

Task Force 43 worked it out superbly, but the kind of program we are thinking of will carry on for 5 to 10 years, I hope, and when we think in terms of that length of time perhaps some new kind of organization will be necessary.

I do not know, Mr. Chairman, but you raised your question in your letter to Mr. Bronk as to whether a non-Government agency should continue this relationship in a long-term program as it has in the temporary IGY program.

I talked this-morning with Dr. Waterman about it. I have not been able to talk with Dr. Bronk about it. He has been ill. He has been hospitalized for some time, not seriously, but there has not been time to explore this as thoroughly as we should. But there is less urgency about that than some other aspects of the case, but it is something that will have to be resolved in the predictable future.

The CHAIRMAN. Of course, we are considering appropriations now for the next fiscal year.

Has the National Science Foundation asked for funds to continue?

Dr. GOULD. Yes; the National Science Foundation has been directed to go ahead and ask for funds to continue the program. Then the details of organization, if it be different from the present operation, are still to be resolved.

The CHAIRMAN. Probably I should ask Dr. Cornell or Dr. Joyce if the National Science Foundation has requested funds for this purpose.

Dr. JOYCE. Mr. Chairman, the Foundation has not formally requested funds for this purpose as yet. We have indicated our willingness to seek a single appropriation for the scientific program in the Antarctic, and we are now negotiating with the various other agencies within the executive that are concerned with this problem, hoping that they will agree with this procedure. These negotiations are now underway and have not been completed.

The CHAIRMAN. We are in the midterm, you might say, of this session of Congress. Next week the Easter recess will get underway. We will be out for a week or 10 days and be back here about the middle of April.

I would like to remind you that time passes pretty fast around here. After that it leads us into the end of the session. Things get into a pretty crowded program around here. I think something is going to have to be decided on right away.

I would regret very much, and I believe my colleagues here would share this view with me, I would regret very much to see a slip-up of this program at this time. I think it is important. It is too important to our future existence. If we are going to be derelict in doing what we ought to do and let some other country step in and take over important work that we have started, then I think it would be a terrible situation. I certainly do not want to see that happen.

Dr. JOYCE. Mr. Chairman, I can assure you that we are moving as rapidly as we can. It is our firm intention, once we get the concurrence of the agencies, to put in a request for a supplemental appropriation.

Mr. HALE. Mr. Chairman, I would like to inquire of any or all of these gentlemen whether they think that international status is consistent with the requirements of the capital investment necessary for carrying on any appropriate program.