

THE SECOND A. C. NEISH MEMORIAL LECTURE

INTRODUCTION OF A. W. GALSTON

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We are pleased to have Dr Arthur Galston as the speaker for the second A. C. Neish Memorial Lecture. Dr Galston is the Eaton Professor of Botany at Yale University. He studied at Cornell and Illinois before joining the Navy in 1944, becoming the Agricultural Officer in the U.S. Military Government at Okinawa. He then worked at the California Institute of Technology and at Yale on the physiology of plants, particularly on plant hormones and the mechanisms of light and hormonal control of plant growth. He is the author of 218 scientific papers and the author or co-author of books on plant physiology and on Daily Life in People's China. He is a regular contributor to the Natural History Magazine and a member of the editorial boards of three scientific journals. Dr. Galston was among the first American scientists in 1971 to visit the People's Republic of China, and had interviews with Premiers Chou En-Lai (China), Pham Van Dong (North Vietnam) and Norodom Sihanouk (Cambodia). He has had an opportunity to travel in Vietnam and to make observations on effects of the extensive use of defoliants. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to introduce Dr Galston whose lecture, 'Science and Social Concern', will draw from his experiences in plant physiology.

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