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tainly am grateful for the AAAS Mass Media Program for providing this opportunity." Ron Dagani, who worked at the Raleigh, N.C., *News and Observer* this summer, now is assistant editor in the Department of Science, Education and Technology of the American Chemical Society's *Chemical and Engineering News*. Dagani believes that this summer's experience was instrumental in helping him obtain his new job. "In addition to teaching me to write science for a general audience, my participation in the program demonstrated a serious interest in science journalism. That's what they were looking for," he states.

The Mass Media Science Fellows Program provides an opportunity for up to 20 advanced students in the natural and social sciences to work for 10 weeks during the summer at newspapers, magazines, and radio and television stations throughout the United States. Applications for the 1980 program now are being accepted. For application materials write to the Mass Media Science Fellows Program, at the AAAS address.

Section News—Section B (Physics)

The various AAAS Sections once had much closer ties to their corresponding professional societies, many of which originally sprang from the AAAS Sections and at first continued to work closely with them. These ties then largely withered, particularly in physics. As a first step in re-forming these connections, the American Institute of Physics has recently elected Section B (Physics) as an affiliated society, to encourage interaction between the Section and the AIP and its nine member Societies (two of which are the American Physical Society and the American Association of Physics Teachers). Section B members who are not already members of an AIP Society may now subscribe at reduced rates to AIP journals (for example, *Physics Today*); for further information contact Ms. Rose Litow, AIP, 335 East 45 Street, New York City 10017. In turn, AIP Society members are encouraged to use the AAAS meetings and publications to reach a broader audience with ideas of general interest. In addition, Section B will arrange a session of invited talks of general interest at the next annual meeting of the APS/AAPT (Chicago, 21-24 January 1980).

The input of Section B to the AAAS Annual Meeting continues to be symposia for a general audience in which physicists can bring their unique viewpoints to bear on more general problems of science and technology. In connection with the San Francisco Meeting, Section B will have an open business meeting on Friday, 4 January 1980, at 6 p.m. in the Victorian Room of the Hotel St. Francis to consider further the role of the Section and its contribution to future AAAS Meetings. Items for discussion should be sent to Section B Secretary Rolf M. Sinclair, National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C. 20550.

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Women, Science, and Technology at UNCSTD: A Follow-Up

The only resolution passed at last August's United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development (UNCSTD) was on women, science, and technology. Introduced by Wilbert Chagula, ambassador and permanent representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations, the resolution was cosponsored by the United States as well as by 14 other countries.

In particular, the resolution stresses the importance of including women in the planning, formulation, design, and implementation of development projects and programs and urges member states to facilitate the training for women as well as the equal distribution of the benefits of scientific and technological development.

The AAAS provided a direct input to the resolution in the form of the U.S. position paper, drafted by Priscilla Reining of the Office of International Science. Reining's paper was based on the UNCSTD preparatory workshop on Women and Development held by the AAAS last March with funding from the U.S. Department of State. (See p. 482, *Science*, 3 August 1979.)

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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