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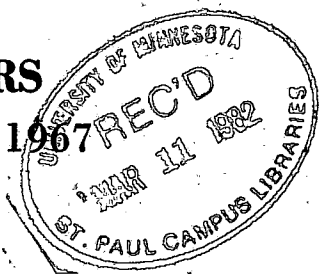
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## DISCUSSION GROUP REPORTS

### INTRODUCTION

TO facilitate discussion among members on subjects of mutual interest, twenty groups were organized and arrangements were made for them to meet five times during the Conference. Each member was presented with a list of subjects and was asked to indicate the group he would prefer to join. Each of the discussion group meetings was scheduled to last for at least two hours; most groups met for longer periods and several got together in additional sessions at times agreed upon by the participants, and at least two held joint meetings. The general pattern of procedure was for each participant to introduce himself at the first session, indicating his place of work, his professional interests and specific topics he would like to have discussed. Subsequent discussion was devoted to topics selected by the group leaders on the basis of relevancy to the theme of the Conference, to the subject of the discussion group and to the degree of interest expressed by the group participants. Brief résumés extracting the main points, observations, and conclusions are presented below. Qualifying statements and differing or minority views expressed in the sessions are held to a minimum primarily in the interest of brevity. It should not be supposed that every member agreed with every conclusion of his group, as expressed in the reports. Rather, the reports should serve as notes reminding group members of the discussions in which they participated; and imparting to others the flavour of the discussions in terms of subjects covered, observations made, and conclusions reached.

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