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NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER, 1964

About two years ago, concurrently with the creation of the Methodology Section, the Executive Committee began a comprehensive review of the Society's program. An ad hoc task force was created which developed a questionnaire and carried out a membership survey. Based on this survey and on the experience of various people active in the Society, an expanded program has been tentatively developed. The first fruits of these efforts are now before us. Utilizing the cooperation and initiative of some of the persons who had expressed on their questionnaire willingness to help develop program, three special program committees have been established - Public Health and Biostatistics, Economic Statistics, and Social and Demographic Statistics. Each committee has been assigned two or three meetings during the year. These committees could form the nuclei of full fledged Sections if Society members enthusiastically support them, as they have the Methodology Section. In addition, meetings will be scheduled by the Methodology Section and the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee would appreciate your suggestions for meeting topics.

Please note that three meetings are scheduled for October. You will receive only one notice each month. Please keep this newsletter, for it is the only notice you will receive of these October meetings; likewise for future meetings.

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## ECONOMIC STATISTICS

"Measuring the Wealth of the United States"

**SPEAKERS:** John W. Kendrick, Study Director; David J. Hyams and Joel Popkin, Research Staff. Wealth Inventory Planning Study.

**DISCUSSANTS:** Maxwell R. Conklin, Bureau of the Census; Neal Potter, Resources for the Future.

The Wealth Inventory Planning Study explored the problems and possibilities of a meaningful national inventory of wealth, and the development of guidelines for collection of data and preparation of estimates.

**WHEN & WHERE:** Thursday, October 8, 8:00 P.M., Red Cross Auditorium, 2025 - E St., NW

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METHODOLOGY SECTION

"A Generalized Wilcoxon Test for Comparing Arbitrary Singly - Censored Samples."  
Edmund A. Gehan, National Cancer Institute.

A distribution - free, two-sample test is proposed that is an extension of the Wilcoxon Test to samples with arbitrary censoring on the right.

WHEN & WHERE: Tuesday, October 13, 8:00 P.M., National Institutes of Health,  
9000 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland, Conference Room 6,  
Bldg. 31 (the new building on Center Drive).

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

"Who Will Win the Election?"

Speaker, discussant, and taker-on of all comers: Louis H. Bean

The Society has been through this type of meeting several times. We all know the best, and here he is! Mr. Bean, with his penetrating and highly successful analyses, is well-known to the Society.

WHEN & WHERE: Wednesday, October 21, 8:00 P.M., Room 319 Corcoran Hall, George  
Washington University, 725 - 21st Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

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Partial and tentative schedule of some future meetings (excluding Methodology Section):

November: 1) Statistical issues in Medicare legislation.  
2) Post-mortem on the Election (with Washington Operations Research Council).

December: The economic impact of arms reduction.

January: Econometric models

February: Annual Dinner

March: The quality of data in the social sciences.

April: Problems in longitudinal health studies.

May: Not scheduled yet. Members' suggestions are invited.

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