

fessor of laryngology of New York University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College, died on May 15. He was seventy-one years old.

THE death is announced of H. C. Moreno, professor emeritus of mathematics of Stanford University.

THOMAS ARCHIBALD WRIGHT, president of Lucius Pitkin, Inc., consulting chemists, of New York City, died on May 25 at the age of fifty-eight years.

THE death in April is announced of Lieutenant Stafford M. Wheeler (M.C.), U.S.N.R. Prior to his active naval service, Lieutenant Wheeler was an instructor in the department of preventive medicine at the Harvard Medical School. He was appointed assistant professor of epidemiology in the DeLamar Institute of Public Health of Columbia University, but

never worked on his appointment, being given a leave of absence for service. Lieutenant Wheeler was accidentally killed in a land mine explosion in Yugoslavia while serving as a member of the U. S. Army Typhus Fever Commission.

DR. STANLEY WELLS KEMP, since 1936 director of the Plymouth Laboratories of England, and secretary to the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom, died on May 16 at the age of sixty-four years.

ALEXANDER FERSMAN, the mineralogist, a director of the Museum of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., director of the Geographical Institute and chairman of the Institute of Archeological Technology, died on May 20 at the age of sixty-two years.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION IN INDIA

THE Government of India has accepted the constitution of the permanent Food and Agricultural Organization (F.A.O.) of the United Nations, drawn up by the United Nations Interim Commission appointed in July, 1943, to prepare for submission to governments a specific plan for a permanent International Organization for Food and Agriculture as recommended by the Hot Springs Conference.

The broad objectives of the Food and Agricultural Organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution and printed in *The Journal of Scientific and Industrial Research*, are:

- (1) to raise the levels of nutrition and standards of living among the peoples of the world,
- (2) to secure improvements in the efficiency of the production and distribution of all food and agricultural products,
- (3) to better the conditions of rural populations, and
- (4) to contribute by these means towards an expanding world economy.

The member nations undertake to report to one another through the Food and Agricultural Organization on the measures taken and the progress achieved in these fields of action.

The methods to be employed by the Food and Agricultural Organization are indicated in Article I of the Constitution, which outlines the functions of the organization:

- (1) The organization shall collect, analyze, interpret and disseminate information relating to nutrition, food and agriculture.
- (2) The organization shall promote and, where appropriate, shall recommend national and international action with respect to

(a) the scientific, technological, social and economic research relating to nutrition, food and agriculture;

(b) the improvement of education and administration relating to nutrition, food and agriculture, and the spread of public knowledge of nutritional and agricultural science and practice;

(c) the conservation of natural resources and the adoption of improved methods of agricultural production;

(d) the improvement of the processing, marketing and distribution of food and agricultural products;

(e) the adoption of policies for the provision of adequate agricultural credit, national and international;

(f) the adoption of international policies with respect to agricultural commodity arrangements.

(3) It shall be the function of the organization

(a) to furnish such technical assistance as governments may request;

(b) to organize, in cooperation with governments concerned, such missions as may be needed to assist them to fulfil the obligations arising from their acceptance of the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Food and Agriculture; and

(c) generally to take all necessary and appropriate action to implement the purposes of the organization as set forth in the preamble.

The Food and Agricultural Organization will include in its scope forestry and fisheries as well as agriculture. It will be concerned not only with food but with non-food agricultural products, such as fibers and oils, and with the primary products of forests. Nutrition as well as the production, processing and marketing of foods will lie within its field of activity.

THE FOOD STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

A MID-JUNE meeting of the Food Standards Committee of the Food and Drug Administration has been