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The new marxist theory of the state: (re-)discovery of the limits of a structural-functionalist paradigm

by K. Koch

In this article, the abundant literature of the last decade on a marxist or materialist theory of the state is reviewed.

The conclusion of the article is that a marxist theory of the state, i.e. a theory, that explains the conditions and mechanisms of processes of stateformation and the actual functioning of the state does not exist. What is presented as a marxist theory of the state, turns out to be a structural-functionalist conception of the state, formulated in a marxist terminology. This conception is characterized by strong teleological étatistic and metaphysical overtones and contains a lot of elements of so called 'bourgeois' theories of the state.

It is assumed, that the structural-functionalist conception of the state finds its origins in the famous formula of the Communist Manifesto: 'The executive of the modern state is but a committee for managing the common affairs of the whole bourgeoisie'.

Finally, it is demonstrated, that the structural-functionalist conception of the state is incompatible with a more promising conception, in which processes of stateformation and the actual functioning of the state are regarded and explained as the results of ongoing political processes and political conflicts, arising from relations of dependence and determined by relations of power in and between human societies.

Manpower Problems and Manpower Policy of the Dutch Colonial Army

by G. Teitler

'This article forms part of a study on 'plans of war'. How did the Dutch intend to defend their South East-Asian possessions against an external enemy? What plans were devised and what measures eventually taken? During the period under scrutiny, the Dutch succeeded in extending their rule from the island of Java to the outermost regions of the Indonesian archipelago. In doing so however, the almost undisputed primacy in defense affairs of their Colonial Army was jeopardized. After having pacified the whole of the Indonesian archipelago, this Army had to face the possibility of losing its military mission to the Royal Dutch Navy and of being left with nothing more than a police role. It is against this background that the manpower problems of the Colonial Army are studied and that its transformation from an all-volunteer force to a mixed volunteer-militia organization is traced'.

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The decision of the Dutch Council of Ministers and the military Commander-in-Chief relating to the reduction of armed forces in autumn 1916

by I. N. Gallhofer and W. E. Saris

The argumentation of decision makers when formulating a choice of strategy is discussed using a specific case of Dutch Foreign Policy taken from the beginning of World War I.

For the description of the argumentation, concepts of normative decision theory were used. The proposed strategy was formulated after consideration of the policy alternatives. It turned out that the strategy with the lowest probability of a negative outcome was chosen by the decision makers.

Rectificaties

In het artikel: 'The Structure of the progressive - conservative controversy, II: A structural analysis of ideological developments in the Netherlands, 1970-1975' door C. P. Middendorp (Acta Politica 1978: 4: 531-554) is een storende fout gesloten in Tabel 3 op pag. 540. De factorladingen voor de schalen nrs. 24 en 25 en de items 27 en 28 staan — het zal de oplettende lezer wellicht niet ontgaan zijn — per abuis steeds afgedrukt op de 2e factor. Dit moet uiteraard de 1e (links-rechts) factor zijn.

In het artikel 'Het "Correlates of War Project": internationale betrekkingen als kwantitatieve geschiedenis' door H. W. Houweling en J. G. Siccama in Acta Politica 1978 nr. 4 (p. 467 e.v.) dient op p. 472 (op een na laatste regel) 'nationale' vervangen te worden door 'rationele' en op p. 572 (derde regel van boven) 'qualitative' door 'quantitative'.