

# Bennington Starts New Lecture Series

## Political, Economic Aspects of World Form Theme

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BENNINGTON, Vt., Oct. 26—Evening meetings, center of general community life at Bennington College, are focused this semester on the political and economic aspects of the world.

"An emphasis on the social sciences—from an historical, theoretical and practical viewpoint—is an essential part of education today," said President Robert D. Leigh in discussing the program, "not only for those students specializing in social studies but for music, art and science students as well. This is a period in history in which grave decisions must be made, both by nations and by individuals, and an understanding of political and historical backgrounds is necessary to any wise decision."

For six weeks Dr. Karl Polanyi, formerly of Vienna and now university extension lecturer at Oxford University and the University of London, has given an economic interpretation of "The Present Age of Transformation" in a series of five lectures. Dr. Polanyi was appointed in September as honorary fellow of Bennington, in residence for the first semester, following the college's policy for refugee scholars. With this interpretation of world history during the past twenty years as a background, four lectures by members of the Bennington faculty, dealing with American political problems, with special reference to the current national political campaign, will take place during the remainder of October.

Returning to the international sphere, a series of three lectures by Sir Norman Angell will be held Nov. 12, 14 and 19. The topics will be as follows: 1—"The Ethics of Resistance to Violence"; 2—"The Place of Force in the Maintenance of Peace," and 3—"Where Education Has Failed, and Why, in Relation to War and Peace." A series of lectures on defense problems, to be held early in December, is being organized.



### STUDENT PRESIDENT

Mary Marjorie Wible of Allegheny College, who heads the Women's Intercollegiate Association for Student Government, which ends its annual conference today.