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POPULATION

**Americans Will Be Older, More Conservative in 1975**

➤ AMERICANS of 1975 will be more conservative and less willing to make political and economic changes, a scientist predicted.

Dr. Warren S. Thompson, director of the Scripps Foundation for Population Studies at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, explained that there will be more older people in the population of the United States than there are now.

Dr. Thompson discussed the future population of the nation as a guest of Watson Davis, director of Science Service, on *Adventures in Science*, heard over the Columbia network. The authority on population trends was guest at the first broadcast of the program which on March 27 marked its eighteenth anniversary on the air.

Comparing forecasts of future population made in 1930 with those of today, Dr. Thompson declared that neither World War II nor the depression had greatly changed our outlook.

By 1975, he predicted, there will be twice as many Americans aged 65 or over as there are today. There will be more middle-aged persons, but fewer youngsters. And this change in population may have important effects on life in the U. S. 27 years from now.

"We'll probably become more conservative as we become an older people—we'll be more reluctant to make adjust-

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ments in our political and economic institutions," Dr. Thompson forecast.

"More of the important positions in politics and in our economy will be in the hands of older men.

"And more business will actually be owned by older people.

"And these older people will resist changes that will weaken their power and appear likely to make their economic position less secure."

One possible danger from this change in population ages is the threat of economic stagnation, the scientist warned.

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**Science Service Radio**

➤ LISTEN in to a discussion on jet engines on "Adventures in Science" over the Columbia Broadcasting System at 3:15 p.m. EST Saturday, April 10. Mr. Reinout Kroon, engineering manager of the Westinghouse Aviation Gas Turbine Division and Mr. Winston New, manager, will be guests of Mr. Watson Davis, director of Science Service. The principles of jet propulsion will be discussed.

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