

The society cannot undertake meetings that would aggravate the deficit and would have to resort to increasing registration fees to defray costs of such meetings. The numerous complaints received about the \$10 registration fee at the Miami Beach meeting indicate that there would be resistance to another increase. The registration fee for the last meeting of the American Chemical Society was \$15; the fee will be increased to \$25 at its next meeting in New York. Members will recognize that APS registration fees have been maintained at as low a level as has been feasible. The facts remain, however, that meeting overhead costs reflect today's rising costs even in hotel meetings where much space is complimentary. It is even higher when rented space in convention centers is involved.

In 1968 the APS-AAPT housing bureau made hotel reservations for approximately 2300 hotel rooms in Chicago, of which 1642 were in the Palmer House. For 1970 we have a commitment of 1800 rooms at the Palmer House and 600 in the La Salle. In Cleveland there is one large hotel next to the convention center which will commit 650 rooms to the APS-AAPT members; there are four hotels within five blocks that will commit 400 rooms each (one of which has been recommended as more suitable as a student center)—a total of 1850 better rooms. If more than 1850 are desired, additional rooms will be distributed among a larger number of hotels. If a total of 2300 hotel rooms is required, the farthest hotel could be approximately 20 minutes by taxi from the convention center.

The character of a convention-center meeting is quite different from a hotel meeting. No member would have the convenience of having the meeting in the same building where he is lodged, a consideration which could be important in inclement winter weather. When a large fraction of the members is housed at the same hotel, many informal meetings take place in lobbies, corridors and restaurants. This advantage is lost at a convention center.

I am sure that everyone will agree that transportation facilities from all cities in the US to Chicago are very much better than transportation facilities to Cleveland.

The statistics on the fall meeting in the central states show that the aver-

age number of registrants at a meeting outside of Chicago is approximately half the number of registrants at a Chicago meeting. Under ordinary circumstances, an annual meeting outside of Chicago could not be expected to be as successful as one held in Chicago. I do not believe the present circumstances would increase the attendance if the 1970 annual meeting were to be held in Cleveland.

It might also be pointed out that arranging the details for APS meetings is most time consuming. The increased workload of undoing a meeting at one site and establishing the meeting at another means that other aspects of APS activities are sacrificed. This cannot be ignored in view of our limited staff.

Orear comments that no one on the council represents him. This statement is refuted by the fact that the council authorized an expenditure of \$3000 to poll the membership in an effort to give each member an opportunity to state his position. It would be folly to conclude that the council intends to ignore the results of this poll.

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Meeting and demonstration

A number of physicists have expressed a desire to hold next year's American Physical Society meeting in a city other than Chicago because of events there during the (un)Democratic National Convention. Since this might be construed as an act motivated by fear of Chicago police, I recommend, to avoid this interpretation, that the meeting be held in Chicago, that those opposed to Chicago police actions attend the meeting and participate in a street demonstration, raising such issues as police behavior, science and technology and public affairs, etc. This action will show that physicists can not be intimidated by repressive police action. I would be glad to participate in and help to organize such a demonstration. Venceremos!

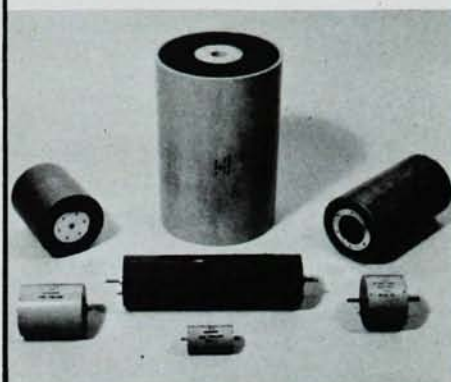
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Specialized irrelevancy

I attended the New York meeting of the American Physical Society as an "employer." I was both heartened and dismayed by the large response I and other employers had. What I

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