

---

# Association Affairs

---

## Housing Arrangements in St. Louis

St. Louis promises to be an ideal place for the first large-scale convention held by the AAAS for the past four years. Its hotels will provide 54 meeting rooms, while the St. Louis Municipal Auditorium or Kiel Memorial, engaged for the Association's exhibitions, will furnish an additional 16 meeting halls, 12 of which have a seating capacity of 250 or more.

Even so, our tentative program shows that as many as 40 to 60 meetings may be in progress at one time, and since most of these consist of groups of 100 or more, the necessity of housing the sessions of some societies apart from their headquarters hotel is apparent. This is even more true this year than in prewar years.

Reservations for sleeping quarters in St. Louis should be arranged through the Housing Bureau, 910 Syndicate Trust Building, St. Louis 1, Missouri, and must be made not later than 17 March. Requests for rooms to be occupied by two or more are more likely to be honored than those for single rooms.

Even with the best cooperation between the membership and the Housing Bureau, it is clear at this time that sleeping quarters in hotels are going to be completely inadequate. Every agency is now being used to track down every available room in private residences. These rooms will be comfortable, but not distinguished—they will be in homes whose families have on other occasions "rented a room for a night" to tourists or to conventioners. When these resources are exhausted there will still be an acute room shortage. The officers and the committee on local arrangements need to have access to the homes of professional people where under ordinary circumstances to rent an extra room would be an unheard of practice. This note is a direct appeal to the membership and their friends in and around St. Louis to open their homes to their colleagues from out of town. In cases where it is possible at all, a person going to St. Louis for the meetings should make his own arrangements.

---

## News and Notes

---

*Dr. Morris B. Jacobs*, senior chemist, Department of Health of the City of New York, has been designated chief of the Chemical Laboratory of the Department of Health.

*Dr. Elmer L. Sevringhaus*, professor of medicine at the University of Wisconsin, has accepted an appointment as director of clinical research for Hoffman-La Roche, Inc., and will assume his new post on 15 March at the laboratories in Nutley, New Jersey. The research and clinical program in endocrine, metabolic, and nutritional problems at the Wisconsin General Hospital will be carried on by Dr. Edgar S. Gordon, who has been associated with Dr. Sevringhaus for several years and who returned from military duty in January 1946.

*Dr. Victor T. Allen* has been appointed director of the Department of Geology at Saint Louis University. He has been on wartime leave of absence from his position as professor of geology at Saint Louis University since 1942, serving as commodity geologist for

clay minerals in the U. S. Geological Survey. He will take over his new duties at the beginning of the first summer session on 13 May 1946.

*Joseph A. Volk*, radio engineer and graduate of the Technical University of Stuttgart, Germany, has been appointed instructor in engineering in the Institute of Geophysical Technology of Saint Louis University.

*Dr. Howard de Forest*, professor of botany at the University of Southern California for the past 23 years, retired in November 1945. Dr. de Forest is president of the chapter of Sigma Xi at the University for 1945-1946.

*Dr. Harrison Davies*, appearing before the Senate Committee on the control of atomic energy on 28 January, representing the Federation of Atomic Scientists, took the position that military men should not hold policy-making positions on any board or control commission. He said that it was "in the best tradition" of American Government that policy be set by civilians. "A subject fraught with such tremendous