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It is the nature of scientific inquiry to push towards the limits of the phenomena being studied, and the limits of research on human behavior will surely entail some danger to the subjects. As a current example, what kinds of performance can be expected of an astronaut in the super-solitary confinement of space? Under what circumstances will integrated, rational behavior break down? Such questions can be answered only by putting experimental subjects under real stress, and the subjects who volunteer to help find the answers, even under simulated and earth-bound conditions, are running some risk of personal damage. So are subjects in studies of other types of stress, fatigue, or the factors that induce abnormal mental states.

Most discussions of the legal and moral problems of the use of human subjects have been written from the medical point of view. Medicine has the most experience with human subjects, but in several respects the medical experience provides a quite inadequate guide. In testing a new medical or surgical technique on human patients it is customary to explain the nature of the technique, its possible dangers, and its possible beneficial results, and to secure the patient's consent before the new technique is tried. In psychological research, neither explanation nor consent can be so easily handled. Explanation of the nature or prospective results of a psychological experiment may vitiate the results. And if the experiment cannot be fully and honestly explained, to what has the subject consented? Or has he in fact consented at all?

There is another difference. A new medicine or operative technique is ordinarily tried out on ill patients who may themselves be directly benefited. In contrast, research of the type being considered must frequently be carried out on normal and healthy subjects who may never directly benefit from the experiment. Clearly the differences are too great to allow using the precedents of the physician-patient relationship as a total guide in handling the problems of the experimentersubject relationship.

In a thoughtful analysis of this issue, the *Duke Law Journal* (No. 2, 1960) recently offered a partial solution with the concept of "liability without fault." Under this concept, if a subject is damaged as a result of participation in a psychological experiment he would be entitled to be made whole, through treatment or rehabilitation, or to receive compensatory damages. Thus the subject would be protected. The experimenter would also be protected. He would not be considered to be at fault, but rather to have been acting in the interest of society. Thus society, through appropriate government channels, would assume the costs of rehabilitation or compensation just as society, also through government channels, supports most of the experimentation for which the concept of liability without fault would be appropriate.

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Letters

Science and Human Welfare

The statement of the AAAS Committee on Science in the Promotion of Human Welfare [Science 132, 68 (8 July 1960)] is an admirable delineation of the crisis facing the scientific community in its relation with the general public. Mutual misunderstanding and lack of trust detrimental to both science and the people has evidently reached a level which makes remedial action rather urgent. Undoubtedly, both parties were at fault in creating this situation. Yet, subjected to severe pressure from the immense power generated by the scientist's discoveries, the public could hardly be blamed for considering irresponsible his disclaimer of any special competence for making decisions on the use of this power. Nor could the scientist help judging the public immature when its decisions on complex scientific matters were often based on partial or unproved information.

To remedy this schism the AAAS committee urges scientists and scientific organizations, as producers and custodians of scientific knowledge, to assume the obligation of imparting such knowledge to the public. Unquestionably, the committee understands that such a policy may involve these organizations in rather violent controversy, when some powerful political leaders with vested interests in particular governmental agencies are especially desirous of keeping certain facts from the public. Such politicians do not always conduct these controversies in accordance with the scientific principles of intellectual honesty, scrupulous integrity, objective and free speculation, and open communication. On the contrary, the usual process involves manipulation of public opinion by innuendo, half-truth and outright distortion of fact. Confronted by these conditions, the large scientific societies, in the past, found it safer to avoid entering public discussion on controversial matters. Fortunately, it is now recognized that this avoidance reaction was an abdication of social responsibility.

The AAAS could advance the objectives of its own committee by taking a vigorous position on such a scientific issue now before the public: Senator Dodd's demand, under threat of a contempt citation, that Linus Pauling hand over the names of all scientists who helped gather petitions against atom-bomb tests. The senator may be acting on behalf of men in the United States Congress who were annoyed by Pauling's success in disseminating widely the dangers of continued testing and by his effectiveness in raising the question of banning such tests to a public issue of widespread concern. Furthermore, these legislators seem determined to make any future action of this type as difficult as possible by generating the fear, particularly among young scientists, that participation on the wrong side of these controversial issues may place one's career and livelihood in jeopardy.

Since unhampered speculation and open communication are at the very foundation of the scientific tradition, the AAAS-as spokesman for the scientific community-should protest vigorously against the harassment of Linus Pauling by the committee of the Senate and the hunting down of dissident opinion by committees from both houses of Congress. For it is becoming more and more apparent that the atmosphere generated in this country by the activities of these committees has not only hampered the nation's scientific advances but has also sapped its democratic vitality.

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Small High Schools

In a letter to the editor [Science 131, 1560 (1960)] Barker makes the point that small high schools "produced their full quota of scientists in 1957 and 1958." If all other variables are controlled, which is unlikely, the implied argument is that since it turns out its quota of scientists, the small high school is an adequate educational institution. This argument defends the small high school on the basis of the record of a small proportion of its graduates, potential scientists. It is quite possible that it does not make too much difference whether a high school is small or large as far as disciplines heavily dependent on the traditional academic curriculum and on high intellectual ability are concerned. Bright youngsters may learn mathematics, science, English, and the like in a high school of any size, provided instruction and facilities are fairly adequate.

But Barker's implied argument ignores the large mass of children who are of average and less than average intelligence. It is these children (as well as, perhaps, the more gifted children) that the small high school may not be serving adequately. The modern high school needs a variety of courses and activities —courses in languages, typing, home economics, citizenship, and elementary probability and statistics, extracurricular activities, and the like—which a small high school usually cannot offer. To a relatively gifted youth who is going to



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Like Barker, I would like data on how students from small and large high schools turn out. But I suspect that adequate data will be very hard to come by, due to the great difficulty of controlling independent variables in educational research of this kind. (An example of one of the most serious difficulties is the factor of individual selection: the bright child may be selecting the small high school, the private school, and the small college.) At any rate, of all citizens, scientists should be circumspect in their judgments and pronouncements on the relative merits of different types of education and educational institutions.

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Cardiff is a bustling city of nearly 300,000 and is now the capital of the principality of Wales. It has changed from a major coal exporting port to a general industrial center with many large parks and handsome public buildings. The great castle goes back to Roman times, but is chiefly a Norman structure, and the city has developed around it. Nearby is a large park containing the major public buildings, including the fine Welsh National Museum, the great City Hall, and the main university buildings.

Addresses

Some 4000 attended the 1960 meeting, under the presidency of Sir George Thomson, whose presidential address dealt with "Two aspects of science" (see page 996). This address was given at a formal occasion with full academic regalia. Sir George discussed the relations of pure and applied science. Honorary degrees were conferred by the University of Wales on Sir George Thomson, Sir James Gray (immediate past president), Dame Cathleen Lonsdale of the University of London, and on Principal W. Arthur Lewis of the University College of the West Indies.

Special evening discourses were given on "The structure of the universe" by Professor H. Bondi of the University of London, and on "Microbiological methods in the development of drugs" by Dr. E. V. Chain, professor of biochemistry of the Istituto Superiore di Sanita, Rome.

Outstanding were the addresses by presidents of sections: Dr. James Taylor on "Chemistry in industry"; G. S. Carter, "Tropical climates and biology"; Sir Alfred Pugsley, "Statics and the engineer"; Professor E. E. Evans, "The

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Peasant and the past"; Professor T. M. Harris, "The origin of angiosperms"; Dr. William Davies, "Pastoral systems in relation to world food supplies"; T. R. Peace, "The dangerous concept of the natural forest"; A. B. Oldfield-Davies, "Science broadcasting"; Dr. R. Woolley, "Stellar motions"; Professor E. B. Bowen, "Welsh emigration overseas"; Professor R. S. Sayers, "Monetary policy in Great Britain"; Professor William Burns, "The physiology of hearing"; Professor H. C. Dent, "Sixty years of progress in English education"; Professor R. C. Oldfield, "Experiment in psychology-a centenary"; G. F. Mitchell, "Pleistocene history of the Irish Sea"; and Professor D. V. Glass, "Population growth, fertility, and problems of policy."

Individual reports were arranged under the headings of the physical sciences; the biological sciences; forestry and agriculture; geography, anthropology and archeology; and economics, education, psychology and sociology.

Major interest at the meeting centered in the special symposium on world food and population. There were seven speakers in the symposium, and the general consensus was that technological improvements in the use of arable land can maintain adequate food supplies if population growth can be reasonably controlled.

Dr. Michael P. Reece of the Electrical Research Association gave the Kelvin lecture on "Physical principles of switches and circuit breakers." The Lister lecture was given by W. M. Williams of the University College of North Staffordshire on the "Social study of family farming." Interesting was the Darwin lecture by Martin J. Wells of Cambridge University on "What the octopus makes of it: Our world from another point of view."

For the young people there were special panel discussions on questions submitted by students, and there was an excellent exhibit on science teaching in schools. The York lecture for young people was given by Sir James Gray on The flight of birds." Professor A. Charlesby talked on "Atomic radiation and materials." B. B. Lloyd discussed "Ends and means in human respiration," and Professor C. E. H. Bawn lectured on "Plastics and fibers." Scientific films were also shown, and special exhibits were arranged in the National Museum of Wales. Sectional excursions were provided for geologists and other groups.

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Sir Wilfred Le Gros Clark, professor of anatomy at Oxford University, succeeds Sir George Thomson, professor of physical chemistry at Cambridge University, as president of the British Association. Sir Wilfred is widely known for his studies on nerve regeneration and on paleontology. In thanking Sir George Thomson for his presidential address on the undertsanding and control of nature, Sir James Gray, past president, referred to the unique situation of son following father in the presidency of the British Association. Sir George's father was the famed J. J. Thomson, whose concept of electrons opened the atomic age. Both father and son were Nobel laureates.

With full and detailed press coverage, the Cardiff meeting of the British Association was especially successful with respect to its prime function of promoting a better understanding of the significance of scientific research. The program was well arranged. The various papers and symposia will be published in *The Advancement of Science*, the well-designed periodical maintained by the BAAS.

The AAAS was represented officially by Dr. Alfred S. Romer of the Board of Directors and by the President. Dr. Carl F. Kayan of the Council was a guest of the Engineering Section. Several other Americans attended the meetings. All were impressed by the pleasant character of the occasion, the delightful hospitality, and the high quality of the scientific discussion.

CHAUNCEY D. LEAKE President, AAAS

Forthcoming Events

November

2-4. Plasma Physics, 2nd annual, Gatlinburg, Tenn. (A. H. Snell, Oak Ridge Natl. Lab., Oak Ridge, Tenn.)

2-4. Society for Experimental Stress Analysis, Berkeley, Calif. (W. W. Murray, Massachusetts Inst. of Technology, Cambridge)

2-5. American Soc. of Parasitologists, Los Angeles, Calif. (F. J. Kruidenier, Zoology Dept., Univ. of Illinois, Urbana)

2-5. American Soc. of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Los Angeles, Calif. (R. B. Hill, 3573 St. Gaudens Rd., Miami 33, Fla.)

2-5. American Speech and Hearing Assoc., Los Angeles, Calif. (K. O. Johnson, 1001 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington 6)

3-4. Electrostatic Propulsion, conf., Monterey, Calif. (J. M. Sellen, Thompson Ramo-Wooldridge, Inc., 8433 Fallbrook Ave., Canoga Park, Calif.)

3-4. Muscle as a Tissue, conf., Philadel-

phia, Pa. (Division of Research, Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia 31)

4-5. West-Central States Biochemical Conf., Lincoln, Neb. (J. H. Pazur, Dept. of Biochemistry and Nutrition, Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln)

4-6. Assoc. of Clinical Scientists, Washington, D.C. (R. P. MacFate, 54 W. Hubbard St., Chicago 10, Ill.)

5. Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Philadelphia, Pa. (G. Kaskey, Remington Rand Univac, 1900 W. Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia)

7-10. Society of Exploration Geophysicists, 30th annual intern., Galveston, Tex. (C. C. Campbell, Box 1536, Tulsa, Okla.)

8-10. Forensic Sciences, 2nd symp., Washington, D.C. (Director, Armed Forces Inst. of Pathology, Washington 25)

9-10. Use of Secondary Surfaces for Heat Transfer with Clean Gases, symp., London, England. (Secretary, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 1 Birdcage Walk, London, S.W.1)

9-11. Clinical Chemistry Methods, symp., Cleveland, Ohio. (A. Hainline, Cleveland Clinic, 2020 E. 93 St., Cleveland 6)

10-12. Geological Soc. of America, 73rd conv., Denver, Colo. (H. R. Aldrich, GSA, 419 W. 117 St., New York 27)

10-12. National Assoc. of Geology Teachers, Denver, Colo. (F. Foote, Dept. of Geology, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.)

10-13. Pacific Coast Fertility Soc., Las Vegas, Nev. (A. C. Wineberg, 3120 Webster St., Oakland, Calif.)

11-12. Paleontological Soc., Denver, Colo. (H. B. Whittington, Harvard Univ., Cambridge 38, Mass.)

13-16. Society of American Foresters, 60th annual, Washington, D.C. (H. Clapper, SAF, 825 Mills Bldg., Washington 6) 14-17. Magnetism and Magnetic Mate-

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14-18. American Soc. of Agronomy, Chicago, Ill. (L. G. Monthey, 2702 Monroe St., Madison 5, Wis.)

14-18. Nuclear Ship Propulsion, symp., Taormina, Sicily. (International Atomic Energy Agency, 11 Kärntner Ring, Vienna 1, Austria)

15-16. Engineering Application of Probability and Random Function Theory, symp., Lafayette, Ind. (J. L. Bogdanoff, School of Aeronautical and Engineering Sciences, Purdue Univ., Lafayette)

16-19. Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, annual, New York, N.Y. (W. N. Landers, SNAME, 74 Trinity Pl., New York 6)

17-19. Extrapyramidal System and Neuroleptics, intern. symp., Montreal, Canada. (J.-M. Bordeleau, Dept. of Psychiatry, Univ. of Montreal, Montreal)

17-19. Surgery of Endocrine Organs, symp., New York, N.Y. (Office of the Associate Dean, New York Univ. Post-Graduate Medical School, 550 First Ave., New York 16)

17–20. American Anthropological Assoc., Minneapolis, Minn. (B. J. Meggers, 1530 P St., NW, Washington 5)

17-20. Southern Thoracic Surgical Assoc., Nassau, Bahamas. (H. H. Seiler, 517 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa 6, Fla.)

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