Participants in the Göttingen conference included physicists Daniele Amati and Jack Steinberger of CERN, Victor Weisskopf of MIT, and Nina Byers of UCLA. Representative George Brown also attended and reports that he was "amazed to find such a high level of

interest in weapons issues," not just among the conference participants, but among Germans from all walks of life.

Pike, commenting on the German draft ASAT treaty, says he is "sympathetic" to the goal of trying to prevent the militarization of space on a broad front, but he considers it impolitic to set such an ambitious objective. If one takes on all kinds of space weapons simultaneously, Pike points out, the military constituencies "you're up against are orders of magnitude greater."

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APS will provide back volumes to Third World physicists

The American Physical Society, AIP, and the other Member Societies have agreed to give the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China ten copies of each available journal issued through 1979. These same back volumes are also being made available to physicists in developing countries.

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Education

Science and engineering groups launch new education effort

A new effort to mobilize private resources for science education was launched last summer at the Triangle Conference on Science and Technology, which took place in Washington, D.C. from 31 July to 3 August. The conference brought together representatives from three overlapping circles: education; business, industry and labor; and the professional science and technology associations, including APS, AAPT, AAAS and IEEE.

Participants in the Washington conference decided to establish a formal organization called the Triangle Coalition for Science and Technology Education, which is to devise ways its three kinds of constituent groups can cooperate to improve education without sinking large sums of money into a big bureaucracy. The conference authorized the beginning of a small staff effort at the Washington headquarters of the National Science Teachers Association, to be coordinated by John M. Fowler, Director of Special Projects at NSTA. Financial backing for the founding conference and initial staff work has been provided by NSF and the Carnegie Corporation in New York.

The Triangle Coalition's Secondary

Education Subgroup, one of five committees formed in Washington, issued a report in August in which it recommended that the coalition:

▶ distribute regular news releases to participating groups on activities sponsored by the Triangle

▶ organize a "minigrant" program to provide teachers with support for special projects

▶ compile a computerized inventory, or clearinghouse, of activities and resources relevant to Triangle programs

prepare a study on what kind of science education is appropriate for students who are not bound for college

▶ write guidelines for state use of Federal block grants

▶ promote the development of "model teaching centers"—places where teachers could meet, interact with local scientists and engineers, exchange ideas and gather instructional materials provided by local business, labor and education organizations.

According to Fowler, the Coalition staff is likely to focus initially on establishing the clearinghouse and the minigrant program. Fowler hopes to obtain support for the minigrant program from foundations and participating business and labor organizations, which include Chevron, the United Auto Workers, The American Federation of Teachers, Standard Oil Company of Indiana, Hewlett Packard Company, Exxon Research and Engineering Company, General Electric Company, and E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Company.

On 8–9 November, at a conference the IEEE is sponsoring in Washington, there will be discussion of the roles professional science and engineering associations can play, separately and cooperatively, in pre-college education. IEEE, independently of the Triangle, has been considering how professional organizations can help improve science instruction.

Lewis Slack, associate director of AIP for education, considers the Triangle and IEEE efforts to have the "most promise" of the cooperative education projects thus far proposed by professional organizations. Judy Franz, the head of the APS Committee on Education, believes that "support for the Triangle Coalition from business and industry is strong and sincere." She says that we are "on the right track, but what matters is whether anything happens now."