

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-459865)

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FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-5546) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS FOR  
SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTION  
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OO: Boston

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 12/6/72 at Boston, two copies of which are being forwarded herewith to Jacksonville.

A review of referenced report did not reveal any local chapters, collectives or members located within the Savannah Division. It is noted there is a local address in Gainesville, Fla., within the Jacksonville Division but no copies designated for the Jacksonville Division.

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Armstrong State College, Savannah, advised on 1/8/73 he has never heard of captioned organization and he does not know of any members in the Savannah area. He said he was formerly a member of AAAS but faculty members at Armstrong tend to consider AAAS a liberal organization not in keeping with their views.

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In view of the above, both copies of referenced report are being forwarded to Jacksonville and no further investigation is being conducted at Savannah.

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### Scientists Invaded by Protesters

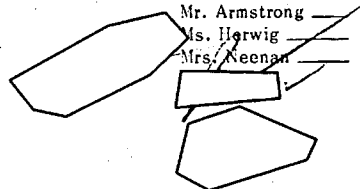
Defying a preconvention ban, a group claiming to represent 1,000 scientists and students of science distributed anti-war literature yesterday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The group, which identified itself as "Science for the People," defied a ruling by the AAAS that only member organizations could distribute literature at the meeting, which opened here yesterday. The convention is being held at the Washington Hilton, Shoreham and Sheraton Park hotels.

In a statement, representatives of the protest group charged that the association "is attempting to exclude political dissent from scientific community groups" and "is serving the vested interest of those who hold power in America."

The AAAS had said in an earlier statement that its meeting provide a forum "where all sides of important scientific and social issues may be considered in rational discourse."

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# Scientists' Meeting Draws Protesters

By Victor Cohn  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Tired of epithets, "Dr. Strangelove awards" and even a tossed tomato at previous functions, the directors of the American Association for the Advancement of Science tried vainly yesterday to keep youthful protesters from setting up an exhibit to criticize them.

The protesters put up their battered table anyway, covering it with stacks of literature calling both American science and the AAAS "tools" of corporate interests "that rule America."

AAAS Washington meeting director Richard Scribner told the dissident group that it had to leave the organization's official registration area at the Sheraton Park Hotel.

Members of Scientists and Engineers for Social and Political Action, also known as "Science for the People," the dissidents stayed where they were despite the presence of security guards in the lobby nearby and police just outside.

They successfully stayed all afternoon, with AAAS officials not eager to have them thrown out in the view of waiting reporters, photographers and the meeting's registrants.

A wearier Scribner reappeared later to offer them space all week in an especially created new "Interaction Area" in the hotel's meeting area, one flight down, an escalator ride from the AAAS registration desks.

"We're not exactly overwhelmed by your generous offer," said Allen Weinrub, and other dissidents jeered mildly at the offer. But they said they would talk the idea over and announce their position in the morning.

Behind yesterday's argument is a far more basic one: the established men and women of science who feel, in the main, that society and not scientists should ultimately determine the uses of science, and some angry young scientists and science students who reject society and feel that scientists should refuse to serve "evil" ends.

Emerging four years ago at a similar Christmas week AAAS meeting in Boston, Science for the People members began their regular picketing, distributing leaflets and, often, interrupting and dominating lectures—all to maintain that scientists are meekly or willingly helping the government batter the downtrodden, at home and in Asia.

Nuclear physicist Edward Teller was given the "Dr. Strangelove" award when he spoke two years ago in Chicago. Then Atomic Energy Commission chairman Glenn T. Seaborg left a meeting without speaking rather than face hecklers, and last year in Philadelphia former presidential domestic adviser Daniel P. Moynihan canceled an appearance.

A tomato missed Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) when he appeared in Philadelphia. It came from the Science for the People group, but members said the thrower was not really one of them.

Yesterday Weinrub—an unemployed Harvard physics graduate and ex-Boston University teacher—maintained that the dissidents

had never halted a lecture, and bitterly protested this year's AAAS refusal to give them the exhibit and leaflet-passing privileges granted in Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia.

"We think we have a very open meeting," Scribner replied. But allowing non-association protesters can become "a growing thing," he said, and soon a meeting "ceases to be ours."

He took this position before making his "Interaction Area" concession, with results still uncertain.

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# Anti-War Rally Set At Science Parley

By **DUNCAN SPENCER**  
Star-News Staff Writer

A group of dissident scientists and their supporters, eight of whom were arrested for disorderly conduct yesterday, at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, were planning to hold an anti-war rally today.

Deborah Katz, one of the dissidents and a member of the Boston Chapter of the Scientists and Engineers for Social and Political Action (SESPA), said "people will be called out of convention meetings" to attend the rally. The demonstration, she added, is a joint effort of SESPA and Science for the People.

### Leaflet Table

Eight persons were arrested yesterday afternoon at the Washington Hilton Hotel after members of the SESPA refused to leave their leaflet table in the convention's registration area. AAAS officials had refused to sanction the table.

Scuffling broke out when police tried to clear the leaflet area, and one of the SESPA members said he was battered by police during the trip to a precinct station for processing. Those arrested, including one woman and several scientists and professional engineers, claimed this was the

first time the AAAS had taken action against their activities.

"I'm in the habit of going to a lot of scientific meetings and raising political questions," said Dr. Allen Weinrub, an unemployed physicist, Ph. D. from Boston, and one of those arrested and released on \$10 collateral.

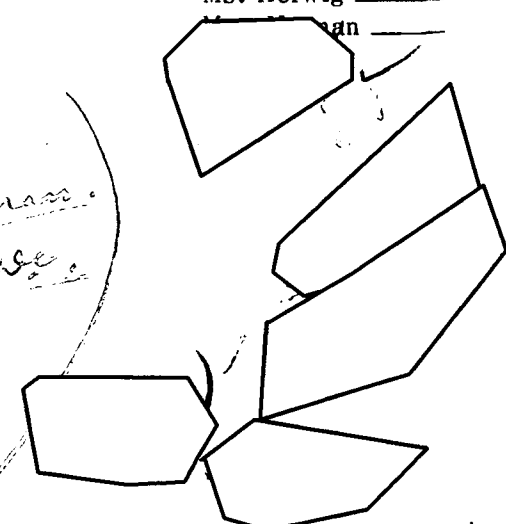
AAAS spokesman Dr. Richard Schribner, director of the Washington meeting of the association, said the AAAS wished to use the area occupied by the dissidents. He was quoted as calling the SESPA members "little fascists, little Nazis who are terrorizing our female employes." He added later the statement was made in "heat of anger, but the tactics they use were reminiscent of that fascist era."

### Same Group

The basic point of the protesting SESPA group is that the scientific community is a hireling of the federal government and the Pentagon.

"The leadership of the AAAS is the same group that runs the country," Weinrub said. "It's their business to make sure the ship runs smoothly."

High AAAS officials could not be reached for comment on the incident, which was new to meetings of the scientific association, though the protest group has distributed their literature for several years without complaint.



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# Violence Disrupts AAAS Session on Violence

Washington Post Staff Writer  
by Victor Cohn

A science meeting devoted, in part to talk of America's violence was disrupted by its own violence yesterday: the arrest of seven young scientists-protesters pulled and shoved into police vans during noisy struggles.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science sought the arrests by asking the Sheraton Park Hotel to clear out a stubborn group of "misfits

which insisted on occupying a registration area to distribute anti-establishment and anti-war literature.

At least two short episodes of blows by policemen were seen by spectators as the officers tried to get those under arrest into their vans, while protesters milled and shoved and in some cases tried to pull away the arrested.

It was said to be the first such occurrence in the association's 124 years. It was

brought about in part by association leaders trying to end some of the left-wing disorder that marked their 1969, 1970 and 1971 meetings.

Those charged with disorderly conduct, all released after putting up \$10 collateral, included Allen Weinrub, a Harvard Ph.D. in physics who was a Boston University assistant professor last year.

Also arrested was Lenny Moss, who tried to tell po-

lice that he was at the convention as a reporter for Washington Monthly magazine. Police said he was trying to interfere with the arrest of Jehu Horan, a former science student.

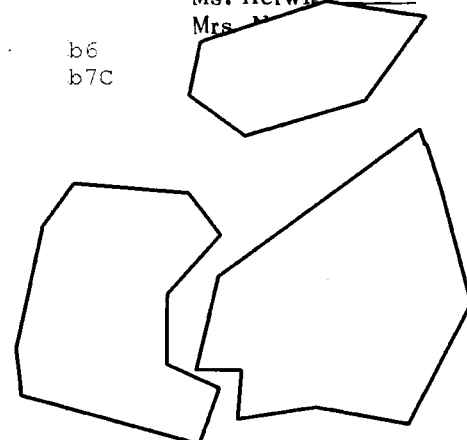
One bystander, H. Eugene Starling, an associate professor of physics at MIT said he saw a policeman hit Miss Horan. "And I am not a protester," he said in anger. "I'm quite conservative. I was a position paper coordinator for Scientists for McGovern."

Not arrested, though he was the first to be grabbed by a policeman, was James Whitney, assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Massachusetts. "They got me half way to the door," he said. "I was saved by all the people."

Members of the dissident group—"Scientists and Engineers for Social and Political Action—Science for the People"—set up a literature desk in the registration area Tuesday morning. This was after the association told them they could not do so, though it permitted such a desk in past years.

Shortly after noon yesterday meeting official Howard Greyber said, "I respectfully ask you to leave." Then hotel security chief William Hostetler did the same, after telling the protestors "We rent space in the hotel if you have the money."

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The police then moved in, made three arrests in the hotel, then five more in the driveway as others of the angry crowded around them. In all, seven scientists were arrested along with the magazine reporter.

Also arrested were Frank Rosenthal, an unemployed Columbia University doctorate holder; Douglas Appel, student at the State University of New York at Stony Brook; Walter Carrington, Cambridge, Mass., mathematician; Bonnie Blustein, graduate student at University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., and Esther John, a Radcliffe student.

Other SESPA members put up their literature table again after the police left, but removed it when they came back, with one member saying, "We retreat in the face of force."

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Participants in a panel discussion featured this week during the American Association for the Advancement of Science's annual meeting. From left to right: Robert Vaughan, D.

## Commuters Into Pa

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PARIS—Noiseless express trains streak beneath the streets of Paris, piped music plays softly on the platforms, silent rubber-floored corridors leaden all sound in the stations—for the French capital, his vision of 21st century travel is already a reality. Known as the "Metro-Express," and administered by the same authority that runs the rest of the city's underground train system, the supermodern trains whisk passengers into and out of the city center at lightning speeds—thanks to specially built subterranean tracks and full automation. Whereas Paris' old metro network, which has operated in rabbit-warren fashion for the past 72 years, concentrates on shuttling city dwellers within the city limits, the express system is designed to ferry Parisians in from the outlying

punched by a station attendant as the traveler leaves the platform. Instead, the commuter is faced with a formidable vending machine, programmed to issue up to 10 different types of tickets, which he has to select by pushing three buttons to prevent being given a ticket. Nevertheless, the machines have been designed to help the bewildered traveler as much as possible. Commuters happily accept any of six different ticket denominations, or even a one-way note, worth about \$2, which form the traveler's ticket. This ticket will cost him 1 franc, which he inserts and subtracts the value to see how much is left owing. But once this is cleared, the reliever immediately finds his barrier, instructing