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Foreword

Included in this publication are the major presentations and suggestions developed for the conference which were considered helpful to extension specialists and county agents in dealing with policy problems. Thirty-four states and the United States Department of Agriculture were represented.

The conference was designed to bring to the participants two important requirements for effective extension work in this difficult field of public affairs. The first was well prepared and carefully screened subject matter—ready for digestion and critical analysis by those in attendance. The second was the technique used by extension discussion leaders in presenting the prepared material to the group. The excellence of meeting both objectives resulted in a highly successful training meeting.

We are anxious that extension administrators understand the relationships in a conference of this type—its personnel, its program effectiveness, the values in self-improvement, the seeking for more effective applicable techniques. We should avoid trying to do too many things in this field too fast. The subjects are intriguing—they stimulate argument—they feature the daily press—farmers want to know more about them. Let's be sure of our ground and better trained in how to handle discussion groups. This must grow into extension teaching of public affairs gradually and carefully.

The Farm Foundation, following its policy of close cooperation with the state extension services, provided a portion of the necessary expenses, assisted in stimulating the committees to develop their programs and agreed to make available to all the states the report of the conference.

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