

## letters

tially being "staked out" by the author. This can deter others from entering the field, since there is the possibility of duplication of work. This procedure can be useful if it is not abused, and it should be understood that material referenced in this way will be submitted for publication within a reasonable amount of time.

I don't mean to imply that any of the above referencing techniques are used, as a rule, in an improper way by researchers but I am urging that the flow of scientific information be unhampered by the use of references in scientific publications to material that is unavailable to others.

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## Another scientist in Congress

In your otherwise accurate article on scientist-candidates for Congress in the October issue (page 63) you omitted one scientist candidate for reelection, Joseph Fisher (10th District of Virginia), who has, in his first term, and undoubtedly will continue due to his reelection, to leave a major impact on policy issues of interest to scientists, mostly notably energy, the environment, and the economy.

A Harvard PhD economist, Fisher served on the staff of the Council of Economic Advisors before beginning a 15-year period as President of Resources for the Future. Under his leadership RFF became perhaps the leading nonprofit research organization specializing in analysis of resources, environmental and energy issues. RFF research has gained an estimable reputation for quality and credibility both in the academic world and in government.

During his freshman term in Congress Fisher played a key role in the energy-policy area as an exceedingly effective member of the pivotal House Ways and Means Committee.

I hope that PHYSICS TODAY will recognize this outstanding economist-in-Congress as a scientist fully on a par with those whose training has been more oriented toward the physical sciences.

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## Waste info needed

This letter is addressed to scientists and engineers working on radioactive waste disposal.

A panel established by the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management of the National Research Council has been assigned the task of evaluating waste practices at the Hanford Reservation in Washington. Such practices include the partial solidification by evaporation of

huge quantities of high-level liquid waste remaining from plutonium production, the separation of radioactive nuclides from the liquid wastes, the discharge of low-level liquid waste to the ground, the trapping of gaseous and particulate waste, and the recovery for safer storage of soil into which waste containing actinide elements had previously been discharged.

The panel is seeking information from all possible sources to guide its study. In particular, reports on recent work dealing with ideas or technological innovations that might be applicable to Hanford practices would be helpful. Many reports of this sort have been published and are readily available, but some may exist in unpublished form. The panel would appreciate knowing about unpublished work, and requests that reports describing it be sent to

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## Argentinian physicists

In the last few months, we have seen many Argentinian scientists passing through or trying to settle in our country. For this reason we have become acquainted with various aspects of the plight of Argentinian physicists, and perhaps it is of some interest to your readers to know the following facts that we have been able to collect. A nominal list now exists of some sixty physicists, or engineers working in physics, fired from various National Agencies or from Universities in La Plata, Rosario, Cordoba, Tucuman. More serious, however, is the fate of our colleagues—an incomplete list of which is given below (to my knowledge only the first-named has been mentioned so far in your columns).

**University of Cordoba:** Institute of Mathematics, Astronomy and Physics

► Dr Juan Carlos Gallardo: incommunicado in Cordoba since 4 March 1976. (See PHYSICS TODAY, June 1976).

► Dr Gabriela Carabelli: arrested by plainclothes policemen together with her daughter in February 1976. No news since then.

**University of Rosario:** Department of Physics

► Miss Julia Huarque: arrested on 3 June 1976. No news since.

► Professor Eduardo Pasquini: arrested together with his spouse Liliane Misraijchi, a psychoanalyst, 10 June 1976. No

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