About 60 soil scientists from federal soil survey agencies and state universities gathered March 27-April 1 at the Memorial Union at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa to participate in sessions of the North Central Regional Workshop of the Cooperative Soil Survey, chaired by Professor H. P. Ulrich of Purdue University.

The group was welcomed by Frank H. Mendell, State Conservationist of Iowa. He described the soil survey program of Iowa. There are 33 SCS soil scientists in the state. Each year some of these men enter a program of graduate study at the University. Research on Iowa soils is given high priority.

The group was also welcomed by Dr. George Browning, of the University. "We must have a good soil inventory before we can plan land use adequately." The SCS and the state universities cooperate in developing this inventory. Agriculture is specializing. Soon 90% of agricultural products may come from only 500,000 farms.

Dr. Charles E. Kellogg, Deputy Administrator for Soil Survey, SCS, gave a stimulating address, punctuated with arresting phrases and vigorous gestures.

(1) We must never get caught in the pointless debate about whether soil survey should be scientific or practical. It is both. Soil surveys that were made before the radio was invented are now being used to help locate sites for radio towers. Soil survey programs in the world that consisted only of research, without producing soil maps, lost support. Soil mapping without coordinated research is inadequate.