

Science Celebrates 100th Anniversary

One hundred years after Thomas A. Edison began the magazine, friends, staff, reviewers, and members of the Washington scientific community gathered to celebrate the centennial of *Science* magazine.

In recognition of the long association between the two institutions, the Smithsonian Institution cosponsored the reception, which was held in the Smithsonian's "Castle" building on 12 December. This was a particularly fitting location in that AAAS was housed in the Smithsonian Institution from 1907 until 1946.

Guests at the reception hosted by the AAAS Board of Directors and S. Dillon Ripley, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, included current and former *Science* staff writers, AAAS staff, members of the Washington press, scientific attachés from many of the embassies, people with science-related interests from Congress and other branches of the government, and a large contingent from the Washington academic and scientific community—many of whom help in the production of *Science* by serving as manuscript reviewers.

In addition to the December centennial reception, the 100th anniversary of



AAAS Board chairman Kenneth E. Boulding (right) congratulates *Science* editor Philip H. Abelson.

Science was noted in a series of symposia at the 1980 AAAS Annual Meeting, by articles and editorials in the popular press; and by the publication of three special issues of *Science*—Advanced Technology Materials, New Research in Recombinant DNA, and the Centennial issue. The advanced technology and centennial issues were also published in book form, the latter as the *SCIENCE Centennial Review*.



The scene at *Science* Centennial reception held at Smithsonian Institution. [photos by Christina Rexon]

AAAS Socio-Psychological Prize

Submission of entries in the 1981 competition for the AAAS Socio-Psychological Prize is invited. Established in 1952 with funds donated by Arthur F. Bentley, the \$1000 prize is awarded annually for a meritorious paper that furthers understanding of human psychological-social-cultural behavior. The prize is intended to encourage in social inquiry the development and application of the kind of dependable methodology that has proved so fruitful in the natural sciences.

Entries should present a completed analysis of a problem, the relevant data, and the interpretation of the data in terms of the postulates with which the study began. Purely empirical studies, no matter how important, and purely theoretical formulations, no matter how thoughtful, are not eligible.

The winning entry will be selected by a committee of judges selected by a management committee consisting of officers of the AAAS Sections on Anthropology (H), Psychology (J), and Social and Economic Sciences (K), and the Executive Officer of AAAS. The prize will be presented at the 1982 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., 3-8 January.

Unpublished manuscripts and manuscripts published after 1 January 1980 are eligible. The deadline for receipt of entries is 1 July 1981. For entry blank and instructions, write to the AAAS Executive Office at the AAAS address.

Report of West African Science Association

The 12th biennial conference of the West African Science Association (WASA) was held at the University of Ife, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, 20-26 July 1980. AAAS was represented by Gustav E. Jackson, professor of geography at Howard University. The following account is drawn from his report.

The theme of the conference was "Scientific and Technological Cooperation within the Context of ECOWAS"