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The spectacular success of applied research during the war led to a fallacy entertained by many. It is that any problem can be solved by gathering enough scientists and giving them enough money. To solve the problem of the common cold assemble a great institution, fill it with scientists and money, and soon we will have no more colds! It is folly to thus proceed. The great scientific steps forward originate in the minds of gifted scientists, not in the minds of promoters. The best way to proceed is to be sure that really inspired scientists have what they need to work with, and leave them alone.

A man sitting at a desk and thinking is not an expensive proposition. A scientist directing a team and operating an expensive array of apparatus is. The costs of research go up very rapidly when one gets into hardware. When money comes easily there is a tendency to rush into use of complex equipment too fast and too far. We may be making this mistake.

If the country pours enough money into research, it will inevitably support the trivial and the mediocre. The supply of scientific manpower is not unlimited.

In any broad program of research the key word in regard to any one aspect of the program is relevance. It is a good word to have in mind in examining any research program. Competent directors of research know what it means. Probably "conducive to progress toward the main object of a program" is as good a definition as any. Just finding out something new is not by itself sufficient justification for research. It needs to mean something when we find it.

It makes sense to ask a young researcher in basic research what he is trying to find out, what sort of knowledge he hopes to have at the end of his program which does not now exist. Surprisingly often the answer will be hard to extract. But it makes no sense to ask him just how he is going to do it, what it will cost, or how long it will take. If he knew the answers it would not be basic research.

When scientific programs are judged by popular acclaim we inevitably have overemphasis on the spectacular. That is just what we have today. The deeply important scientific advances moving today are not easy to understand. If they were they would have been accomplished long ago. Outstanding scientific progress, which will most affect the lives and health of our children, is not grasped by many.

Since the war we have seen a strange, and to my mind dangerous, development. The armed services have called upon universities to manage great programs of research and development, involving secrecy, and often calling for business judgment. Some of this has been avoided by the creation of independent non-profit organizations. We ought to find a better way. The universities will respond, when called upon by government to undertake burdens in the public interest. But management of secret programs is not their proper business, and they should not be thus utilized. We ought to be ingenious enough to avoid loading our universities with tasks which may interfere with their proper function of turning out educated men and women.

It should never be forgotten that the main task of the universities is to educate men. The country will need skilled professional men in the future as much as it will need new knowledge. As we now go we are not meeting this challenge sufficiently. Every research program placed in a university should be so ordered that its product is not only new knowledge but skilled educated men.

(Excerpts from a statement given by Professor Bush before the Select Committee on Government Research of the U.S. House of Representatives, 21 November 1963. A report of the hearings will be published by the Committee after the first of the year.)

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ing phytoplankton. Pure cultures in artificial sea water are being used to study the secretion process and experimental conversion of the material to particulate matter.

Peter J. Wangersky has recently demonstrated that particulate matter can be produced experimentally by bubbling air through artificial sea water containing traces of amino acids. The material so formed has a molecular weight in excess of 3500 and appears to be true polypeptide. In considering the organic syntheses that may have preceded the origin of life, earlier work by Miller and Abelson has shown that production of amino acids from inorganic materials is feasible under supposedly "natural" conditions, but further synthesis to polypeptides has been accomplished only with large concentrations of materials and at relatively high temperatures. Thus, Wangersky's experiment, which incidentally is effective only in a salt solution and yields negative results with an amino acid solution in distilled water, is of very considerable interest. GORDON A. RILEY

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Forthcoming Events

January

19-24. American Chemical Soc., 146th natl. meeting. Denver, Colo. (ACS, 1155 16th St. NW, Washington, D.C.)

20-15. Commission for Aeronautical Meteorology, World Meteorological Organization, 3rd, Paris, France. (WMO, 41 Ave. Giuseppe-Motta, Geneva, Switzerland)

20-22. American Inst. of Aeronautics and Astronautics, aerospace sciences mtg., New York, N.Y. (R. R. Dexter, AIAA, 2 E. 64 St., New York 21)

20-23. Cardiovascular Drug Therapy, symp., Philadelphia, Pa. (S. Rosen, Dept. of Medicine, Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, 230 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 2)

20 - 24American Mathematical Soc., Miami, Fla. (AMS, 190 Hope St., Providence 6, R.I.)

20-24. Australian and New Zealand Assoc. for the Advancement of Science, Canberra (J. R. A. MacMillan, Faculty of Agriculture, Univ. of Sydney, N.S.W., Australia)

20-27. Agricultural Film Competition, 3rd intern., Berlin, Germany. (Congress Hall, John Foster Dulles Allee, Berlin N.W. 21)

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22-25. American Physical Soc., New York, N.Y. (APS, Columbia Univ., New York, N.Y.)

22-25. American Assoc. of **Physics Teachers**. New York, N.Y. (E. U. Condon, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio)

23. Central Council for Health Education, annual conf., London, England. (Director. CCHE, Tavistock House, Tavistock Sq., London, W.C.1)

23-24. Industrial Water and Waste Conf., Austin, Tex. (J. B. Maline, Jr., 305 Engineering Laboratories Bldg., Univ. of Texas. Austin 12)

25. Industrial Hygiene and Air Pollution, 8th conf., Austin, Tex. (J. O. Ledbetter, 305 Engineering Laboratories Bldg., Univ. of Texas, Austin 12)

Bldg., Univ. of Texas, Austin 12) 27–30. Society of **Plastics Engineers**. 20th annual technical conf., Atlantic City, N.J. (J. J. McGraw, Natl. Vulcanized Fibre Co., Philadelphia, Pa.)

27-31. UNESCO, working party on scientific translation and terminology, Rome, Italy. (UNESCO, Place de Fontenoy, Paris 7)

28-30. Entomological Soc. of America, southeastern branch, Asheville, N.C. (W. C. Nettles, Clemson College, Clemson, S.C. 29631)

29-31. American Meteorological Soc., 44th annual, Los Angeles, Calif. (A. Court. 17168 Septo St., Northridge, Calif.)

29-1. Southwestern Federation of Geological Societies. 6th annual, Midland, Tex. (W. E. Wadsworth, AAPG, 1444 S. Boulder, P.O. Box 979, Tulsa 1, Okla.)

29-1. Western Soc. for Clinical Research, 17th annual, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Calif. (H. R. Warner, Latter-Day Saints Hospital, 325 Eighth Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah)

30-31. Spontaneous and Experimental Comparative Atherosclerosis. conf., Beverly Hills. Calif. (E. McCandless, Los Angeles County Heart Assoc., Los Angeles 57, Calif.)

February

2-5. American Inst. of **Chemical Engineers**. annual. Boston, Mass. (J. Henry, AICE, 345 E. 47 St., New York, N.Y. 10021)

2-7. Institute of **Electrical and Electronics Engineers**, winter meeting. New York, N.Y. (A. P. Fughill, Detroit Edison Co., 2000 Second Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48226)

2-8. **Teratology**, workshop, Commission on Drug Safety, Gainesville, Fla. (D. C. Trexler, Commission on Drug Safety, 221 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill. 60601)

2-11. Scientific-Technical **Documentation and Information**, intern. congr., Rome, Italy. (I. M. Lombardo, La Produttivita, Viale Regina Margherita, 84d, Rome)

3-4. Society of **Rheology**, Claremont, Calif. (T. L. Smth, Stanford Research Inst., Menlo Park, Calif.)

3-4. Perspectives in Virology IV, Gustav Stern symp., New York, N.Y. (M. Pollard, Lobund Laboratory, Univ. of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.)

3-7. Materials. intern. conf., Philadelphia, Pa. (A. G. H. Dietz, Dept. of Building Engineering, Massachusetts Inst. of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.)

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