

although the Association is in a reasonably strong financial position, the margin between annual income and annual expenditures has been narrowing, and would be narrow in 1966, primarily because the cost of printing and mailing *Science* has come very close to, or in some cases has exceeded, the annual dues or subscription charge. For 1965, the additional cost after all editorial, management, and pressroom charges were paid—in other words, the cost for paper, printing, and mailing a year's subscription to *Science* to a member or subscriber in the United States—amounted to \$8.08; to a member or subscriber in Canada, \$11.32; and to a member or subscriber abroad, \$12.97. Members' dues of \$8.50 a year, regardless of residence, or the subscription price of \$8.50, plus foreign postage of 75¢ to Canada and \$1.50 abroad, are

supplemented by advertising revenue, but over all, the margin between receipts and expenditures has been growing too small. As a consequence, the Board of Directors asked that Council be informed that the possibility of an increase in dues and the possibility of charging subscribers outside of the United States a more realistic amount for foreign postage were under study. During 1966 the Board expects to submit to Council specific recommendations for raising dues and subscription charges.

Other Business

At the 1964 annual meeting, Council voted to hold a Symposium on Civil Defense at the Berkeley meeting. The chairman of the committee appointed

to arrange that symposium, Henry Eyring, reported that a successful symposium had been held on 27 December and that consideration was being given to publication of the papers presented.

In response to a call for new business, in addition to items previously mentioned, the Committee on Council Affairs was asked to give consideration to means by which the membership of Council might become better balanced with respect to distribution among the fields of science represented in the Association's membership.

The president concluded the meeting with an announcement that the Committee on AAAS Meetings had requested the sections to give emphasis to the theme *conservation* in planning for the annual meeting which will be held in Washington, D.C., 26 to 30 December 1966.

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A Report of the Fourth Berkeley Meeting

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In retrospect, reactions from all sides to the Association's recent meeting on the Berkeley campus of the University of California have been overwhelmingly favorable. Though the three available hotels and the local motels were scattered, and limited in respect to number of rooms, most people were accommodated in Berkeley (or could have been), and everyone seemed to get to the campus, one way or another. The university's Residence Halls, new since the previous meeting in 1954, provided about half of the total housing and made this year's record-breaking meeting quite feasible. The Halls proved to be even more comfortable and convenient than some persons had anticipated.

Most of the time it rained but peo-

ple were philosophical and good-natured. Virtually all had brought raincoats so it is believed that few failed to attend at least any daytime session that had been scheduled. Several of the special or evening sessions may have suffered because of the rain but even on the stormiest night, 28 December, about 900 persons were present. In general, not only were sessions well attended, but many of them were overcrowded. Some of these instances reflected modest underestimates of the attractiveness of the programs by their arrangers, but the entire meeting became larger than most people thought it would be at the time session rooms were applied for. Finally, there were instances of session rooms marginal in size because their programs had been

scheduled so late in the year that all the larger rooms had been assigned. Altogether, some 65 large classrooms and lecture halls in 25 different university buildings were intensively and concurrently used during the four "heavy" days of 27-30 December.

In number of all types of sessions (Table 1), the grand total of 441 is by far the largest of any AAAS annual meeting. (The Berkeley meeting of 1954 had 368 sessions; the 1962 Philadelphia meeting 361; all others had fewer.) The basic explanation is the exceptional combination of certain programs: (i) the number of sessions of the zoologists—the American Society of Zoologists alone had 25 sessions for contributed papers and 18 symposium sessions in the largest meeting that that society has ever held; (ii) together, the other zoological societies and three biological societies had an additional 44 sessions for papers, invited and contributed; (iii) the 5th Berkeley Symposium on Mathematical Statistics and Probability added another 15 sessions; and (iv) the astronomers and mathematicians had extra sessions. Nearly every other national, regional, and special program tended to be fuller.

In the total number of paid registrations—7,028—this was truly not only

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