

POINT OF VIEW

Daddario on the Weston Accelerator

The following excerpt is taken from the Ferguson Lecture for 1969 delivered at Washington University in St. Louis on 12 February by Representative Emilio Q. Daddario (D-Conn.). Daddario is a firm champion of federal scientific research spending, is chairman of the House subcommittee on science and R&D and is one of the most knowledgeable members of Congress on the politics of science. In the part of the address preceding this excerpt, Daddario talked about the difficulty of finding any articulated federal science policy and of finding out how policy is related to scientific decisions made by the federal government.

Let's take one example—the 200 BEV accelerator proposed for Weston, Illinois.

You may be, and probably are, much interested in the “policy” machinations which resulted in a decision to go forward with this highly publicized, highly expensive bit of “big science.” I am too. But I must confess I do not know what they were.

What rationale is behind the *priority* given to the accelerator? (Not that given to the facility itself.) Who was most responsible? The National Academy of Sciences? The Congress? The Atomic Energy Commission? The National Science Foundation? The Office of Science and Technology and the Federal Council? The President's Science Advisory Committee? Or was it the remnants of the old World War II M.I.T.—Los Alamos axis whose guiding lights are sometimes alleged to have been dominating U.S. science ever since? What logic actually governed the selection of the site? And, in this case, did an “in-group” make the recommendation; if so, was its real advice followed?

These are questions on which we have all read much and speculated much. Certainly, they are questions of policy. Just as certainly, very few know the answers, and I sometimes wonder if anyone knows them all.

But the point here is to suggest that many of the important details of federally assisted scientific endeavor in this country are decided without being responsible to any policy, formal or informal. . . .

APPOINTMENTS

Hans M. Mark, chairman of the department of nuclear engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, to director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center. . . . **George A. Peck**, to acting president of Brooklyn College; he succeeds **Harold C. Syrett**, who has resigned. . . . **Paul P. Weinstein**, chief of the laboratory of parasitic diseases, National Institutes of Health, to chairman of the department of biology at the University of Notre Dame. . . . **Michael M. Dacso**, director of the rehabilitation medicine service of the Goldwater Memorial Hospital, New York University School of Medicine, to dean of the newly created Institute of Health Sciences, Hunter College. . . .

Armon F. Yanders, assistant dean of the College of Natural Science at Michigan State University, to dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Missouri Columbia campus. . . . **Richard C. Kirby**, to director of the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, Environmental Science Services Administration Research Laboratories. . . . **Labe C. Scheinberg**, to associate dean for academic clinical affairs at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. . . . **Alexander H. Flax**, assistant secretary of the Air Force for research and development, to vice president for research at the Institute for Defense Analyses. . . . **Warren W. Brandt**, executive vice president of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, to president of Virginia Commonwealth University. . . . **John H. Beynon**, head of physical chemistry research for Dyestuffs Division

of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. in England, will take a leave of absence to become head of the Mass Spectrometry Center of Purdue University. . . .

J. R. Beerbower, professor of geology at McMaster University, to chairman of the department of geology at State University of New York at Binghamton. . . . **Oleg Jardetzky**, to executive director for basic medical sciences at Merck Institute for Therapeutic Research, Merck Sharp and Dohme Research Laboratories. . . . **Gilbert W. Castellani**, professor of chemistry at Catholic University, to associate dean of the graduate school for physical sciences and engineering at the University of Maryland. . . . **Allen F. Agnew**, professor of geology and director of the Water Resources Research Center at Indiana University, to director of State of Washington Water Research Council. . . . **Paul D. Carter**, vice provost of Columbia University, to provost of the university.

RECENT DEATHS

Warren R. Church, 64; former chairman of the department of mathematics at the Naval Postgraduate School; 8 February.

Janet H. Clark, 80; radiation authority and former dean of the college of women and professor in the division of biology at the University of Rochester; 12 February.

Lemuel R. Cleveland, 77; professor emeritus of biology at Harvard University; 12 February.

Arthur J. Eames, 88; professor emeritus of botany at Cornell University; 13 February.

Herman Finer, 71; former professor of political science at the University of Chicago and Harvard University; 4 March.

Erskine D. Lord, 69; former director of research at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; 9 February.

Ernest L. Nixon, 85; former professor of plant pathology at Pennsylvania State University and uncle of President Nixon; 4 March.

Ascher Opler, 53; consultant to the director of research of International Business Machines Corporation; 24 February.

Thorndike Saville, 76; former dean of the New York University College of Engineering; 21 February.