



MCGUIRE GIBSON has spent all available time in the past year preparing a Nippur monograph for publication. With Robert D. Biggs, he edited papers from a 1983 symposium on bureaucracy which he convened. These papers are to be published by the Oriental Institute as *The Organization of Power: Aspects of Bureaucracy in the Ancient Near East*. During a week's tour in winter, he delivered lectures at Sacramento

State University, the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of California at Santa Cruz. He has continued his activities as the Chairman of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers, which is housed as a guest at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. He still serves on the board of trustees of the American Institute for Yemeni Studies, as an honorary trustee. He organized a meeting in New Haven, Connecticut, to discuss the formation of an American research institute in Iraq and began to make preliminary plans for its establishment.

