

There is a list of 55 national groups that cooperate to help you develop your science interest in every conceivable scientific field prepared especially for "October—National Science Youth Month."

Most of these groups have local branches or chapters which should be utilized, but the headquarters' addresses are listed for your use if there should be no local affiliate in your area. Single copies are available free from Science Service, Washington, D. C., which also has two books which might prove helpful.

**Helpful Books**

"Science Projects Handbook" includes reports of award winning projects together with suggestions on planning projects and exhibits, new ideas for research and sources of information and equipment. "Wonderful World of Science" is a guide to free and low cost samples, films, photos, kits, books, plans and apparatus. These books are 55 cents each, or 10 for \$5, postage included. A listing of award winning project titles, "Thousands of Science Projects," is also available at 25¢ each or 10 for \$1.00.

Numerous awards are presented at local, regional, state science fairs, and the International Science Fair, ranging from certificates suitable for framing through cash awards, scholarships, summer jobs, tours and trips, and the opportunity of representing the U.S. at the Japan Student Science Awards and Science Fair, held in Tokyo each October.

High school seniors may enter reports of their projects in the Science Talent Search for the Westinghouse Science Scholarships and Awards, which in most states automatically places them also in consideration for scholarship aid through state science talent searches. Many students use the same project for science fairs and the STS.

**Million Students Participate**

Each year, well over a million students in the United States alone enter science projects in fairs which are linked to the International Science Fair. Some of these will not become scientists. Most of these students will not win awards. Yet some non winners of the past have later become great achievers. Not winning goaded them on with determination to show the world what it had seemingly overlooked.

The experience of conducting a science project, or participation in science fairs is so enriching as to be beneficial to all participants regardless of the future course of events.

We have attempted to answer the "how?" and "when?" of science projects. Any former science fair entrant can answer the "why?"

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For information on National Science Youth Month, Science Talent Search, science fairs, or for valuable teaching aids through free affiliation with Science Clubs of America, write to Science Service, 1719 N Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

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GENERAL SCIENCE

**Thousands Attend First Guatemalan Science Fair**

►THE FIRST Guatemalan National Science Fair for secondary school students attracted thousands to view the projects displayed during a week of exhibition in the Industrial Park, close by the Atoms in Action Exhibition of the Atomic Energy Commission of the United States.

Projects from 29 secondary public and private schools in all parts of the Republic were displayed.

Physics projects were most numerous with 106 displayed. Biology ranked next with 66; then chemistry with 19; mathematics with 14; and psychology with 7.

The National Science Fair was organized by a Committee of the Ministry of Education with the support of the Minister of Education, Colonel Rolando Chinchilla Aguilar. The chairman of the organizing commission was Prof. Victor Manuel Gonzalez, and other members were Lic. Roberto Perez; Licda. Graciela Cabrera de Cordon; Prof. Alcira Diaz Cerna; and Prof. Jose Luis Diaz.

Plans are being made for continuing the Science Fair in 1966 and there is also interest in the possibility of Guatemala's being represented at the International Science Fair to be held in Dallas next May.

Several of the projects judged most interesting were shown in the Atoms in Action Exhibition held during September.

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**Costa Rica Prepares National Science Fair**

►COSTA RICA will have its first National Science Fair in March as a result of plans formulated in San Jose by the Minister of Education, Lic. Ismael Antonio Vargas, who has accepted the cooperation of SCIENCE SERVICE on behalf of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

A committee under the direction of the supervisor of science of the Costa Rican secondary schools, Prof. Carmen Luthmer, is developing the plans for the fair. It is expected that secondary schools throughout the Republic will present projects and exhibits.

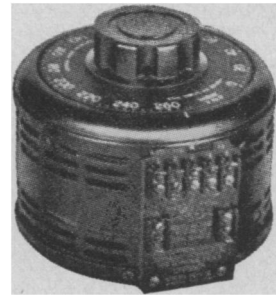
The Bi-National Centers in various parts of the country will cooperate with the schools in developing projects and give assistance to the students and teachers.

The Costa Rican National Science Fair will be a preliminary to the Atoms in Action Exhibition to be shown in San Jose beginning March 8. The most outstanding exhibits from the Science Fair will be shown in this elaborate exhibit as a demonstration of Costa Rican youth in science and technology.

In the United States each year, about a million boys and girls create science projects and show them first in their schools, then in their regions, and finally in the International Science Fair, which in 1966 will be held in Dallas, May 11-14.

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