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Regional Seminar Held in Albuquerque

“Energy, Water, and the West,” a conference coorganized by the AAAS Division of Public Sector Programs and the National Conference of State Legislatures, was held in Albuquerque from 2 to 5 November 1975. Most of the approximately 100 participants were legislators from the Rocky Mountain states. Throughout the meeting, they explored a spectrum of problems and suggested solutions relating to the technical, social, economic, environmental, and political aspects of the anticipated increase in the development of Western energy resources.

Panelists and speakers included representatives from federal and state agencies, as well as scientists and technical experts from Western energy development industries, universities, and research institutes. The program featured a 1-day visit to the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories. This was highlighted by a panel discussion on nonwater-intensive energy resources and water resource enhancement, which was moderated by Robert Gillette of *Science*.

Two broad questions underlay much of the concern expressed by the conference participants. To what extent is it justified to exploit the West in order to service the demands of the more populous energy-importing regions of the country? Who will determine water allocation permits, the state or the federal government?

Governor Jerry Apodaca of New Mexico set the tone of the conference by emphasizing New Mexico's and other states' "commitment to help the nation meet its energy needs." However, he asserted, "at the same time we are also determined that this national commitment will not result in the destruction of the quality of our environment or the loss of our Western way of life."

In a luncheon address, Governor Thom-

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Boston Meeting Accessible to the Handicapped

Physically disabled scientists and interested lay persons are encouraged to attend the AAAS Annual Meeting in Boston, 18-24 February 1976. Efforts are being made to make the meeting fully accessible to people who are in wheelchairs, who have visual or auditory disabilities, and who need assistance because of other disabilities. These activities are being coordinated by the AAAS Project on the Handicapped in Science of the Office of Opportunities in Science in cooperation with the AAAS Meetings Office, Boston hotels, the Massachusetts Council of Organizations of the Handicapped, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission personnel, and other interested individuals and groups.

The Project on the Handicapped in Science will operate a resource center at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel in the Beacon E Room on the third floor. The center will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. each day of the meeting to offer special services. These will include (1) transportation for persons in wheelchairs to and from all sessions and to and from all public transportation terminals; (2) interpreters for the hearing impaired; (3) assistance for the visually handicapped; (4) repair service for wheelchairs and crutches; (5) special tour and sightseeing information for handicapped persons; and (6) round-the-clock telephone service for emergency needs. A "hotline" number will be posted in the resource center.

All handicapped persons who plan to attend the meeting are urged to contact the AAAS Project on the Handicapped in Science as soon as possible so that the most adequate services can be planned. Please call Martha Redden at the Project office at (202) 467-4497, or write to her at AAAS, Project on the Handicapped in Science, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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as P. Salmon of Vermont discussed the neosectionalism that has emerged in the wake of the energy policy debate during the past 2 years. Like Apodaca, Salmon stressed the need for planning, compromise, and cooperation in protecting "the legitimate interests of all states in a period when the days of cheap, limitless domestic energy represent a vestige of a bygone era."

The necessary role of the states in determining future energy development and water allocation was the focal point of a paper by Benjamin S. Cooper, a former American Physical Society Congressional Fellow who is now a professional staff member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. Cooper predicted "serious trouble" if energy development were to be advanced on an ad hoc basis by the energy industry.

It was obvious throughout the conference that the legislators took seriously the responsibility that Cooper urged upon them. At the same time, they expressed their frustration and occasional anger over

what they perceived as a frequently confusing and virtually indifferent attitude of the federal government toward their problems and aspirations.

The conference demonstrated a clear need to provide scientific and technical information to the state policy makers; to improve channels of communication between the technical, business, public interest, and policy-making communities; and to involve a broader spectrum of concerned citizens in informed discussion of the issues related to energy development.

Toward this end, the AAAS, working through its Southwestern and Rocky Mountain Division and in cooperation with the New Mexico governor's office, is organizing two local follow-up seminars in other parts of the state. Participants will include scientists and engineers, legislators, environmentalists, and representatives from the industrial and agricultural sectors. These sessions are regarded as pilot efforts which can be developed into a broad program initiated by AAAS members in other parts of the country with the assistance of the central office.

GRETCHEN VERMILYE
Public Sector Programs

AAAS Congressional Science Fellows

Two AAAS Congressional Science Fellowships have been awarded for 1976 in a special fall selection. Recipients of the fellowships are Audrey Buyrn, a member of the physics department research staff, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and David E. Claridge, research assistant in the department of physics, Stanford University. Drs. Buyrn and Claridge will spend their fellowship year with the congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA), where they will be involved in one or more OTA projects. The Ford Foundation is providing funding for their 1-year assignments.

After a 3-day orientation period which begins 5 January, Drs. Buyrn and Claridge will join the 11 Congressional Science Fellows who began their terms in September 1975 (see *Science*, 5 September 1975, page 786).

The two fellows were chosen from a field of candidates by an ad hoc selection committee. Members of the committee were Ezra Glaser, statistical consultant; Henry Kelly, former Congressional Science Fellow and currently special assistant to the director, OTA; Gretchen Kolsrud, director of the OTA Transportation Assessment Office; William Mills, assistant to the di-

rector for programming, OTA; and Richard Scribner, manager of special programs, AAAS.

Five other Congressional Science and Engineering Fellows sponsored by affiliated societies of the AAAS also will begin their fellowships in January 1976. They are Chris L. Coccio, Thomas E. Cooper, and John Mayer, American Society of Mechanical Engineers; and Leonard Weiss and Diana Wyble, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

RICHARD A. SCRIBNER
Special Programs

Chautauqua-Type Short Courses for College Teachers

The 1975-76 series of short courses for college teachers that is administered by the Office of Science Education and supported by the National Science Foundation is being held on 12 college campuses throughout the country. More than 2500 college teachers are participating in the courses. Included in the series are applications workshops on integrated circuits and observational astronomy; topics of emerging interest, such as clinometrics and the psychology of women; and cross-

disciplinary courses, including Biology and Human Affairs and Patterns of Problem Solving. The primary objective of the program is to make available to college teachers new knowledge that will be directly useful in educational programs.

ARTHUR H. LIVERMORE
Science Education

New Publications

Cancer Cassettes and Booklet: Nineteen leading cancer authorities discuss what medical science knows and the directions it is taking to conquer the many forms of this dreaded disease. *Cancer*, a new four-cassette and audiotape album which includes a 40-page summary booklet, is now available (\$49.95, retail; \$44.95, AAAS members). The booklet also may be purchased separately (\$2.50, retail; \$2.00, AAAS members). Please address your order to AAAS, Department C.

Latest Science Compendium: *Food: Politics, Economics, Nutrition, and Research*, the most recent addition to the *Science* compendium series, is now available. Articles originally published in *Science* with a foreword by *Science* editor Philip H. Abelson are brought together to provide a provocative reassessment of the worldwide food crisis of the last 3 years and a realistic look at our options for the future. Copies may be purchased in casebound editions (\$12.95, retail; \$11.95, AAAS members) or in paperbound editions (\$4.95, retail; \$4.45, AAAS members). Order from AAAS, Department FCM.

Women in Development: Two publications resulting from the Seminar on Women in Development organized by the AAAS Office of International Science are due out this month. The materials from the seminar, which was held in Mexico City in June 1975, were prepared under AAAS auspices. They are:

Women and Development, edited by Irene Tinker and Michèle Bo Bramsen (200 pages, \$3.50), includes the proceedings of the seminar and 12 background chapters; and

Women and Development: An Annotated Bibliography of Published and Unpublished Studies, edited by Mayra Buvinić (150 pages, \$2.50), includes extensive annotations plus an introduction to the literature.

Copies of both publications may be obtained from the Overseas Development Council, 1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Cost of both publications when ordered together is \$5.00.