

geologists and other technical men who knew him, but also thousands of persons in many other walks of life.

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### RECENT DEATHS

DR. DANIEL DANA JACKSON, since 1918 professor and head of the department of chemical engineering at Columbia University, died on September 1 at the age of seventy-one years.

FRANK LEWIS EIDMANN, since 1930 professor of mechanical engineering at Columbia University, died

suddenly on September 4 of a heart attack in his laboratory. He was fifty-three years old.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL CHARLES HAMILTON MITCHELL, hydraulic engineer, who recently retired as dean of the faculty of applied science and engineering at the University of Toronto, died on August 26. He was sixty-nine years old.

CLAUDE MACKENZIE HUTCHINSON, bacteriologist, formerly chief scientific adviser in India to the Imperial Chemical Industries, died on August 2 at the age of seventy-two years.

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF SCIENCE

THE Division for the Social and International Relations of Science of the British Association for the Advancement of Science is arranging a meeting to be held, if circumstances allow, on September 26, 27 and 28. Various subjects under the general heading of "Science and World Order" will be taken up. The first day's session will be held at the Royal Institution, London, and those of the second and third days at the Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden.

Since the above note, received from English sources, has been in type a Reuter dispatch dated September 7 has been printed in *The New York Times*, which reads: Representatives of Great Britain, the Empire, the United States, Soviet Russia and China will meet in London for a scientific conference from September 26 to 28, "to demonstrate the common purpose of men of science in insuring a post-war order in which the maximum benefits of science will be secured for all people." United States Ambassador John G. Winant, Soviet Ambassador Ivan M. Maisky and Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador, will preside at some of the sessions. Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium and France will be represented, and scientific workers from Germany and Austria will probably also be present.

In reply to the cable of greetings sent by the Royal Society, London, to the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., quoted in *SCIENCE* for August 29, Dr. Otto Schmidt, vice-president of the academy, according to English journals, has sent the following message: "The Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. sends its warmest greetings to the Royal Society, London. Soviet scientists express feelings of deep admiration and friendship to British colleagues who in war conditions pursue courageously their research work, obtaining world achievements in various fields of science and thus successfully opposing the aim of Fascism to destroy all culture. In the struggle for the happy future of humanity, standing hand in hand against the

common foe, men of science of Great Britain and the Soviet Union will contribute with all their forces to the triumph of liberty, culture and science over Hitlerite tyranny and obscurantism."

### THE OFFICE OF DEFENSE HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES

AN Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services in the Office for Emergency Management has been established in Washington by President Roosevelt, who has issued a proclamation detailing the functions of the agency. Paul V. McNutt, head of the Office for Coordination of Health, Welfare and Related Services in the Council of National Defense, has been named director.

The functions of the new agency were outlined in the proclamation as follows:

Subject to such policies, regulations and directions as the President may from time to time prescribe, the office shall:

A. Serve as the center for the coordination of health and welfare services made available by the departments and agencies of the Federal Government, and other agencies, public and private, to meet the needs of state and local communities arising from the defense program and take necessary steps to secure the cooperation of the appropriate Federal departments and agencies relative thereto.

B. Make available to states and localities, upon request, the services of specialists in health and welfare activities to assist in the planning and execution of such local and state programs.

C. Study, plan and encourage measures designed to assure the provision of adequate defense health and welfare services to the citizens of the nation during the period of emergency and coordinate studies and surveys made by Federal departments and agencies with respect to these fields.

D. Keep the President informed with respect to progress made in carrying out this order and perform such related duties as the President may from time to time assign or delegate to it.