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mental Defense Fund, Brown's work in the science community will continue, though in a different area, but the work of the Office of Opportunities in Science will stand as an ongoing tribute to its first leader.

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(Rayna Green has been appointed acting head of the Office while a search for Brown's replacement is under way.)

PSA to Meet in the Soviet Union

The 14th congress of the Pacific Science Association (PSA) will be held 20 August–5 September 1979 at Khabarovsk, hosted by the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. The central theme of the meeting will be "Natural Resources of the Pacific Ocean," with emphasis on the ecosystems of Pacific islands, marine resources, and solid earth sciences. Some 40 symposia in 14 subject areas are planned, together with more than a dozen scientific tours (optional) in areas ranging from 450 to 2500 kilometers from Khabarovsk and providing access to varying ecosystems and geological formations.

Scientific organizations from 45 countries are members of PSA, including the U.S. National Academy of Sciences. The AAAS is an associate member of PSA and has been represented on occasion at previous congresses, which have been held since 1920. Information on the 1979 meeting can be obtained from the secretary-general of PSA, Brenda Bishop, PSA, P.O. Box 17801, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817. Scientists who are already planning to attend are also requested to inform Ms. Bishop of their plans, in order to expedite coordination.

PRC Visits AAAS

Another step in forming a closer relationship between the AAAS and the People's Republic of China (PRC) will be taken later this month when a delegation from the PRC visits the United States as guests of the AAAS. The group will arrive in Washington, D.C., on 12 May.

The Chinese are returning the visit

made by the AAAS Board of Directors to the PRC last fall. While in China, the AAAS board was hosted by the Scientific and Technical Association of the People's Republic of China (STAPRC) (see *Science*, 9 February 1979).

Approximately 20 Chinese scientists and science policy-makers will visit the United States under the auspices of the STAPRC. Their special interests will include electronics, biochemistry, agriculture, medicine, and the "popularization" of science. In addition to Washington, D.C., the group will visit Philadelphia, Princeton, New York, Boston, Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. They will depart from Honolulu on 4 June.

The purpose of the visit is to further facilitate scientific and technical cooperation between the United States and the PRC and to promote cooperation between the AAAS and the STAPRC.

The itinerary for the Chinese visit is being developed by the AAAS Executive Office.

African Philosophers Meet in Benin

The largest single gathering in history of African philosophers was held in Cotonou, Republic of Benin, 18–23 December 1978. Approximately two-thirds of all African universities having departments of philosophy were represented.

The theme for the conference was "Philosophy and the Development of the Sciences in Africa." Presentations were divided into three areas (i) the teaching of philosophy, (ii) social and political philosophy, and (iii) the philosophy of science.

Leonard Harris of the department of philosophy, University of the District of Columbia, was the only American invited to the conference. He attended as a representative of the AAAS and the Committee on Black Philosophy of the American Philosophical Association. Harris was appointed chairman of the social and political philosophy committee at the conference.

For more information about the activities and publications described in AAAS News, write to the appropriate office, AAAS, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, unless otherwise indicated.

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Sea Floor Development. Moving into Deep Water. Papers from a meeting. June 1977. The Royal Society, London, 1978. vi, 190 pp., illus. + plates. £15.45. First published in *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London*, series A, vol. 290.

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Serotonin in Health and Disease. Walter B. Essman, Ed. SP Medical and Scientific Books (Spectrum), New York, 1978. Vol. 1, Availability, Localization and Disposition. xx, 410 pp., illus. \$37.50. Vol. 3, The Central Nervous System. xxiv, 460 pp., illus. \$37.50.

Stars and Nebulas. William J. Kaufmann, III. Freeman, San Francisco, 1978. x, 204 pp., illus. + plates. Cloth, \$13; paper, \$7.

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