

Association Affairs

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THE preliminary announcement of the Seventh Boston Meeting of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE (SCIENCE, 117, 613 [1953]; THE SCIENTIFIC MONTHLY, 76, 315 [1953]), which was principally concerned with the programs of this year's 120th Meeting, named the headquarters hotels of the AAAS and the zoological societies (Statler), of the geneticists (Sheraton Plaza), and of the science teaching societies (Bradford). The detailed list of the headquarters hotels of all participating societies and of each AAAS section was scheduled to appear at this time when data on hotel rates could also be announced.

As in recent years, the center of the Association's annual meeting is a large convention hall—this year, the Mechanics Building—which houses the Main Registration-Information Center, the Visible Directory of Registrants, the Annual Exposition of Science and Industry, the AAAS Office, and the AAAS Science Theatre. In this building will be held the two general symposia of the Association, nearly all of the programs of the 18 sections of the Association—e.g., physics, chemistry, geology and geography, botany, psychology, the social sciences, engineering, and medical sciences (including medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy)—the illustrated lecture of the National Geographic Society, important conferences on scientific editorial problems and scientific manpower, and the Biologists' Smoker.

As usual, the sessions of the participating societies, principally, will be in four hotels chosen for their adequacy and relative convenience to the Mechanics Building, which is at 111 Huntington Avenue, two blocks west of Copley Square. The basic pattern of the session arrangements for the participating societies is the logical one of grouping specialists and closely related organizations in the same hotel to ensure maximum convenience for those attending concurrent sessions and similar programs. With respect to housing, the additional hotels named are close to those designated as headquarters. All hotels are listed by *zones*: hotels of the Copley Square area are close to Mechanics Building; of the hotels which are downtown, the Statler is three blocks east of Copley Square, the Bradford and Touraine two blocks further; in a northwest direction, the Somerset and Kenmore in Back Bay are a shorter distance from Mechanics Building. By underground trolleys along Boylston Street, no one is more than 5 to 10 minutes

from meeting rooms in Mechanics Building or from the extremes of these hotels.

The hotels of Boston have agreed to provide ample housing at moderate rates. Housing will be handled by the well-directed and efficient Boston Convention Bureau. Hotel room assignment-confirmation slips are typed in quadruplicate, and one of these will be sent directly to the applicant. Those who apply early are assured the hotel of their first choice, but it must be remembered that the supply of single rooms at minimum rates is always relatively limited—it pays to apply early for them. Higher priced singles and double rooms for single occupancy are more plentiful. It is desirable that *maximum rate* be stated, as well as desired rate, on application forms. Expenses can always be reduced if rooms or suites are shared with one or more colleagues or friends. Special attention is called to dormitory accommodations—3 to 5 comfortable rollaway beds in a large room with private bath—at \$2.75 to \$3.00 per person per night.

Beginning with this issue, the advertising section of SCIENCE will carry page announcements of the hotels and their current rate schedules, together with a coupon which should be filled out and sent, *not to a hotel*, but to the AAAS Housing Bureau in Boston. Applications for hotel reservations will be filled in the order of their receipt.

Individuals of course have freedom of choice of hotels, but, in stating their preference, the desired rate, and the maximum rate, it is natural that those who apply latest may not secure their first choice of hotels. Usually a person's preference is for the hotel that has been named as headquarters for his section or society, but the hotels in the same zone are nearby. For the convenience of those planning to attend the 120th Meeting of the Association, the headquarters for the 18 sections and subsections and the participating societies are listed here:

HOTEL HEADQUARTERS

Downtown Zone

Statler:
(1,300 rooms)
Park Square

AAAS; Press; AAAS Sections C, F, I, Nm, Nd, Np; Alpha Chi Sigma; American Society of Zoologists, Herpetologists League, Massachusetts Zoological Society, Society for the Study of Evolution, Society of Systematic Zoology; Alpha Epsilon Delta, American Association of Hospital Consultants, American Institute of Nutrition, American Physiological Society; American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, American College of Apothecaries, American Drug Manufacturers Association, American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, American Pharmaceutical Association, American

Society of Hospital Pharmacists; American Book Publishers Council, American Textbook Publishers Institute, Conference on Scientific Editorial Problems, National Association of Science Writers, Scientific Research Society of America, Society of the Sigma Xi, United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa.

Bradford:
(400 rooms)
275 Tremont St.

Academy Conference; AAAS Cooperative Committee on the Teaching of Science and Mathematics; AAAS Section Q; National Speleological Society; American Nature Study Society, National Association of Biology Teachers, National Science Teachers Association.

Touraine:
(200 rooms)
62 Boylston St.

Parker House:
(700 rooms)
60 School St.

Copley Square Zone

Sheraton Plaza:
(500 rooms)
Copley Square

AAAS Sections G, H, L, O; American Eugenics Society, American Society of Human Genetics, American Society of Naturalists, Beta Beta Beta, Ecological Society of America, Genetics Society of America; American Society of Plant Physiologists, New England Section; History of Science Society, Institute for the Unity of Science, Philosophy of Science Association.

Copley Square:
(124 rooms)
47 Huntington Ave.

Lenox:
(175 rooms)
61 Exeter St.

Vendome:
(300 rooms)
160 Commonwealth Ave.

Back Bay Zone

Somerset:
(500 rooms)
400 Commonwealth Ave.

AAAS Sections A, B, D, E, K, M, P; American Meteorological Society; Association of American Geographers, Geological Society of America, National Geographic Society; National Academy of Economics and Political Science, Pi Gamma Mu; American Industrial Hygiene Association, Society for Industrial Microbiology; American

Geophysical Union, Conference on Scientific Manpower, Committee for Social Physics, Society of Exploration Geophysicists.

Kenmore:
(400 rooms)
490 Commonwealth Ave.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION AND ADVANCE COPIES OF THE GENERAL PROGRAM-DIRECTORY

As in past years, those who plan to attend the meeting may register in advance and receive both a Convention Badge and a copy of the General Program-Directory, by first-class mail, early in December. The registration fee of \$2.50 includes postage. Those who cannot attend the meeting but would like an advance copy of the General Program-Directory may also obtain it by first-class mail early in December at cost—\$1.50. A coupon covering both alternatives will be found on another page in the advertising portion of this issue of *SCIENCE*. The appropriate square should be checked.

SECTIONAL SESSIONS FOR CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

Another section of the Association—Section L—has requested the publication of a call for contributed papers. The following is a complete list of the 10 AAAS sections which will receive short papers on current research. In general, a brief abstract should accompany each title and these should be sent each section secretary or program chairman, *not later than September 30*—preferably earlier.

- C**, Chemistry—Dr. Ed. F. Degering, George Washington Inn, New Jersey and C Streets, S. E., Washington, D. C.
- E**, Geology and Geography—Dr. Jack B. Graham, 3400 North Westmoreland Street, Falls Church, Va.
- G**, Botanical Sciences—Dr. Stanley A. Cain, School of Natural Resources, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- H**, Anthropology—Dr. Gabriel Lasker, Wayne University, 1512 St. Antoine Street, Detroit 26, Mich.
- I**, Psychology—Dr. William D. Neff, Department of Psychology, University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Ill.
- L**, History and Philosophy of Science—Dr. Raymond J. Seeger, 4507 Wetherill Rd., Washington 16, D. C.
- Nd**, Dentistry—Dr. Russell W. Bunting, School of Dentistry, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- Np**, Pharmacy—Dr. George F. Archambault, Pharmacy Branch, Division of Hospitals, Federal Security Agency, Public Health Service, Washington 25, D. C.
- O**, Agriculture—Dr. C. E. Millar, Department of Soil Science, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.
- Q**, Education—Dr. D. A. Worcester, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

