

The three major concerns of CCEI so far—possible danger from nerve gas at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, plutonium pollution at the Rocky Flats plant, and radioactive contamination from underground nuclear explosions—will continue. The committee is also taking up two other questions: (i) the large piles of radioactive mill tailings in the Colorado River watershed and the use of these tailings for house construction in Western Colorado; and (ii) the effects of the high-temperature, gas-cooled, nuclear reactor for generating electricity planned for construction 30 miles north of Denver.

At least partly due to the activities of CCEI, pollution of the environment has become a major political issue in this state. For Metzger, "Perhaps the most important change is the realization by the public in Colorado that they no longer are forced to rely on information about pollution from the polluters alone."

Metzger and others in CCEI believe that scientists must make a much greater effort to make their knowledge available to the public on environmental questions. "Why is it that scientists in proportion to their numbers and prestige influence society less than any other comparable group?" Metzger says, "The challenge to the scientist is to get off his arrogance and to get over his feeling that his position will be understood and believed by all reasonable men. Scientists have to learn to make an effective case in public."

Metzger believes that the national trend is for science information organizations to spring up across the country which will feed their information to groups of lawyers who will file anti-pollution suits. Both groups will give information to the press and to politicians seeking power, thus eventually changing the actions of those holding governmental office.

Metzger looks to the development of more sophisticated conservation groups: "Many of the current conservation organizations are defenders of wildlife, the people interested in those cute little raccoons. It's impossible to get money out of these establishments for more serious conservation work."

According to Barry Commoner, "CCEI has beautifully exemplified the effectiveness of digging up facts. SIPI is hoping to expand its activities to provide the kind of services developing in Colorado to every community in the country."

Although some criticize the environ-

mentalists' effort as detracting from a proper focus on such issues as the size and direction of the U.S. military establishment, Robert Williams does not agree. "The Nixon Administration is wrong if it thinks it's going to take our attention off other problems by focusing on the environment. There are a lot of environmental problems associated with U.S. military plants and bases. Certainly there are serious questions about any installation connected to nuclear weapons."

Buoyed by the rising tide of concern over environmental pollution, Metzger predicts, "I see what is happening in Colorado on the environment as a microcosm of what's going to happen throughout the country in the 70's. We cannot let the introduction of new technologies affecting our environment be decided in secret by a government technological elite any longer—these questions must be decided by informed citizens after full public debate."

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APPOINTMENTS

Rufus E. Miles, Jr., director, mid-career program, Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, to president, Population Reference Bureau. . . . **Richard de Neufville**, associate director, Urban Systems Laboratory, M.I.T., to director, Civil Engineering Systems Laboratory at M.I.T. . . . **Paul E. Torgersen**, chairman of industrial engineering, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, to dean, College of Engineering at the Institute. . . . **Frederic de Hoffman**, vice chairman, Gulf General Atomic, to chancellor, the Salk Institute. . . . **J. Alan Thomas**, professor of education, University of Chicago, to dean, Graduate School of Education. . . . **Robert L. Saunders**, associate dean, School of Education, Auburn University, to dean, College of Education, Memphis State University. . . . **Warren T. Morrill**, professor of anthropology, Bucknell University, to chairman, anthropology department, Pennsylvania State University. . . . **Jon V. Straumfjord**, chairman, clinical pathology department, University of Alabama to head, pathology department, Marquette School of Medicine. . . .

J. H. U. Brown, an associate director, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, to acting director of the institute. . . . **David T. Clark**, university science development program, National Science Foundation, to dean, graduate studies, Portland State University. . . . **William L. Reitmeyer**, staff associate, astronomy section, National Science Foundation, to head, new department of astronomy, New Mexico State University. . . . **Stanley F. Patten, Jr.**, acting chairman, pathology department, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, to chairman of the department. . . . **Paul Berg**, professor of biochemistry, Stanford University School of Medicine, named chairman of the biochemistry department. . . . **John W. Eckstein**, professor of internal medicine, University of Iowa, to dean, University of Iowa College of Medicine. . . . **Allan Barnes**, director, gynecology and obstetrics department, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, to vice president, the Rockefeller Foundation. . . . **David P. Shoemaker**, chemistry professor, M.I.T., to chairman, chemistry department, Oregon State University. . . . **Luther W. Brady**, professor of radiology, Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, to chairman, radiation therapy department at Hahnemann. . . . **Eugene N. Parker**, professor of physics and astrophysics, University of Chicago, to chairman, physics department.

RECENT DEATHS

D. Craig Affleck, 41; associate dean of allied health programs, University of Nebraska College of Medicine; 29 April.

Hugo Boyko, 78; president, World Academy of Art and Science and agricultural researcher; 26 May.

Robert P. Brecht, 71; emeritus professor, industry department, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; 21 May.

Roy A. Seaton, 86; dean emeritus, engineering department, Kansas State University; 23 May.

Donald R. Theophilus, 71; president emeritus, University of Idaho; 10 May.

Walter P. Thompson, 80; president emeritus, University of Saskatchewan; 30 March.

James E. P. Toman, 54; chairman, pharmacology department, Chicago Medical School/University of Health Sciences; 13 May.