

the 15 past presidents of the Association now living, five are residents of New England. It is hoped that they—Karl T. Compton, James B. Conant, Harlow Shapley, Edmund W. Sinnott, and Kirtley F. Mather¹—and the others will be able to attend this year's meeting.

With its many historical landmarks, Boston itself is worth a visit at any time. Indeed, the "Points of Interest" are too numerous to describe in this year's General Program-Directory. Instead, each registrant will receive a complimentary printed handbook at the Main Registration-Information Center in the Mechanics Building. Founded in 1630, since colonial times, Boston has been a seaport, the banking and commercial metropolis of New England, and a great industrial center. In recent years, this city has become noted as the site of new and important developments in chemistry, electronics, and nuclear physics. Many of these new "scientific resources for freedom" will be on display in the 160-booth Annual Exposition of Science and Industry in Mechanics Building. It is particular fitting that the General Chairman of this year's 120th AAAS meeting is Earl P. Stevenson, president of Arthur D. Little, Inc. Not only is he the leader of a company that has pioneered in the organized applications of science, but he is active in a number of national scientific organizations. His committees—the many persons who are working to make the Seventh Boston Meeting an unqualified success—will be listed later. The fruits of their contributions of time and thought will be apparent to those who attend this year's meeting.

The AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE continues to grow, both in personal membership and in affiliated professional societies and academies of science. In just the seven years since the Sixth Boston Meeting, the AAAS, now with a membership of approximately 50,000, has experienced a net

¹The other ten living past presidents are Liberty Hyde Bailey, Robert A. Millikan, Henry Norris Russell, Albert F. Blakeslee, Irving Langmuir, Arthur H. Compton, Anton J. Carlson, Charles F. Kettering, Elvin C. Stakman, and Roger Adams.

gain of more than 21,000 members. In 1946 there were 200 affiliates and associates; at this time, the number of affiliated and associated organizations is nearly 250. The Association's capacity for service to science, to scientists, and to society has been correspondingly enhanced. Fundamentally, the Association is its membership. Those who attend the Seventh Boston Meeting will do much to help chart its future course.

Montana and Wyoming Join the Western Divisions

As a result of requests from members in the states of Montana and Wyoming, the question of the incorporation of these states in the Southwestern and Pacific Divisions of the Association was given careful study by the administrative office. A poll of the members was taken to determine their preferences. Of the 76 replies received, 69 favored affiliation with one of the Divisions. Wyoming voted 24 to 1 for the Southwestern Division. The Montana vote was a tie with a majority in the eastern part of the state favoring the Southwestern Division and a majority of those in the west expressing a preference for the Pacific Division.

The Executive Committee of the AAAS at its meeting December 26–29, 1952, authorized the administrative officers to work out an acceptable distribution of Montana between the Divisions and approved the incorporation of Wyoming into the Southwestern Division. By action of the Executive Committees and Councils of the two Divisions (the Southwestern Division at Tempe, Arizona, April 22, 1953, and the Pacific Division at Santa Barbara, California, June 19, 1953), Wyoming and Montana east of the Continental Divide were made a part of the Southwestern Division and Montana west of the Divide was formally accepted as part of the Pacific Division.

Bozeman, Billings, Great Falls, and Helena are the major Montana membership centers which now become part of the Southwestern Division. Missoula, Hamilton, and Butte are now in the territory of the Pacific Division.



A New AAAS Emblem

THE Board of Directors of the Association has approved the design reproduced at the left as a symbol of identification with the AAAS. In the future, this design will appear on the symposium volumes and will be used for other appropriate purposes.

The Association will soon make available to its members lapel buttons and pins. (Keys will also be

provided if a sufficient number of orders for them is received.) The size will be identical with the illustration. The scalloped border and the lettering will be in rolled gold, the background in blue enamel, and the torch in red enamel. The key, if provided, will have the basic design superimposed on a black enamel background with a second rolled gold border.

Information on prices and how to order insignia will be sent to all members and will appear in our journals in the fall.

