

tatives geared toward assisting Indians in energy resource management, including a handbook now in preparation describing new forms of contractual arrangements, tribal energy management models, and other factors to be considered by tribes who have to make energy development decisions. She also reported that FEA has before Congress a request for \$1 million to establish a fund within the new Department of Energy that would provide technical assistance to tribal governments. Later, Barney Old Coyote of the Crow Coal Authority cautioned the federal bureaucracy to take into account the Indian way of life in its dealings with the tribes. Regulating the environment, he said, could pose a threat to "vestiges of a lifestyle . . . that was centuries on this continent."

Seminar participants also heard Charles Lipton, an attorney specializing in international energy resource agreements, compare existing Indian contracts with those being negotiated with developing countries. He told the audience that many arrangements binding Indian tribes today are no more equitable than agreements made in the colonial era. Lipton urged Indian leaders to overcome political disunity within their tribes in order to form new contractual policies, and to look beyond agreements that simply offer more "front money." In terms of the future development of Indian coal, oil, uranium, and water, said Lipton, "we are not talking about millions of dollars; we are talking about billions."

NGO's Review Roles in 1979 U.N. Conference

Planners for the 1979 United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development (UNCSTD) met with representatives of nongovernmental organizations (NGO's) at the American Forestry Association in Washington, D.C., on 20 September.

The purpose of the gathering, sponsored by AAAS and three other groups (*Science*, 7 October 1977, page 38), was to define a role for NGO's in the preparation of the U.S. position paper for the Conference. Representatives of 80 groups, including the World Bank, Organization of American States, Phillips Petroleum, Indian Development Service, and International Institute for Environment and Development, were present at the planning meeting.

Observers of the Conference's progress have been worried about previous

CSFR to Hear Azbel

The AAAS Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility (CSFR) will cosponsor a visit by Mark Azbel, a Russian "refusenik" physicist who recently emigrated to Israel. Azbel was the leader of the Moscow Seminar on Collective Phenomena for "refusenik" scientists, also called the "Sunday Seminar," which served as a gathering place for those scientists denied employment in their professions on the basis of their request for an emigration visa.

Azbel will meet with various scientific groups in several American cities during his visit, including a meeting in Washington, D.C., with members of the CSFR Clearinghouse on Persecuted Foreign Scientists. This meeting will be scheduled in mid-November; anyone interested in attending should contact Thomas Johnston, Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility, at the AAAS address.

statements that the Conference would focus primarily on transfer of existing technology, perhaps excluding discussion of scientific/technological applications on a broader basis. At the NGO meeting, Jean Wilkowski, U.S. Coordinator from the Department of State, emphasized the U.S. commitment to utilizing science and technology to supply basic human needs in less-developed countries (LDC's).

Wilkowski revealed that the U.S. position paper would address five major issues: population, food, and health; energy, resources, and environment; climate, soil, and water; employment, trade, and industrialization; and urban and rural development.

Participants discussed integrating Conference proceedings with the concept of the New International Economic Order; the need for attention to appropriate technology and the involvement of people at all levels; the strengthening of science and technology infrastructures within LDC's; protection of technology proprietary rights by industry; the effects of technology transfer on employment; the "brain-drain" problem; and a number of other issues.

The conferees were unable to reach a consensus on issues and procedures to be adopted by NGO groups relevant to their participation in the preparatory

process for UNCSTD. One recommendation that emerged, however, was that a separate meeting should be organized by NGO groups, either to be held prior to or in conjunction with the U.N. Conference. AAAS has traditionally, over the past 5 years, sponsored such complementary meetings in conjunction with major U.N. conferences.

Annual Meeting Notes

Nutrition and Agriculture: Strategies for Latin America is the theme of the fifth Interiencia Symposium, to be held 13-14 February 1978 in conjunction with the AAAS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. The symposium, one of a series being sponsored by the Interiencia Association, will be cosponsored by AAAS Section O (Agriculture). Some 30 scientists from North and Latin America will participate in the four panels of the symposium on changing strategies for food production; the role of agroindustries in agricultural development; integrating nutritional planning into development planning; and strengthening hemispheric collaboration in applying science and technology to food and nutrition problems. Further information on the symposium is available from the executive secretary, Interiencia Association, at the AAAS address.

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Foreign graduate students studying in the United States are invited to apply for grants of up to \$200 toward covering the expense of attending the Annual Meeting. Up to 20 grants are available through the AAAS Office of International Science, which is planning activities for foreign graduate students in cooperation with several organizations in Washington, D.C. Applicants should send a curriculum vitae and a short statement (250 to 300 words) describing focus of current research, career plans (how training is expected to be applied on return to home country), and interest in attending the Annual Meeting, to the AAAS Office of International Science. Applications must be received no later than 15 December 1977.

AAAS People

Herbert W. Hoffman, a meteorological technician for the National Weather Service in Chicago and a member of the AAAS Project on the Handicapped in Science Resource Group, received one of ten outstanding handicapped federal employee awards for 1977. The awards