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PREFACE

THE STUDY of governmental relationships has aroused appreciable interest among students of governmental administration in recent years. With the thought that a case study diligently pursued in one state should uncover evidence of interest to students generally, the present writer undertook to investigate the state-local relations in California as shaped by state aids. The studies that have been undertaken in other states previously have been carried on from the point of view of the economist rather than from that of the political scientist. If economic theory and practice appear to be placed in secondary position here, it is because I have been concerned with the governmental problems of relationship and control. However, I have attempted to suggest the implications of the state aid program for the economy of the state. At the same time I return to my original contention, that in evolving actual governmental programs economic theory is generally tempered by the compromising arrangements of politics.

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