tive cycle, would not wait for more evidence to be collected before dying out, and the conference recommended that, "to conserve salmon stocks in salmon-producing countries around the North Atlantic, there should be a complete suspension of all fishing for salmon on the high seas of the North Atlantic for a period of ten years". It remains to be seen whether this will be sufficiently powerful to secure the necessary two-thirds majority for the ICNAF to pass a resolution to control Atlantic salmon fishing.

SCHOOL SCIENCE

Youthful Enquiry

THE science magazine, *Enquiry*, was first published five years ago by the Harrow County School for Boys to "encourage clear expression on scientific topics and promote independent scientific study within the school". Since 1965 it has been so successful that it has doubled its circulation from 1,000 copies in 1965 to more than 2,000 copies this year, which are sold to twenty different countries. The magazine, which is a very ambitious production for a school, with a full colour cover and advertisements from blue chip companies, deserves all its success. The 1969 edition with twenty articles covers an impressive range of subjects. There are contributions from the boys describing aspects of their work, which extends far beyond the strait-jacket of the examination syllabuses. One, for example, has studied the social and economic effects of rural depopulation in a North Wales valley. Others describe analyses of coins by X-ray fluorescence

spectrometry, turtle watching in Trinidad and the design of a "fuzz" box to modify the output from an electric guitar.

One of the boys was a member of the British Schools' Exploring Society's expedition to Spitzbergen and he reports on the geological, ornithological and botanical projects. Articles from outsiders seem to be aimed at describing the world of the practical scientist. There is, for example, a discussion of the role of doctors in about ten years' time, when some of this year's sixth form may be practising medicine, and there is an article on the state of scientific and technical education in India today.

The decision to sell *Enquiry* outside the school was taken in part, apparently, because of its concern for the very tarnished image of science among the young which the Dainton report revealed. But there was also the more specific aim of raising the standards of scientific work in the school itself. According to the editor and biology master, Mr K. R. C. Neal, the magazine has done that by setting a high standard for the boys to maintain. Certainly if the school's science is as good as the magazine, which is written, laid out and illustrated by the boys to professional standards, the school has no cause to fear the Dainton disease.

But in spite of its advertisements from such companies as ICI, Kodak, Unilever and the banks, the costs of producing the magazine can only be recovered if 2,000 copies are sold at six shillings each, and the parents and boys only take about five hundred copies. It certainly deserves a place in every senior school library if only as an example of what school scientists can achieve.

PLANNING

Eden Valley Threatened

from our Planning Correspondent

A panoramic photograph taken from the summit of Dufton Pike in Westmorland showing Murton Pike (extreme left), Flakebridge Woods (centre middle distance), and the upper Eden Valley near Appleby. The popular Pennine Way crosses the Pennines here. This beautiful area, one of the few still unspoiled parts of rural England, is threatened with a development which, if approved, could be of national as well as regional importance. The proposed scheme is for a sports centre with hotels, chalets, shops and an artificial lake at Flakebridge, and an artificial ski slope and ski lifts on Murton Pike. The objectors to the scheme, who include the Council for the Preservation of Rural England and the Friends of the Lake District, fear that the development could set a precedent for projects of a similar character in other parts of the country. A public inquiry was held last December, and a decision is expected soon from the Minister of Housing and Local Government. (Photo, G. V. Berry.)