Polish Scientist Jailed

In a letter to the Polish chairman of the Council of Ministers, Wojciech Jaruzelski, AAAS executive officer William D. Carey expressed the Association’s deep concern about the recent sentencing of Ryszard Herczynski to 16 months imprisonment for “anti-state activity.”

Herczynski is a noted Polish mathematician whose principal studies have been in the field of fluid dynamics. He was arrested on 8 May at his apartment in Warsaw. At the time of his arrest Herczynski was meeting with a U.S. science attaché and another U.S. diplomat to discuss a joint National Science Foundation/Polsish Academy of Sciences research project.

The charge of “anti-state activity” stemmed from Herczynski’s giving the American diplomats a letter addressed to his son who is in the United States and some widely available pamphlets advising Polish scientists how to behave under martial law. The two diplomats were expelled from Poland and the Depart-ment of State suspended the Polish-U.S. program on scientific cooperation. (See Science, 28 May 1982, pp. 966–967.)

In his letter Carey noted that AAAS has long been a “strong advocate” of increased international scientific exchange, but that incidents such as the arrest and sentencing of Herczynski give us serious difficulty in advocating renewed scientific exchanges with Poland.

Foreign Graduate Students Offered Grants for March R&D Colloquium

A limited number of grants of up to $250 will be available to assist self-sponsored foreign graduate students currently studying in the United States to attend the VIIIth AAAS Colloquium on R&D and Public Policy, 24–25 March 1983 in Washington, D.C.

Applicants should submit: (i) curriculum vitae, including telephone number; (ii) budget (roundtrip to Washington and estimated living expenses); and (iii) a short statement (250 to 300 words) describing the focus of current research, career plans, how training is expected to be applied on return to home country, and interest in attending the Colloquium. Material should be sent to Denise Weiner, Office of International Science, at the AAAS address. Deadline for receipt of applications is 1 February 1983.

Mass Media Fellowships

The AAAS Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellows Program for 1983 is now seeking applicants.

Fellows work as reporters, researchers, and production assistants for 10 to 12 weeks during the summer at radio stations, television stations, newspapers, and magazines throughout the United States.

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