

Breaching the Walls

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... But if basic research is to be properly regarded, it must be better understood. I ask you to reflect on this problem and on the means by which, in the years to come, our society can assure continuing backing to fundamental research in the life sciences, the physical sciences, the social sciences, our natural resources, our agriculture, our protection against pollution and erosion. Together, the scientific community, the Government, industry and educators must work out the way to nourish American Science in all its power and vitality. . . . Of course, what it needs is a wider understanding by the country as a whole of the value of this work which has been sustained by so many of you. (Speech by John F. Kennedy at the 100th anniversary of the National Academy of Sciences, 1963)

The growth of our civilization depends not only on the growth of science but also on the understanding by the great public. . . . (Albert Szent-Györgyi, review of *The Language of Life* by George and Muriel Beadle, in *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*, 1966)

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26 December, afternoon

Is Defense against Ballistic Missiles Possible? (*M. L. Goldberger, R. L. Garwin, H. A. Bethe, D. Fink, and F. Dyson*)

27 December, morning

Man and Transportation—Opening Addresses (*C. Pell, C. A. Doxiades, and C. Buchanan*)

27 December, afternoon

Science and Technology as Instruments of Policy (*S. A. Lakoff, F. S. Hoffman, A. Etzioni, E. Friedland, B. L. R. Smith, A. Wohlsetter, E. B. Skolnikoff, and D. B. Truman*)

28 December, morning

Frontiers of Marine Science (*H. McLellan, N. P. Fofonoff, J. Isaacs, F. Vine, and J. L. Worzel*)

28 December, afternoon

Can the Underdeveloped Countries Benefit from the Scientific Revolution? (*A. Spilhaus, R. Revelle, E. A. Mason, W. Paddock, and H. W. Singer*)

29 December, morning

Research in Birth Control and Changing Sex Behavior (*P. H. Gebhard, I. L. Reiss, A. Shiloh, F. J. Zigler, Mary Calderone, and C. F. Westoff*)

29 December, afternoon

Speculation on the Next Thirty-three Years (*P. M. Hauser, H. Kahn, D. Bell, H. Brown, W. Sullivan, and H. H. Landsberg*)

30 December, morning

Public Authority and Private Initiative in the Delivery of Personal Health Services (*G. Piel, L. Breslow, L. Thomas, and K. White*)

30 December, afternoon

Do Life Processes Transcend Physics and Chemistry? (*G. Holton, M. Polanyi, J. R. Platt, E. Nagel, and B. Commoner*)

31 December (Tape)

Riots and Urban Mass Violence.

The Expanding Role of Science and Technology in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

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