

## II. FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships (a) for Negroes and (b) for white Southerners are being administered in accordance with the policies recommended by the special committee on fellowships and approved by the trustees. Appropriations of \$100,000 annually are made to this program.

Awards are made once a year by a special committee consisting of Dr. W. W. Alexander, Mr. Charles S. Johnson, Mr. Henry Allen Moe of the Guggenheim Foundation, Dr. R. R. Paty, former fellowship director for the Fund, and the president of the Fund. George M. Reynolds has this autumn taken the post of director for fellowships. The committee, in addition to individual reading of applications and personal interviewing of candidates, held three formal sessions last year which resulted in the selection of 51 fellows: 34 Negroes and 17 white Southerners. The final choices were made from some two hundred of the most promising candidates who had been sorted out by preliminary examination from six hundred applicants.

The awards for each of the past two years, announced at the end of April, were the subject of much favorable comment in the news and editorial columns of southern papers. The fact that the same high standards were applied in the selection of Negro candidates as in the choice of white fellows was a matter of surprise to many commentators and may be a means of calling attention to recent achievements by Negroes. A good deal of interracial interest arose in the course of the selection of candidates and the planning of their studies.

Lists of awards for the past two years are given in Exhibit C. Discussion by the trustees of these awards and of the procedures followed in making them will be helpful in guiding future policy.