

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CEREAL CHEMISTS AND THE KILGORE BILL

THE Executive Committee of the American Association of Cereal Chemists has unanimously endorsed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it appears that enactment of the Kilgore-Patman Bill S-702 HR 2100 for the establishment of an Office of Scientific and Technical Mobilization would confuse the war effort and might develop in peace time into a bureaucracy that would impede scientific and technical progress and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the American Association of Cereal Chemists after careful consideration of the cooperation now existing among scientific men in the cereal industries in their joint efforts to aid in the prosecution of the war and with due regard for the possible disturbing effect on this legislation upon the war effort and future technical progress of the nation, therefore be it

Resolved, that this committee representing an association which includes in its membership chemists from most of the cereal laboratories of the United States express its general opposition to this proposed legislation and be it further

Resolved, that all cereal chemists be urged to communicate their objections to this proposal to their Congressmen.

VISUAL INSTRUCTION IN MICROBIOLOGY

ABOUT a year ago the Society of American Bacteriologists appointed a Committee on Materials for Visual Instruction in Microbiology, under the chairmanship of Dr. Harry E. Morton, of the School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, to investigate materials on bacteria, rickettsiae, viruses, fungi and animal parasites (SCIENCE, Vol. 96, No. 2494, Suppl. p. 12). It was believed that such materials would be very helpful in the wartime teaching of these subjects. The committee has concerned itself during the first year with the investigation of motion picture films on these subjects. About 80 films have been reviewed. Anybody interested may obtain a list of the titles of the films which have been reviewed. Individuals may obtain abstracts of any films on the list in which they are interested. The abstracts give such pertinent information as date of production of the film, author, producer, type of film, i.e., 16 or 35 mm, silent or sound, colored or black and white, length, name and address of the distributor and under what conditions the films are obtainable. Many of the films are available from various distributors by paying the transportation charges, other films are available by paying a small rental fee. In addition the abstract contains a résumé of the subject content of the film which is helpful to the user of the film and to students. Because of the large demand for the abstracts the work of the committee had to be made

self-sufficient. A policy has been instituted of charging three cents per abstract, with a minimum charge of ten cents, and a special price for quantities of a given abstract when used for teaching purposes.

THE PITTSBURGH MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

THE 1943 fall meeting of the American Chemical Society will be held at Pittsburgh from September 6 to 10 under the presidency of Dr. Per K. Frolich. There will be no plant trips and no organized entertainment. All the time will be available for technical sessions, conferences and group discussions. There will, however, according to the official announcement, be special symposia, round tables and scientific papers planned to be helpful to chemists and chemical engineers in their war activities. Committees of many war agencies will hold meetings. The Employment Clearing House will aid employers needing chemists and chemical engineers and those men and women who are not at present using their talents to the full.

A number of symposia has been arranged on the following subjects:

The Stephen M. Babcock Memorial Symposium, Ellery H. Harvey, presiding. Thursday morning, September 9.
Technical Library Techniques, Norman C. Hill, presiding. Tuesday morning and afternoon, September 7.

The Research Tools of the Colloid Chemist, W. O. Milligan, presiding. Thursday morning and afternoon, September 9, and Friday morning and afternoon, September 10.

Boron in Agriculture, H. B. Siems, presiding. Monday morning and afternoon, September 6.

Research Management, Francis J. Curtis, presiding. Monday morning and afternoon, September 6.

Molecular Addition Compounds, W. Conard Fernelius, presiding. Monday morning and afternoon, September 6.

Reactions of Solids, Roland Ward, presiding. Tuesday morning, September 7.

Industrial Hygiene, L. F. Warriek, presiding. Monday morning and afternoon, September 6.

Manpower Problems in the Chemical Industry, Albert L. Elder, presiding. Tuesday morning and afternoon, September 7.

Lactic Acid and Its Derived Products, Lee T. Smith, presiding. Thursday morning, September 9.

A number of general papers will be read before the sections of the various divisions. In addition there will be groups of papers on special subjects. These include vitamins, proteins, nutrition, enzymes, hormones, metabolism, paints and varnish, plastics, kinetics and sugar. On Friday morning and afternoon there will be a round-table discussion on pilot-plant design construction and operation presided over by R. E. Burk.