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FOREWORD

The present publication contains the papers and contributions submitted to the Specialty Session 8 on *Deformations of Earth-Rockfill Dams*, held on July 13, 1977, at the Ninth International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering, in Tokyo, Japan.

The Specialty Session was divided in two parts. During the first, papers prepared as a frame of reference by Jesús Alberro, Stanley D Wilson, Peter R Vaughan and M M Hamza were briefly presented, and were followed by comments among members of the Panel. In the second part, participants asked questions and delivered short contributions related to the topics selected for discussion; these were mainly on hydraulic fracturing and field observations of cracks and deformations of embankment dams.

Also included in these proceedings is the Keynote written by the Organiser, the minutes of the Specialty Session and the final remarks on the principal topics.