

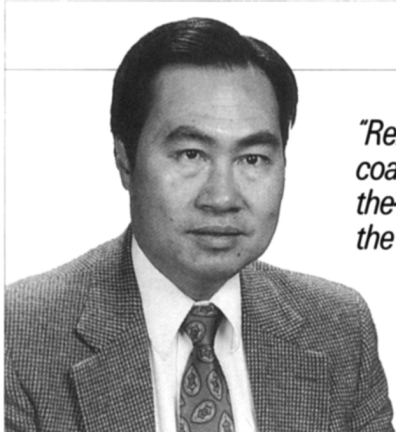
## Bruce Alberts is 20th NAS President

Bruce M. Alberts, a molecular biologist from the University of California, San Francisco has begun his six-year term as the 20th president of the National Academy of Sciences. Alberts succeeds

Frank Press, who served as NAS president for 12 years. A noted geophysicist, Press was also President Carter's science adviser. Press currently holds the position of Cecil and Ida Green Senior Fellow

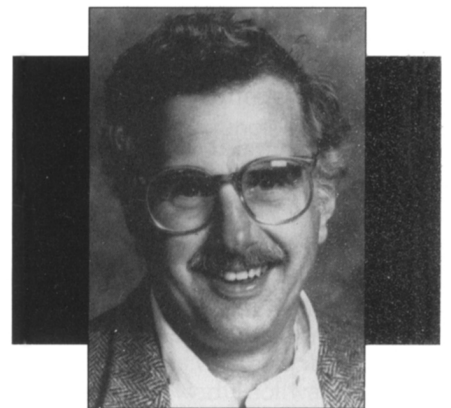
at the Carnegie Institution of Washington and will spend some time as a visiting professor at Cornell University, California Institute of Technology, and Stanford University.

Alberts, a member of the Academy since 1981, is well known as a lead author of the widely used textbook, *The Molecular Biology of the Cell*. He earned bachelor's and doctoral degrees from Harvard College and University, respectively, and is recognized for his contributions in biochemistry and molecular biology. His major research interests have concerned chromosome replication mechanisms.



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Alberts is also known for his long-time commitment to science education, and he has dedicated much time to education projects such as City Science, a program seeking to improve science teaching in San Francisco's elementary schools. He also served on the Academy's National Committee on Science Education Standards and Assessment.

Alberts chaired the National Research Council's Commission of Life Sciences for five years. He also chaired the committee that produced the 1988 NRC report, *Mapping and Sequencing the Human Genome*.

Jack Halpern, Louis Block Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at the University of Chicago, was elected for a four-year term as vice president of NAS. Halpern is a consulting editor for the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* and a Fellow of the Royal Society of London and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is also a member of the Academy's council and chairs its Committee on Scientific Programs and its chemistry section.

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