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and Responsibility (CSFR). During the tour, which took place from 7 to 22 August, U.S. participants visited universities in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama.

Tour members met with rectors and deans of various academic faculties and with representatives of student federations. Following these larger meetings, participants met with individual religious and political leaders. In addition, McCleskey met with representatives of human rights organizations in El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Panama; with U.S. embassy officials in El Salvador and Nicaragua; and with individual academics in Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Panama.

The CSUCA-sponsored trip followed an October 1984 meeting sponsored by the AAAS Office of International Science and the CSFR. At that time six Central American rectors, on a 4-week tour of U.S. university campuses, met with representatives of U.S. scientific institutions in Washington, D.C., and conducted a seminar at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

At the September 1985 meeting of the CSFR, members discussed possible future short- and long-term committee-sponsored initiatives in the Central American region. Among the short-term activities suggested were the continuation of documentation and correspondence on behalf of individual scientists, engineers, and physicians in the region who have been subjected to violations of human rights norms as outlined in international covenants; and strengthening of Committee ties with groups such as the Project on Central American Human Rights Organizations of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights in San Jose, Costa Rica. The Committee also considered and approved a recommendation to sponsor an in-depth mission in the areas of science and human rights, to El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.

A detailed report by Helen Safa, entitled "The Central American Crisis and Its Impact on the University," was published in the fall issue of the LASA Forum. To order a copy, write for volume 16, number 3, to LASA, Sid Richardson Hall, 1.304, University of Texas, Austin, Texas 78712. The cost is \$2 per copy.

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## Dues Change Scheduled for 1986

The AAAS Board of Directors has approved an increase of \$5 in dues for Regular members of 1986. Rising costs associated with publishing and mailing *Science* each week, including a 23 percent postage increase, led to the Board action. Students, Emeritus, and Spouse memberships will remain the same.

Members' dues and voluntary contributions furnish the critical base upon which AAAS activities stand or fall. In addition to weekly publication of *Science*, those activities include other internationally recognized publications; leadership in science and mathematics education, scientific freedom, and human rights; opportunities in science and engineering for minorities, women, and the disabled, and science policy; radio programs that reach a large public; fellowship programs with the Congress and the media; and cooperative projects with other scientific, engineering, and educational organizations.

Regular members whose memberships expire on 4 April 1986 or later will find the new dues rate on their renewal notices. New Regular members joining AAAS as of 1 April 1986 also will be paying the new rate of \$65.

## AAAS Offers Members Free Trip to Annual Meeting

The Annual AAAS Membership Nomination Drive is under way, this year with a new addition—members will have the opportunity to win a *free trip* for two to the AAAS Annual Meeting to be held in Philadelphia, 25–30 May 1986.

While the majority of AAAS members have been with the Association for many years, we still must replace regularly those members who leave us for one reason or another. Members are therefore being asked to send in the names of five or more colleagues whom they believe would benefit from AAAS membership. To thank you for helping us, your name will be added to the special sweepstakes drawing for the free trip to the Annual Meeting. Even if you do not submit nominees' names, you may still enter the drawing. Only one entry per member, please.

The winner and one guest will receive free round-trip air transportation (continental United States only), a double

room hotel accommodation for five nights, and registration fees for regular events, all arranged by AAAS. Meals and meal functions, local transportation, tours, and other expenses are not included.

In order to enter the drawing, complete the Member Nomination Form and Official Entry Form you received in the mail and return them to Gwen Huddle, Membership Office, AAAS, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005. If you have not received the forms in the mail, you may request them from the same address. They include the complete rules of the drawing.

We must receive the Official Entry Form by *31 January 1986* in order for you to be eligible for the free trip drawing. The drawing will be held in early February, after which winners will be notified by mail.

## New Name for Section X

The AAAS Council, by mail ballot, has voted to change the name of Section X from "General" to "Societal Impacts of Science and Engineering." The change becomes effective immediately. This action followed a poll in which the Section X membership went on record as preferring the new title.

AAAS members who are not now enrolled in an electorate (voting section) and are interested in Section X's new area of concern are invited to enroll. Members of other electorates may, if they wish, transfer to the Section X electorate. Requests for enrollment or transfer should be directed to the Membership Office, AAAS, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

## AAAS Travelers

AAAS has been invited to send a representative to the 73rd session of the Indian Science Congress Association to be held in New Delhi, 3 to 8 January 1986. The focal theme for the meeting will be Science and Technology in Environmental Management.

AAAS members who plan to be in the area at that time and/or who know of colleagues on sabbatical in the region who might be able to attend should contact Sandra M. Burns, Office of International Science, AAAS, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005, *before 15 December 1985*. Please include a curriculum vitae. While no travel funds are available, per diem will be provided.