

man rights violations. Copies of the report are available for \$3 each (add \$1.50 per order, postage) from the AAAS Sales Department.

Clearinghouse Report. The Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility's Clearinghouse on Science and Human Rights also produces a quarterly report on human rights cases and concerns. Recent issues have included articles on the use of forensic sciences in Argentina, psychiatric abuse in the Soviet Union, abuses of medical neutrality in Nicaragua, and actions taken by South African medical groups against physicians accused of malpractice in the Steve Biko case. The *Clearinghouse Report* is free, upon request, from the Clearinghouse on Science and Human Rights.

AAAS Prize for Behavioral Science Research

Submission of entries in the 1986 competition for the AAAS Prize for Behavioral Science Research (formerly called 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 the development and applications of methods for the study

of social behavior, using the logic of observation and explication so fruitful in any scientific endeavor.

Entries should present a completed analysis of a problem, the relevant data, and an interpretation of the data in terms of the assumptions with which the study began.

The winning entry will be selected by a committee of judges appointed by the Executive Officer in consultation with officers of the AAAS Sections on Anthropology (H), Psychology (J), and Social, Economic, and Political Sciences (K). The prize will be presented at the 1987 Annual Meeting in Chicago, 14 to 19 February.

Unpublished manuscripts and manuscripts published after 1 January 1985 are eligible. The deadline for receipt of entries is 25 August 1986. For entry blank and instructions, write to the Executive Office.

Review Journal Focuses on Education to Prevent Child Abuse

Teachers frequently are faced with signs of abuse, stress, and depression in the children in their classrooms, but too often they are unsure how to interpret these clues or how to act on them.

To provide a resource for teachers and others, the March/

April 1986 issue of *Science Books & Films (SB&F)* will focus on education about and prevention of abuse and other serious problems affecting children and teens. *SB&F* will publish some 100 reviews of films, videos, and filmstrips on the general subject of the social and psychological problems of children and teens today, with an emphasis on prevention. As a special feature, the magazine will carry a guest editorial on child abuse and molestation by Senator Paula Hawkins (R-FL), a strong child protection advocate.

SB&F reviewers note that films used as supplements in the classroom help educators teach children about such difficult subjects as sexual molestation and can show teenagers that they are not alone as they learn to cope with the stresses of growing up. Some of these educational programs can also provide guidance to parents and educators.

"... Together, through the media," writes Hawkins, "we are ... educating the public, especially potential child victims, about prevention."

SB&F has published several theme issues during the past year, including a comprehensive evaluation of high school biology textbooks in May 1985. Evaluations of high school chemistry and physics textbooks will be published in the May 1986 issue. *SB&F* is published five times yearly, reviewing some 300 books, films, videos, and filmstrips in the sciences and

mathematics in each issue. The annual subscription is \$20 (AAAS members deduct 10 percent). For more information, write *SB&F* at the AAAS address.

Salaries of Scientists and Engineers Barely Keeping Abreast of Inflation

Salary gains have been modest over the past 2 years for scientists and engineers, just keeping ahead of inflation. However the job market, particularly for new graduates in some areas of engineering, has improved considerably since 1983, according to *Salaries of Scientists, Engineers, and Technicians*, a new report by the Scientific Manpower Commission.

Some of the report's findings are:

■ **Demand Up—Slight Salary Increases for New Graduates**—The volume of offers to new graduates at the bachelor's level increased about 5 percent in 1985, with engineering disciplines faring best. The SMC found that offers to chemistry graduates, averaging \$22,764, were up 8 percent over 1984, but the number of offers dropped more than 12 percent; while biological science graduates continue to receive the lowest salary offers in the sciences category, \$17,196, and social science graduates recorded a sal-

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