

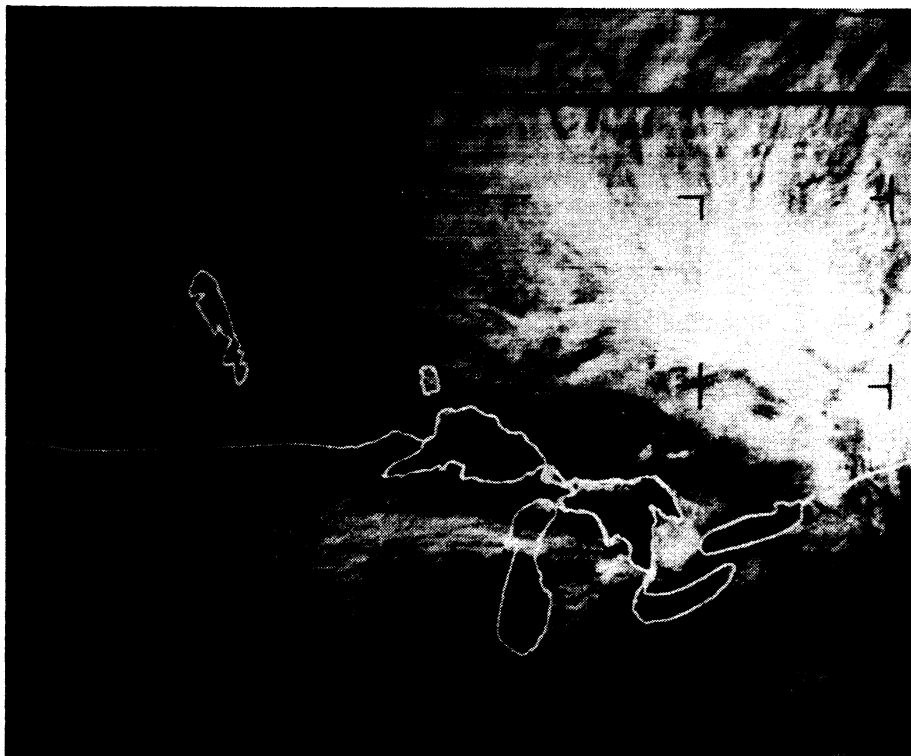
From the Editor

Watson Davis

OUR NAME is being abbreviated to SCIENCE NEWS. This is a convenience and a reassurance of continued function and content. Not long ago, talking to subscribers and checking correspondence, we realized that many find it easier to call us SCIENCE NEWS rather than SCIENCE NEWS LETTER, which will continue as the full title of the magazine as it has been since 1922. It is like being on a first name basis, which we like.

We shall still be sending you a weekly letter that tells you succinctly, in words and pictures, the exciting and important progress of science research and technology. You will notice only a little change, for instance, the page size is a little larger and the text type is larger and more readable. A little later we hope to add a few more pages, but we pledge not to become larger than you can read at one sitting. (Readers have told us that they like the conciseness.)

We hope to hear from you, about what you like and suggest.



FIRST WEATHER PICTURE—The first automated picture transmission (APT) photograph from ESSA II, the weather satellite equipped to relay pictures directly to ground stations fitted out to receive them, was taken March 2, 1966. The black lines shown in the upper center of the picture are breaks in ice over Hudson Bay. Lake Winnipeg in left center is ice covered, and Lakes Superior and Huron have ice (bright area) near their shore lines.

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