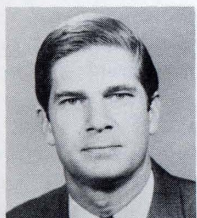


J. H. Billington Is Head of Wilson Center

Dr. James H. Billington, a historian at Princeton University, has been appointed Director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, William Baroody, chairman of the Wilson Center Board of Trustees, has announced.

Dr. Billington will succeed Benjamin H. Read, first Director of the Center, who left in February to become President of the German Marshall Fund of the United States.



Dr. Billington

A specialist in Russian history, Dr. Billington has been on the Princeton University faculty since 1962. He also serves as chairman of the Board of Foreign Scholarships for the Department of State's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs.

"Dr. Billington's background makes him particularly suited to advancing the Center's charter to strengthen 'the fruitful relation between the world of learning and the world of public affairs,'" Mr. Baroody said. "A prominent scholar in his own right and experienced abroad, he is well prepared to assume creative leadership of the center's company of distinguished international scholars. We feel fortunate indeed that he has accepted the center's directorship."

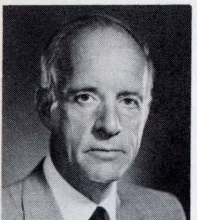
Dr. Billington's appointment will be effective September 1. Albert Meisel, Deputy Director of the Center since its opening, will continue as Acting Director until then.

A native of Pennsylvania, Dr. Billington holds a B.A. degree from Princeton and a D.Phil. from Oxford, where he was a Rhodes scholar. He began his teaching career at Harvard in 1957 as a history instructor. He subsequently served at Harvard as assistant professor of history and research fellow at the Russian Research Center. He has been at Princeton since 1962, and was appointed professor of history in 1964. Dr. Billington has been a Guggenheim Fellow, and a Hodder Fellow of the Princeton Humanities Council.

He has also been a guest lecturer and guest research professor in the Soviet Union.

L. A. Lapham Is Chairman of National Board

Lewis A. Lapham, vice chairman of the Board of Directors of Bankers Trust Company, is the new chairman of the National Board of the Smithsonian Associates.



Mr. Lapham

He succeeds Thomas J. Watson, Chairman of the Executive Committee of International Business Machines Corporation. Mr. Lapham has held his Bankers Trust position since 1966. He serves on the Board of Directors of Chubb Corp., Mobil Oil Corp., Tri-Continental Corp., Federal Insurance Co., Vigilant Insurance Co., H. J. Heinz Co., North American Philips Corp., and Intermodal Transportation Systems, Inc.

He is a member of the New York State Bankers Association, serving as president in 1970.

Mr. Lapham had been vice-chairman of the Associates Board, a group of 27 industrial and citizen leaders committed to assisting the Institution extend its appeal to business organizations for private financial support.

Folklife Festival Draws 1 Million Visitors



Yugoslav dancers rehearse in front of National Museum of History and Technology before their performance at the seventh annual Festival of American Folklife, held June 30-July 8 at the Reflecting Pool. The State of Kentucky, Northern Plains Indians, and construction workers were also featured at the event, which drew more than 1 million visitors for the first time this year. The National Park Service co-sponsored the event with the Smithsonian. (Photo by Harry Neufeld)

THE SMITHSONIAN TORCH

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A Statement From the Secretary

(Reprinted from Smithsonian Magazine)

The tragic accident which befell the Smithsonian submarine, the *Johnson-Sea-Link*, and cost the lives of Clayton Link and Albert Stover, gives pause to all concerned with underseas exploration. But the Institution can only reaffirm its support of the research program the little vessel was carrying out, and its belief in the skill not only of Edwin A. Link and his partner, J. Seward Johnson, but in its team.

Ed Link has become as famous in oceanography as he had been in aerodynamics, where he is best remembered as the inventor of the Link Trainer. He designed and constructed his miniature submarine with great technological skill and infinite care, incorporating superb safety devices which were rigorously backed up. And he has continuously modified the little craft to improve the safety factors.

A year ago in March, totally unversed in such operations, I made a test dive in the *Johnson-Sea-Link* to demonstrate to myself its manner of operation and the safety of its performance. I examined

it on the deck of the mother ship, noting the lock-out chamber astern, fitted out for men in diving suits, the independent air and chemical life-support systems, the intercom and the sophisticated motor, communication and pressure-control panels. Then, sitting in the forward compartment, a huge acrylic bubble with its own life system, I felt a thrill of excitement as we were swung out over the side of the mother ship and towed to our diving station off a coral reef.

There was a rapid change from churning surf to stillness as we sank beneath the surface. Suddenly fish darted in all directions or ventured close to inspect the pilot and myself in our great air bubble. We slowly forged ahead toward the aqueous bloom of the reef edge. As we hovered 80 feet down, as delicately as a butterfly testing milkweed, Link emerged from the lock-out chamber and swam about with his lung attachment. He spoke to me on the intercom as he picked up shells and pieces of coral.

We drifted down through darker
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Secretary Ripley and David L. Wolper, president of Wolper Productions, Inc., in contract-signing ceremonies at the Institution May 30.

Brooks Heads Panel to Review Sub Tragedy

A panel of experts has been named by Secretary Ripley to review the facts of the tragedy which took place in June off the Florida coast involving the Institution's submersible research vessel, the *Johnson-Sea-Link* (see the Secretary's statement on this page).

Two of the four scientists aboard the craft died after the submersible became entangled near a scuttled navy destroyer and was trapped for three days off Key West.

The victims were Albert Stover and Clayton Link, son of Edwin A. Link, designer of the vessel who is also known for his invention of the Link aircraft trainer. The elder Link was at the scene during rescue operations. The two scientists removed safely from the vessel were Robert Meek and Archibald "Jock" Menzies.

Under Secretary Robert A. Brooks is chairman of the review panel. Other members are:

Dr. Robert Morse, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research and Development, representing the Harbor Branch Foundation;

Dr. Albert Keil, Dean of Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, representing the National Academy of Engineering Marine Board, and formerly with the Naval Ship Research and Development Center at Carderock, Md.;

Captain William M. Nicholson, (USN-Ret.) representing the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce;

Dr. George S. Robinson, Jr., Assistant General Counsel of the Smithsonian, who will serve as Secretary and Counsel to the Panel.

Dr. Christian J. Lambertsen, Director of the Center of Environmental Medicine, University of Pennsylvania Medical School, and a leading authority on hyperbaric medicine.

Rear Admiral Andrew McKee, (USN-Ret.), a leading authority in the field of submarines and other submersible vehicles and in underwater rescue, with experience dating back to the loss of the U.S.S. *Squalus* in the late 1930s.

The panel is charged with the responsibility of investigating all aspects of the
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SI Signs Contract To Film Series Of TV Specials

The Smithsonian and the Wolper Organization have signed an agreement to produce a series of prime-time commercial network television specials, Secretary Ripley and David L. Wolper, President of the independent entertaining organization, have announced.

Under terms of the agreement, Wolper will make three to five hour-long specials aimed to begin with the 1974-75 television season or for earlier airing. Each special will draw on areas concerned with the Smithsonian covering the fields of art, science and history.

The multiple-project arrangement with Wolper marks the first time the Institution has been associated with a major independent producer. The Smithsonian had reviewed several dozen proposals from major production companies prior to selecting the Wolper Organization for its current television exposure.

Program suggestions are invited and should be submitted to the Smithsonian Office of Public Affairs. Bureau and SI units considering any popular television activities are requested to coordinate their plans and activities with the Office of Public Affairs.



'BLACK PRESENCE' SHOW OPENS—Ambassador H. R. Amonoo of Ghana was a special guest at a preview of the National Portrait Gallery's special exhibition *The Black Presence in the Era of the American Revolution, 1770-1800*, which opened July 4 to much critical acclaim. Sharing an amusing story at the preview were (from left) Marvin Sadik, gallery director; the ambassador; Dr. Sidney Kaplan, professor at the University of Massachusetts, and Chuck Stone, Philadelphia newsman. Dr. Kaplan planned the exhibition with Mr. Sadik and wrote the book on which the show is based. Through a collection of rare items, the display reveals the participation of black men and women in the Revolutionary War and the affairs of the early years of the Republic.

Thompson Receives Medal for Service

Edward K. Thompson, founding editor of *Smithsonian* magazine, was awarded the Institution's Joseph Henry Medal June 6.

The medal, which was struck in honor of Joseph Henry, the first Secretary of the Institution, is awarded for outstanding service to the nation. Mr. Thompson, the fourth recipient, was honored for his "brilliant and distinguished contribution to the prestige of the Smithsonian Institution as the planner-editor of *Smithsonian* magazine," according to Secretary Ripley.

Mr. Thompson was managing editor and editor of *Life* magazine for 18 years. He came to the Smithsonian in 1969 to establish the Institution's first general circulation magazine. Under his leadership, *Smithsonian*, which published its first issue in April, 1970, has grown to a circulation of more than 460,000. The monthly publication, dedicated to the arts, sciences, and humanities, permits the expansion of the Smithsonian Associates membership beyond the Washington area and provides readers with information on subjects relating to the Smithsonian's wide range of activities. The magazine is available exclusively through membership in the Associates.

A Phi Beta Kappa, Mr. Thompson received his A.B. degree and an honorary Doctor of Humanities from the University of North Dakota. He has served as editor of the *Foster County Independent*, Carrington, N.D.; city editor of *The Forum*, Fargo, N.D.; and picture editor and assistant news editor of *The Journal*, Milwaukee. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force 3½ years during World War II, advancing to lieutenant colonel. He received the Legion of Merit and the Order of the British Empire and is in the Hall of Fame of North Dakota. He was also voted Editor of the Year by the National Press Photographers Association in 1968.

The Henry Medal was designed following Secretary Henry's death in 1879, but was never officially presented until David E. Finley, first director of the National Gallery of Art, received the award in 1967. There have been only two other recipients: Frank A. Taylor, the Smithsonian's Director-General of Museums and Director of the United States National Museum, in 1968, and Charles G. Abbot, fifth Secretary of the Smithsonian, who has continued at the Institution as a research associate, in 1970.

In a citation accompanying the medal, Mr. Ripley stated:

"Dauntless in purpose and rarely persuasive, you have brought an accumulation of skills to the task of founding a magazine. With unerring taste and warm devotion to the task you have set your-



Edward K. Thompson

self, *Smithsonian* has emerged as a new star in the firmament of magazines, pulsing with energy and with an assured life measured in 'light years,' I feel sure.

"Your colleagues salute Edward Thompson, and I am honored to carry out the wishes of the Regents in conferring upon you the Smithsonian's Henry Medal for distinguished achievements in the growth and prestige of this Institution."

SI Receives Gifts Of \$50,000 for New Maritime Hall

The Smithsonian has received \$50,000 in gifts toward the installation of a new Hall of American Maritime Enterprise in the National Museum of History and Technology.

Separate gifts of \$25,000 have been presented by the Seafarer's International Union of North America, New York, and the Transportation Institute of Washington, D. C., an organization devoted to research and the promotion of maritime industry.

"The new hall will present a comprehensive history of the American merchant marine since colonial times and incorporate the museum's magnificent collection of ship models," said curator Melvin Jackson. "We are grateful for these two generous contributions toward its establishment."

To be funded in large part by the shipping industry, the Hall of American Maritime Enterprise is expected to be completed by the nation's bicentennial year.

Women's Council Charts New Course for SI Goals

by Karen Ullrich

Smithsonian Women's Council

What's that you ask? A fair question, indeed, and one that we, the members of the Council, are still trying to answer. To date we haven't made a visible impact on the Institution but we have been trying—and learning.

On September 11, Secretary Ripley appointed a Women's Council to function as a two-way channel for the exchange of information and ideas between women at the Smithsonian and the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity, the Director of Personnel, and members of the Secretary's Executive Committee. The establishment of the council was a recognition of the fact that the women of the Smithsonian wanted and needed an effective means of voicing their ideas to the administration. The nine women employees appointed to the Council brought enthusiasm and

idealism to their first meeting, but they soon encountered a myriad of very practical problems. There were no precedents for them to follow and no guidelines had been established for their direction. Much time and effort went into answering such questions as: Where do we meet and when? How do we effectively communicate with the employees when we have no staff or budget? To whom does the Council report? How do we juggle the demands of our jobs so that time can be found for Council business?

We have learned through trial and error. For example, we have attempted to solicit employees' views on appropriate Council projects only to find that most employees don't wish to complete and return questionnaires. We have held general meetings and discussion groups, advertising them by word-of-mouth and through Smithsonian publications, only to find that these announcements never reached the majority of employees.

But all has not been in vain. To date the Council has clarified its role within the Smithsonian; it has compiled a long list of things to avoid in the future, and it is in the process of developing new methods for communicating with employees. Also, in May the Council made its first formal recommendation to the administration on the subject of child care.

Early in its inception the Council had received many individual requests from employees for assistance in meeting child-care problems. In response, the Council began to educate itself on the needs of employees in this area and the options available for employer assistance. Experts in the child-care field were consulted; various child-care facilities were visited; employees were questioned, and a series of "Dialogues on Child Care" were sponsored to inform employees on developments in the child-care field.

The Council communicated to the administration a strong interest on the part of employees in a wide range of child-care programs, including such possibilities as a referral service, an in-house day care center, and summer sessions for school-age children of employees. The Council has established a child-care subcommittee, which is now pursuing these proposals, and bulletin boards throughout the Institution will be used to keep employees up to date on this activity.

The Women's Council is geared up and ready to go, but only employee input and support can supply its power.

Speakers' Bureau Provides Service Much in Demand

The National Speakers' Bureau is now a viable program providing Smithsonian speakers to clubs, organizations, and schools on request.

Since its inception in October, the speakers' bureau has responded to more than 200 requests. Demand has grown from five calls in October to 49 in March. During summer months, requests averaged 35 a month. Barbara Benson, manager of the program, is now planning for increased demands this fall. In order to respond to the increased publicity from local radio stations and *Smithsonian* magazine, Ms. Benson is interviewing as many of the professional staff as possible. With a more complete list of this Smithsonian resource, the service will be improved.

Requests Varied

Since January, 75 speakers have accepted speaking engagements. Many of the speakers' reports are humorous. Al Weisbrich of the National Air and Space Museum spoke to a group of first graders on astronauts. He accepted the project on the assumption that the attention span of a grade-schooler was no more than one-half hour. The question period which followed his speech was only ended by the lunch bell, an hour and a half later. The highlight, however, was the colorful fan mail which now decorates the walls of one office of the Air and Space Museum.

In response to an ad in the *Smithsonian* magazine, there are appeals for Smithsonian speakers from all parts of the United States. One member was arranging a program for a National Convention of Gas Appliance Manufacturers in Boca Raton, Fla., and Dr. I. Eugene Wallen, Scientific Director at the Fort Pierce (Florida) Bureau, was able to address the group.

Requests come from local groups and clubs and from national organizations for their annual meetings. Requests are general as well as specific.

Those interested in lecturing are urged to contact Ms. Benson at extension 6491 for more information.



POLICEWOMEN AT SI—Three women who have joined the Protection Services Division as the Institution's first policewomen were sworn in recently by Vincent J. Doyle, Director of the Office of Personnel Administration. They are (from left in photo) Janice Logan, Ellen Turner and Alynda McDonald. The three are enrolled at Washington Technical Institute majoring in police science or corrections administration. In September they will resume their studies.

Employees Retire From Key Posts In SI Divisions

Thirty veteran employees who held key posts at the Institution have retired to take advantage of the 6.1-per-cent cost of living allowance which became effective July 1.

"We wish them the best of luck in their retirement and we hope that they will think of the Smithsonian as their home away from home and visit their many friends whenever they have the opportunity," commented Vincent J. Doyle, Director of the Office of Personnel Administration.

Those retiring were:

Maria Bazylewicz, SI Libraries; Gilbert Brown, Buildings Management Department; John C. Carter, National Museum of History and Technology; Marian Davis, National Air and Space Museum; William Delorey, BMD; Arthur Ellicott, Radiation Biology Laboratory; Samuel Falbo, Office of Personnel Administration; Edwin Foley, Supply Division; Robert Harrison, RBL; Helen Hayes, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Science.

Edgar Howell, MHT; Fruza Kussrow, National Zoological Park; Wilfred L'Abbe, Protection Service; Walter Male, NASM; Frank Maloney, NZP; Raymond Mayfield, Protection; Vincent Murphy, Protection; William Parker, NZP; Mendel Peterson, MHT; Jesse R. Price, National Collection of Fine Arts; John Rawls, MHT; Kermit Richardson, Protection; Henry Roberts, National Museum of Natural History; Velva Rudd, MNH; Charles Shelton, NZP; Dennis Smith, NZP; James Smith, NZP; Genevieve Stephenson, National Portrait Gallery; Sue Woodfield, BMD; John Woodson, Smithsonian Press.

Dr. Kier Receives Degree

Dr. Porter Kier, Director of the National Museum of Natural History, has received a Doctorate of Science (D.Sc.) degree from Cambridge University. It is the highest degree from a British university that can be awarded to a scientist, given in recognition of superior and outstanding achievement past the Ph.D. in one's field. Dr. Kier, a paleontologist, earned his Ph.D. from Cambridge in 1956 and 1957 and also did post-doctoral study there under a Fulbright Fellowship.

Mrs. Gaynor Is Special Assistant

Mrs. Margaret Gaynor has been appointed Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Smithsonian.

In her position, Mrs. Gaynor will assist in the preparation of legislative materials; in developing and maintaining relationships with congressional staffs, and in explaining Smithsonian programs, operations, and plans to Congress.

Mrs. Gaynor is a former member of the staff of Sen. Barry Goldwater (R - Ariz).

Mrs. Gaynor

In 1970 she became Special Assistant to the (then) Acting Associate Director for Congressional and Governmental Relations in the Office of Economic Opportunity. She was named Acting Associate Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity for Congressional Affairs in April 1971 and became Associate Director in December 1971.

Women's Courses Offered at GW

George Washington University's program of continuing education for women is offering a variety of courses of special interest to employed women. Ms. Laverne M. Love, Smithsonian Women's Coordinator, has reminded SI staff members.

A course on career development for women will be offered at three different evening locations in Virginia, Maryland and Washington. "Exploring Self-Awareness" will be offered as a "lunch and learn" course on the campus.

Other courses offered at convenient times for working women will be "Creative Thinking and Problem Solving," "Building and Managing Your Real Estate Portfolio," "The Psychology of Weight Control," and a supervisory skills workshop. Two special 12-month career oriented courses are also being offered—a legal assistant program and a landscape architecture assistant program.

The college also offers the degree of Master of Arts in Women's Studies. For further information about courses call 676-7036.

Guards of the Month Named

Outstanding members of the Smithsonian guard force have been named for the months of April and May by the commanding officers of each of the four companies that comprise the force.

Outstanding guards for April are Pfc. Robert E. Lewis, Jr., Company A; Pfc. Gary E. Hunt, Company B; Pfc. Boyce Wall, Company C, and Pfc. Vadon McDowell, Company D. Outstanding guards for May are Pfc. Harold Carter, Company A; Pfc. William S. Flipping, Company B; Pfc. William H. Bruce, Company C, and Pfc. Henry O. Wright, Company D.

Each guard was chosen for the high level of his performance. Cpl. Lewis was cited specifically for detecting a fire at the Natural History Building. Pfc. Wall discovered unlocked jewelry cases in the National Museum of History and Technology.

Pfc. Carter discovered that batteries that charge scrubbing machines at MNH had boiled dry, causing a hazard from acid fumes. Pfc. Flipping aided in a search for suspects who robbed a vendor by the east door of the Air and Space Building. Pfc. Bruce discovered a fire in a couch on the third floor at MHT.



Cpl. Lewis



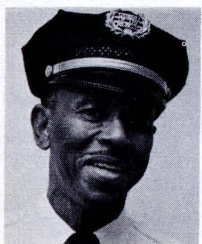
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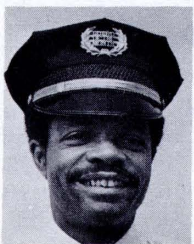
Pfc. McDowell



Pfc. Carter



Pfc. Flipping



Pfc. Bruce



Pfc. Wright



MONTHLY EEO CLASSES—Monthly classes on the supervisor's role in EEO (equal employment opportunity) are regularly conducted by the Office of Personnel Administration. Supervisors who attended the May and June sessions conducted by Jim McCracken were (top photo, front row, from left) L. M. Doane, Jr., John Oakley, Sterling Jones, Jennifer Burdick Stephens, George Terrell, Reggie Creighton, James McCracken; (back row, from left) Andrew Wynn, Jr., James White, Joseph Sparagna, John Denbow, C. W. Bohnenstiel, Christopher Shepard, Claude Russell, Paul Haas, William Blount; (bottom photo, front row, from left) Herbert Stroman, Kenneth Gross, William Turner, Charles Lohrig, Mary Quinn, Dante Piacesi, Steptoe Wrenn, Hasten Queen; (back row, from left) Joseph Kennedy, Philip Leslie, Edward Dabis, Kermit Lane, Levi Graham, Archie Grimmer, Robert Pine, Lee Schmeltz, Herman Thompson, John Flemming.

Coffee at the Commons

The Commons dining facility in the Smithsonian Institution Building is now open to staff members for coffee cake and Danish pastry from 9 to 10 a.m. weekdays, and for members of the Smithsonian Associates from 10 to 11 a.m. Continental pastries will be served from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The selections range in price from 50 to 90 cents. Coffee and tea will cost 25 cents (free refills).

New SI Guidebook

A new guidebook to the Smithsonian has gone on sale. *Seeing the Smithsonian: The Official Guidebook to the Smithsonian Institution* has been published by the CBS/Education & Publishing Group. It is on sale in the museum shops and in other stores in the Washington area. The 144-page guidebook has more than 200 pictures. It will be issued in five languages.



LEARNING NEW SKILLS—Clerk-typists who have completed the "Better Office Skills and Services Workshop" conducted by Brenda Howell of the Office of Personnel Administration were (top photo, seated from left) Laurenda Patterson, Wanda Surratt, Shirley Smith, Francine Free; (standing, from left) Diane Crawford (guest speaker), Dinah Miles, Donna Hennen, Georgia Graffeo, Mrs. Howell and Dorsey Dunn. In lower photo are secretaries who have completed beginning shorthand and shorthand speedbuilding courses in the SI Learning Lab, also conducted by Mrs. Howell. The shorthand course took approximately eight weeks to complete and the speedbuilding course four weeks. Seated are members of the speedbuilding class (from left): Christian Lynch, Margorie DeNinna and Waltraud Larson. Standing (from left) are members of the beginning shorthand class (from left): Marilyn Lee, Helen McGeorge, Mrs. Howell, Jody Merryman and Frances Norfleet.



INDIAN ARCHIVISTS—Examining Indian photographs and artifacts from the National Anthropological Archives and NMNH collections are (from left) Augustine Smith, Lorraine Bigman and Harry Walters. They are participating in a new program designed to interest Indian people in becoming archivists, librarians, museum technicians and historians. Mr. Smith, a Laguna, and Ms. Bigman, a Navajo, will receive a concentrated three-month exposure to Smithsonian historical materials relating to American Indians including photographs, manuscripts, books, and works of art, and will be given an introduction to library and archival training. They both hope to do further graduate study and return to pursue careers in these fields on the Navajo reservation. Mr. Walters, a Navajo, will spend the next three months at the Smithsonian learning techniques for the proper care and handling of artifacts, including identifications, description, conservation, storage and exhibit. He intends to establish and curate a Navajo museum at Navajo Community College, Many Farms, Ariz. They are among a group of eight persons selected from various American Indian tribes—with the approval of tribal councils—to take part in the pilot phase of the program, jointly sponsored by the Cultural Studies Section of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Smithsonian's National Anthropological Archives and the Office of Academic Studies. Dr. Herman Viola, Director of NMNH's National Anthropological Archives, initiated the program, which he hopes will help members of the Indian community become better acquainted with national reference and resource agencies. (Photos by Vincent P. Connolly)

Sub Inquiry

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accident, with particular emphasis on the vessel's operations and any technical problems which might have been the cause of the tragedy. The panel will present its findings and recommendations to Secretary Ripley.

Dr. Brooks stated that the panel would work in close cooperation with inquiries into the tragedy by the U.S. Coast Guard and other agencies.

He also announced that, by direction of the Secretary, the *Johnson-Sea-Link*, including all life support systems in the forward and after compartments, had been sealed on the morning of June 19 pending inspection by representatives of the panel.

Billings Is Safety Chief

David A. Billings has been appointed chief of the health and safety division in the Office of Protection Services. He will be responsible for planning, developing, directing, and coordinating comprehensive safety, fire, and health programs for the Smithsonian. Mr. Billings has had 22 years' experience in the safety management field.

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Stefanellis Receive Medal

Dr. and Mrs. Vladimir Clain-Stefanelli, numismatic curators at the Smithsonian, have been presented the Secretary's Exceptional Service Gold Medal Award.

Presented by Secretary Ripley, the award was given "in recognition of their successful acquisition and display of the Josiah K. Lilly Collection of Gold Coins and their many other achievements and accomplishments in the numismatic world and for their tireless devotion to the development of one of the world's finest numismatic collections."

The Lilly collection, described as the greatest ever assembled by one man, consists of 6,125 gold coins and is set aside in an entire room of the Numismatic Hall in the Smithsonian's Museum of History and Technology. The collection includes the nation's first gold coin, a half-dubloon showing a primitive design of the American eagle, made privately in 1787 by a New York goldsmith named Ephraim Brasher.

New Personnel Staffer

Katherine L. King has joined the staff of the Office of Personnel Administration as a Personnel Clerk (Typing), in the Administrative and Technical Support Section. Before coming to the Smithsonian Ms. King worked as a Staffing and Personnel Clerk for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

MHT Curators Elected

New officers of the Association of Curators of the National Museum of History and Technology for 1973-74 are Audrey B. Davis, chairman; Rita Adrosko, vice-chairman; Jim Weaver, secretary-treasurer; Terry Sharrer and Hal Langley, council.

Miss Leckie on Program

Miss Doris Leckie, research assistant in medical science at the National Museum of History and Technology, recently presented a paper on "Interpreting the History of a Medical Specialty Through its Instruments—The Evolution of Cupping Cups," at the annual History of Medicine meeting in Cincinnati.

MHT Records Over 1 Million Visitors in April

More than a million visitors made their way through the Smithsonian's National Museum of History and Technology during the month of April—the first Smithsonian monthly building count ever to reach and pass the million mark.

The high count caps what has been in recent years a steady rise in museum attendance—in 1972 almost 7 million visitors—"which, we like to think, means we're on the right track—meeting the interests of a diverse audience, and sparking public enthusiasm and comment," said Dr. Daniel J. Boorstin, MHT Director. "Needless to say, we are very pleased.

"The museum staff is trying hard to engage members of the public—in exhibits with which they can interact, by demonstrations of many musical instruments, machines, looms, and printing presses, through Saturday Talks given by curators and museum specialists, and special lectures and films, day and evening. It is a vigorous effort."

The museum, which celebrates its tenth anniversary next year, narrowly missed the million-visitor mark in April 1972. The exact count for April 1973 was 1,023,692 persons.

SI Press Wins More Awards

Three SI Press publications have received certificates of merit from the Art Directors Club of Metropolitan Washington: *National Parks Centennial catalogue* (NCFA), designed by Elizabeth Sur; *Winslow Homer catalogue* (Cooper-Hewitt), and *If Elected: Unsuccessful Candidates for the Presidency, 1796-1968* (NPG), designed by Stephen Kraft.

The Press has again won recognition from the Federal Editors' Association. FEA's Blue Pencil Awards were presented to Nancy Link Powers for *The Papers of Joseph Henry, Volume I*, (Category: Hardback publication, popular or technical); and to Louise Heskett for *If Elected . . .* (Category: Popular publication, more than 48 pages).

Statement

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depths, then after a two-and-a-half-hour cruise returned to the surface. The ease and precision of the operation astonished me. All augured well for the future, I decided.

But in any probing of a strange environment, Man must face danger, no matter how complete his precautions. One of my predecessors, Secretary Samuel P. Langley, risked the life of his pilot, Charles Manly, when his "aerodrome" failed to get into the air over the Potomac River in 1903. Yet what Professor Langley learned added to our knowledge of flight. Other tragedies were suffered by the United States and the Soviet Union in our exploration of space.

It was inconceivable that the *Johnson-Sea-Link's* safety features could not meet any situation, yet two fine men died: one a veteran of more than 20 years in submarines and, ironically, an expert in undersea rescue; the other, poignantly, the inventor's own son. Yet, again, knowledge has been gained.

The Institution is deeply grieved, but its oceanographic programs, using submersibles, are just beginning. So we join the Link team in looking forward to years of research to help illuminate the problems of the oceans and of Man's place in the undersea world.

—S. DILLON RIPLEY



SEMINAR ON SUMMIT—The international significance of the U.S.-Soviet summit meeting in Washington was the topic of a seminar held at the Smithsonian June 29, organized by the Smithsonian's Office of Seminars and Human Factors Research Associates, Inc., a group of social and behavioral scientists interested in cross-cultural communications. The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars was a co-sponsor. Among the participants were (from left) Professor Bernard Feld, physicist in the Department of Nuclear Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. T. Timofeyev, sociologist and historian from the Soviet Academy of Sciences, and Dr. William D. Davidson, president of the Institute for Psychiatry and Foreign Affairs. Dr. James Billington, director-designate of the Wilson Center, who is a Soviet specialist, spoke. Other participants included representatives from the Department of State, Department of Defense, the National Institute of Mental Health, the United Auto Workers, the Library of Congress, the National Academy of Sciences Committee on International Exchange of Persons, and Cyrus Eaton, Jr., president of the Tower International Corp., Cleveland. The group discussed the next steps that may be taken by non-government institutions in implementing agreements of President Nixon and Secretary Brezhnev in scientific and cultural exchanges, including scholars and environmental scientists in museums and universities. Another recent example of east-west cooperation was SI's celebration of the Copernicus quinqucentennial.