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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

WILMERDING, LOUIS

Biographical

PAIS, ABRAHAM

Stewart recommended a third year membership for Wilmerding at \$3,000 to complete his book, The Power of the Purse. Voted.

Von Neumann recommended Pais a five-year membership annual stipend \$6,000. Voted.

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MEMBERSHIPS

Academic Personnel

/PAIS, A.

Biographical

SALARY

Academic Personnel

It was moved, seconded and carried, on recommendation of Drs. Aynelotte and Oppenheimer, that Dr. Abraham Pais be offered membership in School of Mathematics for period of five years from July 1, 1947 with a stipend of \$6000 per year.

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

EINSTEIN, A.

Biographical

PAIS

Preparations for Einstein's birthday celebration: (1)  
A formal issue of the Review of Modern Physics with about fifty contributions from all over the world edited by Pais, published at Institute expense. (2) An informal symposium on March 19 with the reading of six papers devoted to Einstein's work as it is involved in contemporary science to be held jointly with Princeton University. Suggested by Professor Ladenburg. One of the papers would be read by Professor Weyl. (3) The creation of a fellowship, chair or prize in Einstein's name. Director invited views of the Faculty on this which a donor proposed to set up, a \$25,000 contribution every five years. Discussion concensus administering of the fund by the National Academy of Sciences would be appropriate, and that Einstein be consulted as to the use of the fund. A personal gift from the Faculty--a high fidelity radio.

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✓ PAIS, ABRAHAM

Biographical

Due to his implied interest in continuing his association with the Institute, the Director recommended, with approval of Faculty and School of Mathematics, that Dr. Pais's 5-year appointment be changed to a permanent membership with a taxable salary of \$8000 and TIAA contribution of 5 o/c with Paid contributing a like amount. The Board concurred with this proposed action.

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic /Personnel

GILBERT, PELIX

Biographical

✓ PAIS

Director presented Gilbert's letter of April 3, 1949 declining the membership offered him at the Institute because of lack of teaching which the Institute's position carried--teaching of the kind he was getting at Bryn Mawr. He found it very important for the clarification of his ideas on history and a great stimulus.

The Director, himself, proposed to change the present status of Pais to convert his \$6,000 annual salary grant to an \$8,000 annual salary, the usual TIAA arrangement, and permanent status rather than five-year tenure. Approved.

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FACULTY

Academic Personnel

MONTGOMERY, DEANE

Biographical

✓ PAIS, ABRAHAM

SELBERG, ATLE

SALARIES

*Academic Personnel*

See Director's discussion on status of faculty--economics professors gone. Weyl retiring, Siegel about to resign, Alexander also. (Alexander had been on leave at \$7500 per year stipend since December, 1947). (Both Siegel and Alexander resigned ~~at the~~ making as reported to the Trustees May 4, 1951.)

Board authorized the promotion of Montgomery, Pais and Selberg, and appointed a committee consisting of Strauss, Leidesdorf and Linder, Director Ex-Officio, to consider the salary on the Director's recommendation.

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MONTGOMERY, DEANE

Biographical

BIGELOW

GOLDSTEIN

✓ PAIS

Biographical notes on Deane Montgomery show he was an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Smith College, 1935, Professor until 1946. He had three separate memberships to I. A. S. and was an Associate Professor at Yale from 1946 to date.

Von Neumann writes his biographical material, and Whitney is the only support. He shows some marketability in the latter part of his biographical material (p. 222).

For the support of the Pais appointment, there is a brief memorandum by Oppenheimer. For the report on Leroy, Morse wrote a long and good biography of convincing nature.

No authorship is provided for the brief biographical accounts of Bigelow, engineer, and Goldstein, mathematician  
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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES  
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

✓ PAIS  
SELBERG  
MONTGOMERY  
WOODWARD  
KANTOROWICZ

Biographical

Elmer Pais, Selberg and Montgomery invited to meeting though their nominations as professors were presented at it. Approved at meeting. But nomination of Woodward and Kantorowicz presented by School of Historical Studies deferred to next meeting. (3 S. M. men were permanent members and known to I. A. S. reason) But the difference in treatment was noted and it was decided that hereafter nominations would be acted upon not when first proposed but at next meeting. The meeting of the 14th had approved appointment of Bigelow and Goldstein as permanent members. Action repeated November 20, 1950.  
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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

EINSTEIN

Biographical

VEBIAN

PAIS ✓ PAIS

MONTGOMERY, DEANE

SALBERG, AILBY

LERAY, JEAN

The Director reported with the retirement of Vebian and Einstein, there would be four vacancies in the School of Mathematics' Faculty, 1951-1952. The School recommended the appointment as Professor of Montgomery, Pais and Salberg, effective July 1, 1951. School recommended a replacement of a senior member to the mathematical faculty appointment of Professor Jean Leray of the Collège de France, but

preliminary discussions had brought out that Leray would not now consider a permanent appointment. Therefore a three-year appointment was recommended, for Leray, subject to Trustee approval of the grant-in-aid since this would be on the professorial level and a special budgetary item.

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APPOINTMENTS

Academic Personnel

BENEFITS

✓ PAIS, ABRAHAM

Biographical

Oppenheimer to Pais, January 19, 1951 saying he has been appointed professor of the School of Mathematics.

Term to start July 1, 1951, and continues to age of retirement which was at that time the 30th of June after the 65th birthday. Initial salary to be \$12,500. Institute and professor to contribute 5 per cent to IIAA if desired it.

D. Pais, Abraham

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✓ PAIS, ABRAM

Biographical

Clipping from the New York Times, May 22, 1956, regarding  
Americans in Russia finding science for peace stressed.

Article filed in Chronological file under 1956, 5/22.

New York Times, May 22, 1956

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/ PAIS, A.

Biographical

Dinner table conversation with Dr. Pais, November 13,  
1956.

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