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## AAAS Parliament of Science

A special meeting to prepare recommendations concerning some of the problems of support of science and improvement of education which are being widely discussed throughout the nation will be held by the AAAS in Washington, D.C., on 15, 16, and 17 March. Discussion will be centered on five topics: (i) organization and administration of the nation's scientific effort; (ii) support for science; (iii) communication of scientific findings and among scientists; (iv) selection, guidance, and assistance of students; and (v) improvement of teaching and education.

These five topics will be considered against the background of an analysis of current trends in science and the future technological, economic, educational, and social implications of these trends. The steering committee is preparing a background statement and, in advance of the meeting, will supply copies to all participants, together with working papers and summaries of statistics, trends, and judgments concerning the five topics to be discussed. Most of the meeting time will be devoted to discussions, first in small working groups and then in plenary sessions, leading toward such conclusions and recommendations as are agreed upon by the conference members.

Participation will be by invitation. The Association has asked each of its sections to recommend panels of participants and has invited each of its 279 affiliated scientific societies to suggest appropriate names to the section officers. From the section recommendations a list of approximately 100 participants will be selected so as to secure a group that is widely representative with respect to fields of science, types of institutions and occupations, and geographical location. In addition, the steering committee plans to invite a small number of scholars and critics from other fields.

Any scientific or educational institution or organization that would like to send an observer is invited to send a note to that effect, naming the proposed observer, to Dael Wolffe, 1515 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington 5, D.C. Within limits set by available space, permission for observers will be granted, but advance arrangements are essential.

The parliament of science results from a decision by the Association's Council that the AAAS should convene such a meeting to consider the policies that seem most desirable in the current effort to improve education and to increase support for science. The Rockefeller and Sloan foundations have each granted \$10,000 to the Association to help meet the costs of the meeting. Plans are under the supervision of a steering committee consisting of Warren Weaver, chairman, Barry Commoner, T. Keith Glennan, Paul Gross, Mark Ingraham, and Donald Marquis, with Detlev W. Bronk and Alan T. Waterman as consultants and Wallace Brode and Dael Wolffe, ex officio.—D.W.

