

## Association Affairs

### AAAS Staff Changes

*Science* regrets to announce the resignation on December 31 of Executive Editor Mildred Atwood Rustigan. Her capacity for hard work and her editorial and administrative ability have been of the highest value at all times during her association with the AAAS editorial staff, and really essential to the publication of *Science* since the untimely passing of the editor, Dr. Willard L. Valentine, in 1947. Miss June Armstrong, who has been associated with Mrs. Rustigan in editorial duties on *Science* and who is now serving as acting executive editor, has resigned effective February 28 to return to the Pacific Coast.

Beginning with the present issue Miss Beth Wilson becomes executive editor of *Science*. Miss Wilson has been assistant editor of *Physics Today* and had previously worked for *Fortune* and *Science Illustrated*. She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. The *Science* staff also includes Miss Dorothy Witham, Miss Jeanne Hopson, Mrs. Arlene Butterly, and Mrs. Anna H. Freedman.

Dr. F. R. Moulton retired as administrative secretary at the close of his term, January 15. His great services to American science through AAAS activities will be the subject of a later article in *Science*. As announced in the issue of November 26, 1948, Prof. Howard A. Meyerhoff is assuming the position of administrative secretary of AAAS. Until the end of the present academic year, he will also be engaged as professor of geology at Smith College.

Sincere regret is felt at the resignation on December 31, of Dr. John M. Hutzel, assistant administrative secretary, to accept an important post in government service. He will continue to serve the Association as administrative consultant. Effective February 1, 1949, the position of assistant administrative secretary will be filled by Prof. Raymond L. Taylor of Sampson

College, formerly of the College of William and Mary.

### Conference on U. N.

On January 14 the AAAS was officially represented by Howard A. Meyerhoff at a National Conference on the United Nations, called by the Department of State. The invitation was issued by Francis H. Russell, Director of the Office of Public Affairs, and the Executive Committee responded at its December meeting by naming as its representative the Administrative Secretary and, as an alternate, the President, E. C. Stakman. The crowded program was a successful effort to place before the 200 people in attendance the facts of diplomatic life in one vital field of U. S. international relations.

The program, which occupied a very full day, started at 9:00 A.M. with a general session of the conference, held in the State Department Auditorium. Chairman Francis H. Russell opened the conference and Acting Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett made introductory remarks. Dean Rusk, Director of the Office of United Nations Affairs, spoke on "Regional Security Arrangements Under the United Nations Charter"; Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, U. S. Delegate to the General Assembly, on "Developments on Human Rights at the Paris Meeting of the General Assembly"; and Durward V. Sandifer, Deputy Director of the Office of United Nations Affairs, on "Next Steps in the United Nations Human Rights Program." At 11:30 conference members took part in round table discussions on human rights.

The luncheon meeting at the Hotel Washington was addressed by Howland W. Sargeant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, and by John Foster Dulles, U. S. Delegate to the U. N. General Assembly, who reported on the Paris session of the General Assembly.

The mid-afternoon general session,

at which Willard L. Thorp, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, spoke on "Major Items on the Agenda of the Economic and Social Council," was followed by more round table discussions—on economic and social problems of the U. N. and regional security arrangements. The five o'clock general session was devoted to reports of the various round table discussions and the conference adjourned at 5:30 after closing remarks by the Chairman.

The conference was the first of a series of three, the purpose of which, although allegedly to provide opportunities for leading organizations concerned with international affairs "to assist in the constructive efforts of your Government toward solving the problems facing the United Nations," appears to be the frank dissemination of knowledge as to what is transpiring in the U. N. The entire meeting was refreshingly free from anything resembling propaganda. Although many of the subjects discussed lie on the periphery of science, the social and economic problems considered, in addition to being everyone's concern, have important scientific connotations. It was evidently for this reason that the 150 organizations represented at the conference included such diversified groups as the AAAS, Kiwanis International, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Catholic Education Association, Railway Labor Executive Association, American Federation of Labor, Engineers Joint Council, and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

A second conference will take place in March, to consider the entire range of U. S. foreign policy; and a third, on the economic and social programs of the United Nations, is scheduled for May. The Association plans to have representation at both these meetings. (HOWARD A. MEYERHOFF, *Administrative Secretary*.)