

books, because each author cannot be a critical specialist in all the fields covered by the several chapters in his text. An author assumes that if it is printed in a scientific journal it cannot be an error or even open to serious question. Students, of course, follow the same reasoning in reading texts. Thus by trying to be liberal with authors and by scrupulously avoiding anything that would stifle the press, editors may actually retard what they are trying to promote, namely, "increased dissemination of sound scientific facts".

So, Mr. Reader, if you would be kind enough to send in your views, we would be happy to hear from you; and, Mr. Author, please remember there are many ramifications to "Freedom of the press". From both may we continue to have tolerance? In the meantime, your editor is trying to steer down the middle.

### A National Weed Meeting

A little less than two years ago the officials of the Association of Regional Weed Control Conferences met in Kansas City. Among other items of business they proposed that the representatives of the several conferences determine what the sentiment was "back home" regarding a national weed meeting.

After careful consideration of the many sides to the problem, the individual conferences are now in the process of voting on the question. As we go to press both the North Central and Northeastern Conferences have voted to (1) support a national meeting, (2) continue their regional conferences on an annual basis. By the time you read these paragraphs the Southern and Western Conferences will have reached a decision.

If the four conferences vote in favor of a national meeting, probably the earliest it could possibly be held would be January or February, 1953. Presumably, the Association of Regional Conferences would shoulder the load of planning and organization, and would delegate the details on local arrangements to a committee located near the chosen site. The Northeastern Conference suggested a mid-west location, perhaps Kansas City or St. Louis.

How many would come to a national meeting? How many would it take to finance such a meeting with only a modest registration fee? What type of program would be best? These are samples of the bridges which will have to be crossed if the Southern and Western Conferences vote "yes" to a national meeting.

*Weeds* will be glad to learn your opinion on a national meeting.