

like it as a significant and pertinent source. It may never be decided whether these confrontations were "Great," or even whether they were "Debates." Partisans will continue to discuss for many months whether "Kennedy won" or "Nixon lost," but all serious students of the behavior of American voters in our current society will be grateful for the availability of this fine study.

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Western History Association

The Western History Association was formally established on October 11, 1962, at the Second Conference on the History of Western America held at Denver, Colorado. The purpose of the association, according to its constitution, is "to promote the study of the American West in all its varied aspects." The Third Conference on the History of Western America will meet at Salt Lake City, Utah, October 17-19, 1963. At this meeting officials of the association expect to announce the establishment of a scholarly quarterly journal devoted to western history in the broad context suggested above. After the Salt Lake conference, annual dues will be \$7.50. Until that time, persons wishing to become *charter members* of the Western History Association may do so by sending \$2 to Secretary-Treasurer John Porter Bloom, 228 Slade Run Drive, Falls Church, Virginia, *before* October 17. Professor Ray Allen Billington of Northwestern University is president of the new association and Professor Oscar O. Winther of Indiana University is its vice-president.

Historical Materials Concerning Paul V. McNutt Desired

Professor I. George Blake of Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana, is gathering material for a biography of Paul V. McNutt. Dr. Blake would appreciate information about letters, diaries, or unpublished material of any kind concerning Paul V. McNutt not already on deposit in some well-known library. Professor Blake recently received a sabbatical from Franklin College for the second semester, 1962-1963, to pursue his study of McNutt.