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GENERAL SCIENCE

Richer and Healthier Americans Seen in 1983

➤ TWENTY-FIVE years hence Americans will be richer, physically and mentally healthier, and more numerous, William Benton, former U. S. Senator, told 200 scientists, educators and industrialists conferring in New Haven, Conn.

In order to bring this about and assure the future, he advised scientists to cultivate and instruct politicians in order to be sure that there is adequate science education and provision for basic, as well as applied research. He urged scientists to concentrate on the politicians rather than try to win greater public understanding for science by appealing to intellectuals and the general public.

If we make opportunity for learning as freely available to those with talent and ability as the water we drink, Mr. Benton said, we return to an historic American assumption that our natural resources reside in the capacities and aspirations of the coming generations.

If our national safety and continued progress is assured, Mr. Benton sees in 1983 family income at an average level of \$15,300 a year, two and one-half times the present level. Half the people now being killed or maimed by the three main causes of disability, heart and circulation disorders, cancer and mental disorders, will avoid them and survive in good health. There will be a population of 250,000,000 Americans, at least 100,000 of whom alive in 1983 will reach the age of 100.

Science News Letter, February 15, 1958

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