

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE POLISH INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

It is reported in *The New York Times* that there has been established in New York City, with headquarters at 37 East 36th Street, a "Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America," composed of members of the original Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences who are now in this country. The official opening of the institute, which has been formed to "insure continuity of Polish cultural life which the Nazis seek to exterminate," took place on May 15. Professor B. Malinowski, of Yale University,¹ represented the new board of the institute. Professor O. Halecki, formerly dean of the Faculty of Arts in the University of Warsaw and now a visiting professor of history at Vassar College, has been named director of the institute. Professor R. Taubenschlag, formerly dean of the Faculty of Law in the University of Cracow, now associate professor in the New School for Social Research, will be the associate director. After the war the institute will be taken over by the Polish academy as a permanent institution promoting intellectual cooperation between America and Poland.

The audience, numbering about two hundred, was addressed by Jan Ciechanowski, Polish Ambassador to the United States. Others who spoke were Dr. W. G. Leland, director of the American Council of Learned Societies and president of the International Union of Academies; Professor Halvden Koht, formerly Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs; Paul Super, formerly director of the American YMCA in Poland; Professor Oscar Halecki, director, and Professor Raphael Taubenschlag, associate director.

Congratulatory messages were received from leaders of the Polish Government in exile, including President Wladyslaw Raczewicz and Premier Wladyslaw Sikorski.

THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, in cooperation with Adelphi College, has established a Day Division of its College of Engineering on the Garden City campus of Adelphi, and will open freshman classes for men and women on June 29.

The evening division of the College of Engineering, which was established at Adelphi in February, will be continued. The opening of the day division marks the inauguration of fully accredited engineering study for day students on Long Island, and under the plan of operation it will be the first coeducational engineering program in metropolitan New York.

The engineering classes will be conducted on the

¹ Dr. Malinowski died on May 16.

"war speed-up plan" already adopted by many engineering schools throughout the nation. Classes will begin on June 29 and run through the summer and fall terms of 1942, and through the spring and summer of 1943. After this period of 14 months, students will have completed the first two years of engineering study, and will be qualified to continue study as third-year students. At the same time, however, the 14 months of study will qualify students for many sub-professional positions with war industries, for civil service positions and for advanced study in other scientific fields. In a statement made by Dean Thorndike Saville this two-year "terminal" feature of the program has been introduced in recognition of the changing demands being made upon education.

The urgent need for engineering specialists commissioned in the military services and for technically trained personnel in our war industries makes it desirable that in carrying out the vitally important task of educating more professional engineers, we do not overlook the value of the first two years of engineering as a means of training sub-professional engineering personnel for both war and peacetime service with industry.

The administrators of both Adelphi College and New York University recognize both these national needs and hope to pioneer the field in meeting it with the establishment of the day division at Garden City, together with the operation of the evening division in engineering.

The plan provides that students will conclude their degree training at the University Heights center of the university, where junior and senior year instruction will be given, following the work at Garden City.

The need for highly specialized engineering laboratory study in the last two years makes it impossible to conduct these courses at Garden City. At University Heights the College of Engineering maintains five buildings devoted to technological and scientific laboratories, wind-tunnels, observatories, and administrative, aeronautical, chemical, civil, electrical, mechanical engineering and meteorology. The duplication of such facilities on Long Island would be impossible at this time.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

IN the thirty-first annual report of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, which has just appeared, the director, Dr. C. Stuart Gager, calls attention to the fact that the garden is within ten minutes' walk, or less, of the geographic center of Brooklyn. This accounts, in part, for the attendance, in 1941, of more than 1,753,000 persons. This large attendance, it is pointed out, is doubtless also due to the fact that each year the grounds become more and more beautiful. The attendance of classes from the schools of all boroughs was