

HEW's procedures for part-time advisers. In meeting with scientists in 1968, then HEW Secretary Wilbur J. Cohen cited possible Congressional opposition as a main reason he could not change his department's security check procedures. Cohen also indicated that HEW was required to maintain its investigations for part-time advisers because of the requirements of Executive Order 10450 and because of the Civil Service Commission, a position which is contradicted by the findings of the Ellis report and by the changes announced by Secretary Finch.

Cowardice of Scientists

What are the lessons for scientists of the success in reversing HEW practices in this area? In this reporter's opinion, one of the major lessons is that scientists or other citizens with a major, legitimate complaint against government policy or procedure should not hesitate to challenge it in public.

Obviously, many, perhaps hundreds, of scientists and government officials knew about HEW's security check procedure, but they largely muttered about it in private for 17 years. This reporter did not learn of these practices until 4 March of last year during discussions at M.I.T. when one forthright neuropsychologist, Stephan L. Chorover, alluded to his exclusion by HEW. If Chorover had not stood up then and had not later consented to let *Science* print the facts about the case, the whole HEW security check system might have remained publicly unknown to this day, and nothing would have been done to change it.

What goes for individual scientists goes for scientific organizations. The inertia, timidity, and outright cowardice of many scientific organizations in response to the American Orthopsychiatric Association's appeal for support had to be seen to be believed, even though many of the leaders of these organizations agreed that HEW was behaving in an iniquitous manner. If scientists have a legitimate, important complaint, they should publicize the facts underlying their grievance and make their fight in public. As the decision of Secretary Finch indicates, the federal government is not always such a monster as it may appear.

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APPOINTMENTS

David Z. Robinson, vice president for academic affairs, New York University, to vice president, Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. . . . **Walter S. Owen**, director, department of materials science and engineering, Cornell University, to dean, Technological Institute, Northwestern University. . . . **Thomas H. Meikle, Jr.**, associate professor of anatomy and neuroanatomy in psychiatry, Cornell University, to dean, Graduate School of Medical Sciences at Cornell, associate dean, Cornell University Graduate School, Ithaca, and associate dean, Medical College at Cornell. . . . **Howard A. Schneiderman**, professor of biology, Case Western Reserve University, to dean, School of Biological Sciences, University of California, Irvine. . . . **Franz K. Bauer**, interim dean, University of Southern California Medical School, elevated to dean. . . . **Philip M. Roedel**, chief, California's Marine Resources Program, to head, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, U.S. Interior Department. . . . **George S. Benton**, chairman, earth and planetary sciences department, Johns Hopkins University, to dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences at the university. . . . **James C. Warren**, professor of obstetrics and gynecology and professor of biochemistry, University of Kansas School of Medicine, to head, obstetrics and gynecology department, Washington University School of Medicine, Missouri. . . . **Abram S. Benenson**, former professor of preventive medicine, Jefferson Medical College, to chairman, community medicine department, University of Kentucky. . . . **Anthony Travill**, professor of anatomy, Queen's University, to head of the anatomy department at the university. . . . **John W. Oswald**, executive vice president, University of California, to president, Pennsylvania State University. . . . **Dale D. Myers**, vice president, space division, North American Rockwell, Inc., to associate administrator for manned flight at NASA. . . . **Joseph D. Lafleur, Jr.**, senior technical assistant, AEC Headquarters, Maryland, to scientific representative, AEC, Paris. . . . **Edwin M. Lerner**, pathologist and senior investigator, NIH, to assistant commissioner for research and development, Environmental Control Administration, HEW. . . . **Melvin D. George**, professor

of mathematics, University of Missouri, Columbia, to dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Nebraska, Lincoln. . . . **Norman A. Phillips**, professor of meteorology, M.I.T., to head, meteorology department at the institute. . . . **Howard K. Schachman**, professor of molecular biology and biochemistry, University of California, Berkeley, to chairman, molecular biology department, and director, Virus Laboratory, Berkeley. . . . **Willard A. Krehl**, professor of internal medicine, University of Iowa College of Medicine, to chairman, department of preventive medicine, Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia. . . . **Harold L. Davis**, senior editor of *Scientific Research*, to editor, *Physics Today*. . . . **William B. Haidler**, deputy head, physics department, U.S. Air Force Academy, appointed head of the department.

RECENT DEATHS

Fuller Albright, 69; professor emeritus of medicine, Harvard University Medical School; 8 December.

Thomas M. D'Angelo, 70; former professor of ophthalmology, Flushing Hospital and the Queens Hospital Center; 20 December.

Francis A. Ellis, 70; associate professor of dermatology, Johns Hopkins University Medical School; 6 December.

James R. Gladden, 58; former chief of orthopedic surgery, Howard University Medical School; 7 December.

Leslie J. Kulhanek, 29; resident in medicine, Stanford University Medical Center; 20 December.

Donald A. Laird, 72; former director, Psychological Research Laboratory, Colgate University; 20 December.

J. Ralph Rackley, 62; provost, Pennsylvania State University; 24 December.

Joseph Slepian, 78; former associate director of research, Westinghouse Electric Corporation; 19 December.

Rudolph B. Thorness, 60; managing research engineer, physics department, University of Minnesota; 10 December.

Arno Viehoever, 84; microbiologist and former head, biology department, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science; 11 December.

Francis M. Wadley, 77; biometrics consultant; Defense Department; 26 December.