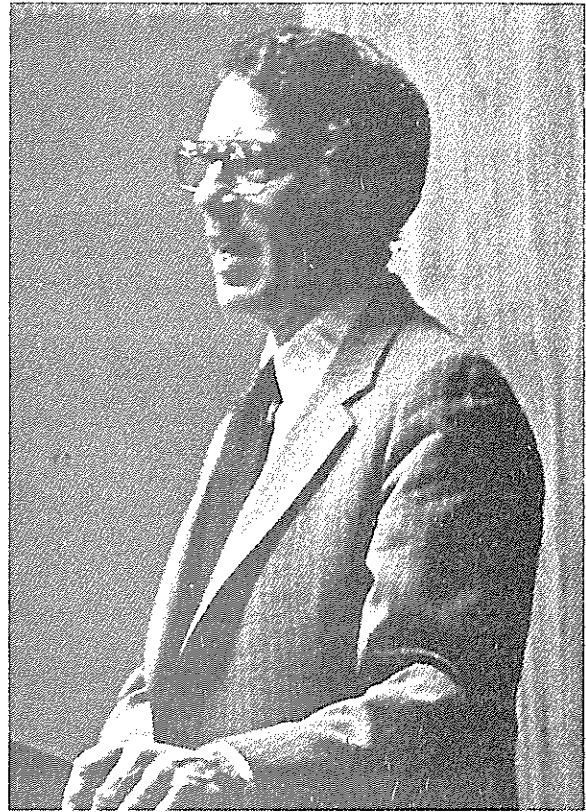## SESSION ONE: THE BROAD VIEW TO THE FUTURE

Speakers

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MEET THE SPEAKERS

GERALD W. THOMAS became President of New Mexico State University in August, 1970. Prior to assuming the Presidency of New Mexico State University, Dr. Thomas was Dean of Agricultural Sciences at Texas Tech University. He also worked for Texas A&M, for the US Soil Conservation Service, and the US Forest Service. He served as a Naval Aviator during World War II.

President Thomas has received international recognition in the fields of agriculture, ecology and resource management. He has had many assignments abroad and has been a consultant to government and private industry. He is the author of the book Progress and Change in the Agricultural Industry, and co-author of Food and Fiber for a Changing World. He has contributed chapters to several other books and has written over 100 professional articles.

As President of the Land-Grant University of New Mexico, Dr. Thomas is responsible for academic programs on five campuses in the State. New Mexico State University also has extensive research and extension programs throughout the State and personnel in over 30 locations world-wide.

LEE B. ZINK is the Director of the Institute for Applied Research Services at the University of New Mexico, as well as an Associate Professor of Economics at UNM. For the past 20 years, Dr. Zink has

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He is the past President of the National Association for Business and Economics Research, and past Chairman of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors, New Mexico. Currently, Dr. Zink is the President of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Training Institute for Community Economic Development, and serves on a number of other executive boards as well.