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nology. Hence, society cannot and will not tolerate a continued decrease in scientific strength, and the decrease must therefore be a temporary one.

- (3) Science remains an "Endless Frontier." The problems we can recognize now will generate exciting answers in many fields within the next generation, but we can be sure from past experience that these answers will generate new problems equally exciting.

Parks Suspend Entrance Fees Pending Congressional Action

The Department of the Interior's National Park Service has suspended entrance fees to park areas normally entered by automobile pending Congressional action on restoring the Golden Eagle Passport, an annual fee system which expired last March 31.

National Park Service officials said the collection of daily entrance fees appeared to be working a hardship in a number of areas, and had aroused numerous public complaints.

The Service announced that all "user fees" for services within park areas will continue to be collected.

These include such nominal charges as 10 cents for the elevator ride to the top of the Washington Monument, and for overnight camping, cave trips, and bathhouses at public beaches.

In accordance with the Department

of the Interior's general policy, appropriate charges will be made for camping, except backcountry camping. Overnight camping fees in the National Park System range from \$1 for primitive campgrounds to \$3 where more sophisticated facilities are available.

Under the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965, the Golden Eagle Passport was a \$7 annual charge which allowed the purchaser unlimited in-and-out privileges for all those in his private motor vehicle at national parks, national forest recreation areas, some wildlife refuges, and other public lands. When the Golden Eagle Passport legislation expired March 31, National Park System areas began collecting admission charges on a daily basis, in anticipation of early Congressional determination of the fee question. Those are the admission fees now being suspended.

In September, 1969, the Senate passed legislation to continue the passport indefinitely, but at an annual fee of \$10. As amended by the House Interior Committee, the legislation pending in the House of Representatives provides for a \$10 annual fee until December 31, 1971—and asks for a comprehensive report on the fee system by February 1, 1971. The pending bill is S. 2315, to extend the fee provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

The suspension of entrance fees applies to all National Park System areas except at Jamestown Island, Va., operated under a fee-sharing cooperative agreement with the Association for Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.