *The Web*, Lloyd Rees's *Abercrombie River* and one by L. S. Lowry, his fellow Mancurian.

His scholarship was meticulous. Shoddy work and loose thinking were anathema.

I know how deeply he appreciated the honour done him by his fellow political scientists by the presentation to him on 4 June last of *Festscript*, a volume of essays on Public Administration in Australia, published to honour him on the occasion of his coming retirement. I have heard also that the group faced a higher cost than usual because it dared not produce a work for him with the slightest printing flaw.

He supervised and examined many doctoral theses but never thought of submitting his own work for such an honour. To him Balliol was an adequate qualification. I suspect that, like Sir Lawrence Jones, he believed there were really only three universities in England – Oxford, Cambridge and Balliol.

Administrator he was, and Scholar, but above all he was the kindest and best of Christian gentlemen.

Students had a great regard for him. To have said a word against him in St. Andrew's College would have been suicidal. Often when I was Principal, I would go over to his rooms at midnight to discuss some College problem. Almost always I would find some poor little freshman pouring out his troubles. Much as he hated interference, his door was always open to a student with a problem.
Australia has lost a great administrator, the University of Sydney has lost a Professor who was an ornament to her, and the College has lost its unique Senior Fellow — and all of us mourn the passing of a very dear and warm friend.

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