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Less Materialism—More Tradition

Abelson’s editorial “Microcosms in a world apart” (29 Aug., p. 853) states that “we are not getting our money’s worth, and it is time that constructive thought and effort were devoted to making it possible for the majority of our citizens to enjoy what could be achieved in the way of spirit-building recreational facilities.” Such a goal could be achieved in the next generation if we, the present generation, became less materialistic and acquired the Old World’s veneration for and teaching of tradition—quite opposite to our habits of permissiveness.

I was born and brought up just around the corner from Frankfurt’s Palmengarten and I appreciated Abelson’s comments on its skilled landscaping and grassy glades. However, I also recall how sad I was when all that beauty disappeared temporarily during World War I to make room for growing potatoes.

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Botanical Congress

The U.S. National Committee of the X1th International Botanical Congress, held at Seattle, Washington, from 24 August to 2 September, passed the following two resolutions which should be of interest to readers of Science:

In spite of the progress which has been made in maintaining food resources to keep up with the world’s increasing population, the members of the XI Interna-
Astronaut's Resignation

The news note "Trouble at NASA: Space scientists resign" (22 Aug., p. 776) refers to a comment made by NASA officials that I resigned from the scientist-astronaut program because I didn't want to become a pilot.

This is an oversimplification. The budgetary delays in plans for scientific space flights and the inability to carry on a reasonable amount of scientific research in the meantime were equally important reasons. I discussed all these reasons in the statement of resignation which I submitted to NASA for public release. "Flying just isn't my cup of tea" was quoted in the NASA official announcement from a telephone conversation with Deke Slayton and not even included in my statement.

This is one of those unfortunate cases in which news is distorted because only a small portion is taken out of context for simplicity and readability.

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