

be. The Arden House meeting in 1951 charted a general course for the Association, and changes in the direction of the Arden House recommendations have been made, but not rapidly enough to satisfy many of the members. One of the puzzles has been the problem of choosing the machinery which will work most effectively in determining what changes should be made, how rapidly, and with what priority. In March the Board unanimously passed the following motion and ordered it to be printed.

Moved that the Board request the Administrative Secretary, with such staff and other assistance as he considers appropriate, to study the assignment placed upon the Board of Directors by the findings of the Arden House Conference, and present to the Board suggestions for necessary or desirable changes in *a*) meetings; *b*) publications; *c*) facilities and methods for services by AAAS to members and constituent societies, including the integrating influence of the Association among the sciences; *d*) facilities and methods of the AAAS for improving the general public understanding of science.

Moved, further, that the Administrative Secretary in the light of suggestions on the four points listed above determine whether other steps are desirable such as appointment of special committees or the undertaking of other activities by the Board of Directors, in order that the greatest possible benefit may be derived by the Association from the Arden House study.

That action certainly places primary responsibility in one spot. There will be more to report later, after I have had time to digest the recommendations of as many members as I can get to talk about the kind of AAAS meetings, publications, and activities they believe would be most effective and useful.

DAEL WOLFE  
*Administrative Secretary*

## Transportation to the AAAS Meeting in Berkeley, California, December 26-31, 1954—and Call for Papers

Raymond L. Taylor  
*Associate Administrative Secretary*

The decision to hold the 121st meeting of the Association this December in Berkeley, California, was not made without careful preliminary study, the hearty approval of the AAAS Pacific Division and its constituent scientific societies, and the generous offer of the University of California to make use of its facilities. It is now assured that this first national winter meeting of the AAAS west of the Rockies will have well-appointed session rooms, inexpensive housing in dormitories, hotels, and motels, and ample eating facilities on and off campus—all in one convenient area, across the Bay Bridge from San Francisco.

Since one out of each nine members of the Association resides on the Pacific Coast, the logic of meeting there, when circumstances permit, is cogent. For years West Coast scientists have attended scientific

meetings in other parts of the United States and have pointed out, "It really is no farther from New York to San Francisco than it is from San Francisco to New York." With the present schedules of air transport and coach fares it is not impractical or unduly expensive for AAAS members on one coast to travel to the other coast; they can still be home on Christmas day, on New Year's, or both.

Next month's preliminary announcement will outline the programs of the 18 sections and many participating organizations, including the Third Berkeley Symposium on Mathematical Statistics and Probability, the statistical societies, the American Physical Society, American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, Society of Systematic Zoology—and some 60 others.

One purpose of this notice is to call attention to the page in the advertising section of this issue which outlines the transportation possibilities and includes a coupon to indicate interest in securing the substantial savings possible by the AAAS chartering sections of regular flights—or in the pleasure of traveling with colleagues in the same railroad car. Another object:

### CALL FOR PAPERS BY AAAS SECTIONS

The following sections of the Association will have sessions for contributed papers. The secretaries or program chairmen to whom titles and brief abstracts should be sent, *not later than September 30, 1954*, follow:

- C—Chemistry.** Dr. Ed. F. Degering, 12 Grove St., Natick, Mass.
- E—Geology and Geography.** Dr. Jack B. Graham, Room 516, 551 Fifth Ave., New York 17.
- F—Zoological Sciences.** (If outside the scope of Society of Systematic Zoology and Western Society of Naturalists) Dr. Joseph H. Bodine, State University of Iowa, Iowa City.
- G—Botanical Sciences.** (If outside the scope of American Society of Plant Physiologists' Western Section, American Phytopathological Society's Pacific Division, and Mycological Society of America) Dr. Barry Commoner, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.
- H—Anthropology.** Dr. Gabriel Lasker, Wayne University College of Medicine, 1401 Rivard St., Detroit 7, 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 Road, Washington 16, D.C.
- Nd—Dentistry.** Dr. Russell W. Bunting, School of Dentistry, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- Np—Pharmacy.** Dr. Glenn L. Jenkins, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.
- O—Agriculture.** Dr. F. D. Keim, College of Agriculture, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.
- Q—Education.** Dr. D. A. Worcester, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.
- Animal Venom Conference—AAAS Sections F and N—** Medical Sciences are cosponsoring a three-day Symposium on Animal Venoms—all phases of the venoms of poisonous reptiles, arthropods, fishes, and other animals. Titles and abstracts of papers, which can be read *in absentia* if necessary, should be submitted to Dr. Nandor Porges, 1301 E. Barringer St., Philadelphia 19, Pa.