

Association Affairs

Society and Section Headquarters in Berkeley

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In the advertising portion of this issue is a two-page spread on (i) when advance copies of the 1954 General Program-Directory will be available; and (ii) sleeping accommodations at this year's Berkeley meeting of the Association. The first has a coupon usable by both advance registrants and those who are not planning to attend but would like this book of some 352 pages primarily for its directory content.

The other page announces an unusual variety of sleeping facilities and has an accompanying room reservation coupon with two added questions (pertinent this year) and a request for a small hotel room deposit (customary in California).

With the initial appearance of these two pages, to assist in choosing accommodations, it has been customary to announce the hotels that will be the headquarters of the AAAS, of the sections, and of the participating societies. At Berkeley, however, because the University dormitories will house portions of the memberships of most of the societies, and also because of the size of the hotels, it would have been inexpedient to attempt any formal assignment of headquarters hotels for the societies or groups of related sciences. Societies and sections, of course, will have their own session rooms, assigned for maximum convenience to similar programs; societies that wish them will have headquarters rooms on or off campus; finally, groups of society members who wish to room close together may do so by booking reservations accordingly and applying early. By use of the Visible Directory of Registrants in the Gymnasium for Men, the adjacent bulletin board and telephone, it will be possible to locate all registrants quickly and to leave messages.

Although none of the hotels is large enough to serve exclusively as the headquarters, for example, of the statisticians, physicists, astronomers, biologists, psychologists, the medical groups, or the science teachers, the housing accommodations are ample in total quantity and variety. There are attractive twin-bedded dormitory rooms with maid service—primarily for students, younger faculty members, and others not on expense accounts—at \$2 each person the first night, \$1 per night thereafter; rooms without private bath at International House for \$2.50, and at the hotels for \$2 to \$3; and moderate-priced rooms with bath in excellent hotels and motels. The top price in suites is \$20 per day for rooms overlooking the Golden Gate—not particularly expensive if occupied by four

persons. The dormitories will serve breakfast "in"; the hotels serve all meals; and most motels serve no meals.

The Hotel Shattuck will be AAAS headquarters.

Coupon for Housing Reservations

Some further comments should perhaps be made.

1) *All* housing will be cleared through the AAAS Housing Bureau, operated by the efficient Convention Bureau.

2) Since all rooms are assigned in order of receipt, the date of application is important.

3) In general, single rooms at single rates are relatively scarce in any hotel in any city. When the supply of these is exhausted, only double rooms can be offered for single occupancy—at higher (although not double) rates. Thus, it conserves rooms, saves money, and is more sociable when two or more persons share a large room with individual beds. It is hoped that many will do this. One person may book an entire block of rooms, provided that he advances the deposits for all persons.

4) The deposit of \$5 per person or \$10 per hotel or motel room—which does *not* apply to dormitory rooms—is customary in California. It is refundable if the accommodation is canceled more than 10 days before the meeting—and usually later, if the room can be assigned to someone else—and, for those who stay only one night, any excess of deposit is refunded.

5) The space in which to name one's society or sectional interest is important. Within the choices and price range indicated, members of the same society or section will be assigned nearby rooms.

6) Those who drive to the meeting should say so. The campus of the University of California at Berkeley is compact, so that the dormitories, the Hotels Durant and Shattuck, and other accommodations are all within moderate walking distance of the center of the meeting—the Gymnasium for Men, the buildings housing the sessions, the University cafeterias, and several off-campus restaurants. But there are other comfortable hotels and motels within the city limits for which a car is needed. Those who will have an automobile at the meeting can be assigned to these motels or hotels. There will be adequate automobile parking facilities on the campus for those attending the meeting.

Headquarters Rooms

Statisticians, 288 Dwinelle; Physicists, 375 LeConte; Herpetologists League, 3598 Life Sciences Building; Western Society of Naturalists, 2507 Life Sciences Building; Society of Systematic Zoology, Stephens Memorial Room. Others will be announced later.