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The Seventh General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics was held at Washington, D. C., September 4 to 15, 1939. The various organizing committees of the American Geophysical Union, in collaboration with the National Research Council, made adequate preparations for the reception and entertainment of some 800 delegates and guests. Unfortunately the war in Europe broke out just before the assembly convened and prevented the attendance of many foreign delegates and guests who had registered for the meetings. Despite these adverse conditions, there was a total actual registration and attendance of 719 delegates and guests, including 120 from foreign countries representing 26 nations of the 38 that had designated delegates. The total number of delegates and guests who had promised attendance included 246 from outside the United States and 701 from the United States, a grand total of 947. The wide-spread interest aroused by the assembly in the United States is demonstrated by the fact that 79 universities and scientific and commercial research organizations sent representatives in addition to those delegated by 18 bureaus and services of the United States Government. A considerable number of French