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tracts now will have seven members, instead of five as in the past. The new boards will include four farmer directors, two urban directors, and one county commissioner.

The membership of the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission also will be increased. The new commission will comprise four farmer members and two urban members in addition to the Secretary of Agriculture who serves as commission chairman, the Secretary of the Department of Forests and Waters, and the dean of the College of Agriculture at The Pennsylvania State University. District directors and commission members all serve without pay.

This increased representation will give soil and water conservation districts a broader base from which to guide, develop, activate and coordinate programs, Secretary Bull said.

An ex-GI who was plenty unhappy at being ordered around in the Army was filling out an income tax blank, he came to the part marked "Do not write in this space." Incensed at this limitation on his personal liberty, he penciled in the forbidden space "I will write where I darn please."

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noted that most of the agronomists attending the conference "have the technical knowledge to probably double the crop yields of the world." "But this is not occurring," he said. "Even in those underdeveloped nations where there has been the greatest concentration of technology and effort to increase yields, the results have been most distressing... because we do not know how to persuade people to accept new methods rapidly enough to solve the food problem."

Sjo cited these examples: —Farmers in one undeveloped country refused to use new steel plows which required the use of two hands because they were accustomed to using only one hand on the plow and the other to guide the bullock.

—A productive variety of rice cannot be introduced to part of Nepal because it would require a new threshing technique. In Nepal, threshing is a family undertaking involving social and ritual as well as mechanical activities.

—Running water in houses is not accepted in some countries because the village well is a social center, as well as a source of water.

Some of our other important problems — seeking peace among men, coping with man-made changes in our environment, and securing equal op-

portunities for all — involve an understanding of the fundamentals of human behavior, not only among social scientists, but by all educated men, he added.

Sjo noted that teams of researchers representing several disciplines are working on problems of much smaller dimensions at almost every agricultural experiment station in the country.

"For effective team research, it is insufficient to bring together even the most eminent economist, soil scientist, and crop scientist to solve a problem unless each has a basic understanding and appreciation of the other's specialties," he said.

Historically, agricultural social scientists have been expected to have a basic understanding of production technology before they could effectively work with their production colleagues in research efforts, he said.

Since so many production problems in agriculture today are behavioral centered, Sjo suggested that all members of the research team have some educational experience in social science.

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