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NEWS and Notes

Alexander Spoehr, curator of oceanic ethnology, has left for a year's anthropological research for the Chicago Natural History Museum on Saipan and the Marianas. The expedition is sponsored by the National Research Council, in cooperation with the Navy Department. Dr. Spoehr will study the cultural change among the natives of the islands and conduct excavations in the Marianas to determine how these islands were originally peopled.

Thomas J. Parmley, professor of physics at the University of Utah and consultant at the Radiation Laboratory of the University of California, has joined the staff of the x-ray laboratory, Atomic and Molecular Physics Division, National Bureau of Standards. Dr. Parmley will investigate methods for measurement of the intensity and special distribution of pulsed x-rays.

Grant Taylor, assistant dean of the Duke University Medical School, has been named deputy director of the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Japan. Dr. Taylor, who is associate professor of pediatrics and bacteriology at Duke, has been granted a two-year leave of absence for the special assignment.

Roger S. Warner, who recently resigned as director of engineering for the Atomic Energy Commission, has joined the staff of Arthur D. Little, Inc., research and engineering organization of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Henry C. Meadow, coordinator of industrial research at the University of Rochester, has been appointed executive secretary to Harvard University's Committee on Research and Development for Medicine and Health. The committee is charged with the responsibility of coordinating the appeals for support of research and advanced training in all branches of science related to medicine and health.

Thorkild Jacobsen, director of the Oriental Institute and dean of the Division of Social Sciences at the University of Chicago, left for Baghdad October 27 with Mrs. Jacobsen, to join the University of Chicago-University of Pennsylvania archaeological expedition in Iraq. The group will continue excavating begun 50 years ago in the ruins of Nippur, 100 miles south of Baghdad.

Thomas J. Kirwin, assistant director of the James Buchanan Brady