



Education for the Age of Science - Dr. Killian first reported on the series of 37 studies made by 27 different panels of the Science Advisory Committee. They covered the large fields of scientific and engineering education, scientific requirements related to national security, and recruitment of scientists and engineers. He stated that in the field of education there has been much improvement since Sputnik and the President's ensuing major addresses.

Dr. DuBridgde went over the report, stressing the necessary objectives of education in a democratic society, the need for full development of talented youth while accomplishing education for all, and the importance of securing more and better teachers by making the profession more attractive.

In discussion, Secretary Anderson ascertained that state and local school boards are cooperative in revising the curriculum to meet the problem. Adm. Strauss hoped to see emphasis on superior pay for superior teachers, as well as adequate pay for all. Mr. Benson ascertained that industries having the need for scientists and engineers are definitely increasing their scholarship contributions and other incentives to induce young people to enter the field.

The President spoke at length on the importance of the social position of teachers and effective recognition of their great contribution. He felt this was something that could not be treated haphazardly or on a once a year basis. Instead, there was a need for a plan to be developed, perhaps through the Foundations, achieving the necessary effective organization. He thought the morale factor was as important to teachers as to soldiers.

Mr. McElroy and Dr. Waterman spoke of efforts to encourage officers in the armed services to prepare for teaching after retirement. Dr. Flemming thought that colleges and universities could do more in regard to conferring honorary degrees on secondary school teachers.

Dr. Killian requested authorization for making this report public. The President approved and suggested further the development of appropriate speech material.

Tax Problems - Sec. Anderson called attention to the hearings next week on the Frear bill designed to correct the inequitable tax situation that will result should the courts order DuPont to divest itself of General Motors stock. The necessary distribution to individual stockholders will be subject to relatively heavy taxation as compared with corporations holding this stock. Mr. Anderson felt that in unique situations like this the law ought to provide for treatment of such dispositions as capital gains, since this is very similar to "partial liquidation". He noted also that there would probably be a distinct market effect when this distribution starts -- if required.