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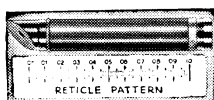
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16-21. American Soc. for Testing Materials, Atlantic City, N.J. (R. J. Painter, ASTM, 1916 Race St., Philadelphia 3.)

17-19. American Neurological Assoc., Atlantic City, N.J. (C. Rupp, 133 S. 36 St., Philadelphia 4, Pa.)

17-19. Astronomical Soc. of the Pacific, annual, Flagstaff, Ariz. (S. Einarsson, Univ. of California, Berkeley 4.)

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17-21. American Soc. for Engineering Education, annual, Ithaca, N.Y. (W. L. Collins, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana.)

17-21. Association of Official Seed Analysts, annual, Baton Rouge, La. (L. C. Shenberger, Seed Lab., Dept. of Agricultural Chemistry, Purdue Univ., Lafayette, Ind.)

17-21. Canadian Medical Assoc., 90th annual, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. (CMA, 244 George St., Toronto, Ont., Canada.)

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17-22. Internal Combustion Engine Cong., 4th internatl., Zurich, Switzerland. (C. C. M. Logan, British National Committee, 6 Grafton St., London, W.1.)

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LETTERS

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Political Means

Since I am only on a leave of absence from the United States, I feel free to comment on the article concerning the resolutions of the AAAS [Science 125, 280 (1957)]. I was particularly struck by the statements concerning the lack of attention which greeted the recommendations of the Radiation Committee of the National Academy of Sciences. I should think the answer would be obvious. Any group that wants to enter the political arena to obtain politically what it desires must use political means. If most AAAS members and most other scientists back the findings of the Radiation Committee, as I think they do, it does no good simply to issue reports and hope for the best.

I would recommend that, if we desire action based on the recommendations, we should lobby for it. The AAAS should bring into being a political arm, should set up a lobbying group in Washington, should see to it that its members constantly relay to the public, through meetings, talks, and propaganda, its views, and should badger the scientifically interested public to write their Congressmen and express their views.

We should not be ashamed of this activity; we scientists have as much right to try to impose our views on the public as do other interest-groups. Only in this way can we make sure that not only our own interests but what we think are the interests of the country can be forcefully brought to the attention of the legislators.

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Feedback

Referring to your editorial of 15 March, "Feedback," there is proposed the problem of applying the brakes to the inflationary competition for scientists and engineers without discriminating against the governmental employee. It is questionable whether this competition will contribute enough to inflation to counterbalance the effect the lack of competition will have on the problem of the shortage of engineers. Many young students are not entering