

EFFECT ON THE STRUCTURE OF SOCIETY

to control, use, and organize than how to make more abundantly. Indeed it might be better that even the discoveries which promise most should be postponed than that they should pour upon us before we are ready for them. Better that the aeroplane had never been invented if we cannot prevent the outbreak of wars which will make its chief employment to bomb, shatter, and poison us. Better that the mechanism for the transmission of news were less efficient if it serves mainly to extend the range and the effects of panic and speculative folly rather than wise direction. If this is so, it is more important that universities should evoke the qualities which will give constructive leadership in government and in organization, than that they should stimulate further scientific research whose gifts, if we cannot control them better, are more likely to destroy than to enrich us. I am not of course suggesting a cessation of scientific research; but I am suggesting a change of emphasis, a different distribution of effort, a new centre of gravity in our educational system. By encouraging the qualities that will help government and organization I do not of course mean merely specialized courses in political science or good citizenship. I mean above all the maintenance and extension of a broad foundation of unspecialized,