

The fifth volume of **SCANDINAVIAN POLITICAL STUDIES** begins with critical discussions of two basic concepts in modern political science. E. Rasmussen (Aarhus) discusses the political system, and L. Rudebeck (Uppsala) examines the controversial concept of political development. S. Rokkan (Bergen) presents recent findings from his studies of mass politics and national development in the smaller European democracies.

A new view of the meaning of budgeting is advocated in a study by J. P. Olsen (Bergen). Two articles deal with political participation. E. Fivelsdahl (Copenhagen) and J. Higley (Austin) present data on the Norwegian trade union elite, and E. Haavio-Mannila (Helsinki) analyzes the role of women in Finnish politics.

The volume also includes two articles on legislative voting behavior. N. Stjernquist and B. Bjurulf (Lund) investigate party cohesion and party cooperation in the Swedish parliament, while R. Särkiaho (Helsinki) attempts to measure the voting strength of Finnish parliamentary parties.

B. Särilvik (Gothenburg) offers a comprehensive analysis of the Swedish general election in 1968. The Norwegian general election as well as the Danish referendum on lowering the voting age in 1969 are reported in review articles. Another review article sheds light on the Nordek negotiations.

Finally the volume contains a bibliography of all the important publications on political science in Scandinavia in 1969.