

and operating personnel the most acute problem has been one of space for offices and committee rooms required for a proper carrying on of the work of the academy and research council themselves and of certain scientific work closely associated with that of either the academy or research council.

Early last spring it became necessary to request Science Service to vacate the offices it has occupied for so long and in such pleasant association with the academy and council. Even this move which freed the entire regular office space proved only a temporary solution, however.

By mid-summer overcrowding and further demands were again acute. These demands arose both from the increasing work of the academy and council themselves and also from the needs of two sections in the Office of Scientific Research and Development whose work had to be carried on in close cooperation with the academy and council and in close proximity to the Army and Navy headquarters.

These two sections of the Office of Scientific Research and Development (both headed by members of the academy) are those of the Medical Committee of which Dr. A. N. Richards is chairman and which is intimately associated with the Medical Division of the council, and Section A of the National Defense Research Committee of which Dr. Richard C. Tolman is chairman. The work of this section is directly connected with the work under a contract with the Army of a very active academy committee of which Dr. Tolman is chairman.

Dr. Bush, director of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, made strong formal request for the housing of this and similar work intimately connected with the academy and council in the academy building.

The only possibility of providing this space was the use temporarily of some or all of the rooms now assigned for scientific exhibits. These exhibits are part of the original plan for the building and are a valuable adjunct of the academy and council. At the same time their retention to the detriment of working space urgently needed for defense work was hard to justify.

After a thorough study of the situation the Advisory Committee on Buildings and Grounds has recommended,

and the Executive Committee of the Council has approved, temporary utilization of such of the space as may be required for additional offices. The exhibits removed are to be stored and reinstalled as soon as the emergency is over.

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION

PROFESSOR ALVIN H. HANSEN, of Harvard University, consultant of the Federal Reserve System, and Professor Luther H. Gulick, of Columbia University, consultant of the National Resources Planning Board, left on the Atlantic Clipper on September 18 to attend the International Conference on Science and the World Order which is to be held at the Royal Institution, London, on September 26, 27 and 28.

At successive sessions, speakers representing science in Britain and other countries will deal with the following topics (the international aspects to be stressed throughout): September 26, "Science in Government" and "Science and Human Needs"; September 27, "Science and World Planning" and "Science and Technological Advance"; September 28, "Science and Post-War Relief" and "Science and the World Mind."

John G. Winant, United States Ambassador to Britain, will preside at the session on "Science and Human Needs." H. G. Wells will be chairman at the session on "Science and the Human Mind."

Dr. James Bryant Conant, president of Harvard University, has made a phonographic record, for delivery in London, of his comments on the American set-up of science and government and on Anglo-American policy, and Professor Albert Einstein, of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, has made recordings in German and in English for an address on "The Common Language of Science."

At the conclusion of the meeting, the president, Sir Richard Gregory, will announce a charter of scientific fellowship, which has been drawn up by a committee of the division and adopted by the council of the British Association.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE autumn general meeting of the American Philosophical Society will be held on November 21 and 22, beginning at 10 A.M. on Friday, when there will be "Reports on the Scientific Results of the United States Antarctic Expedition, 1939-41" and on the "Interest of the United States in Polar Lands." In the evening there will be a public lecture followed by a reception. On Saturday morning there will be an open session for the reading of papers and for reports of research that has been aided by grants from the society.

A DINNER in honor of John Dewey was given at the University of Chicago on September 23 as part of the

fiftieth anniversary celebration of the University of Chicago. It was followed by the unveiling of the bust of Dr. Dewey, which has been presented to the university through contributions from friends and admirers and the cooperation of Robert Heckert and the generosity of the sculptor, Alexander Portnoff. The bust is to be placed in the Graduate Education Building in commemoration of John Dewey's service at the university.

ACCORDING to the *Journal* of the American Medical Association, Dr. José A. Saralegui, professor of radiology and physical therapy in the Faculty of Medical Sciences of Buenos Aires and director of the