

the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. Twenty-one of the awards, each of which is for 1 year, are new projects; 12 are in biology; 8 are in the medical sciences; and 1 is in biophysics. There were 43 1-year contract renewals: 21 in biology; 21 in medical sciences; and 1 in biophysics.

■ A gift of \$500,000 has been made by the H. J. Heinz Co. Foundation, the Howard Heinz Endowment, and H. J. Heinz, II, to Children's Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the establishment of research chemical laboratories that are to be known as the Heinz Laboratory of Children's Hospital. The laboratory will be part of a new building now being planned.

■ Applications for awards available 1 July 1956 will be received by the Life Insurance Medical Research Fund as follows:

Postdoctoral research fellowships. *Deadline, 15 Oct.* Preference is given to those who wish to work on cardiovascular function and disease or related fundamental problems. Minimum stipend, \$3600, with allowances for dependents and necessary travel.

Research grants to institutions. *Deadline, 1 Nov.* Support is available for physiological, biochemical, and other basic work broadly related to cardiovascular problems as well as for clinical research in this field.

Predoctoral fellowships will not be offered by the fund this year. Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Scientific Director, Life Insurance Medical Research Fund, 345 E. 46 St., New York 17.

■ The 6-month-old Fund for Peaceful Atomic Development, Detroit, Mich., has recently received two grants: the first, of \$50,000, was a gift of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund; and the second, for \$5000, was provided by the Johnson Foundation, a foundation established by the owners of the Johnson Wax Co. The grants were announced by Walker L. Cisler, president, and Joseph M. Dodge, treasurer of the fund. Cisler is the president of the Detroit Edison Co., and Dodge is chairman of the Detroit Bank and special assistant to the President on the Council of Foreign Economic Policy.

The money will be used by the fund to support the objectives of the President's Atoms-for-Peace program. By private channels the fund is helping to bring about world-wide cooperation in atomic energy matters through a program to provide maximum interchange of information.

Active contacts have been made or projects have been undertaken in a substantial number of countries, including

India, Pakistan, Turkey, Egypt, Japan, Mexico, Canada, Belgium, France, Italy, Switzerland, Denmark, and Germany.

Several projects have been undertaken to send Americans well-known in the atomic field to other countries to aid in atomic energy programs. Lawrence R. Hafstad, director of the atomic energy division of the Chase Manhattan Bank, visited India, Pakistan, Turkey, and several other countries for the fund early this spring.

One of the recent activities of the 6-month-old organization was to arrange a trip to Mexico for E. Blythe Stason, dean of the University of Michigan Law School and managing director of the fund, and Henry Gomberg, professor of engineering and assistant director of the Michigan Memorial Phoenix Project in atomic energy. These men are concerned with the legal and engineering aspects of atomic energy. Their visit was made at the invitation of the National University of Mexico and the Mexican Light and Power Co. As a result, half a dozen students will return to this country to learn more about nuclear matters. A close relationship is being built between the University of Michigan and the National University of Mexico and other institutions in that country.

The fund has also undertaken to send an American adviser to Egypt to spend a year helping in the formation of a radioisotope center in the Egyptian National Research Council. Establishment of the fund has stimulated the formation of parallel organizations in other countries. Early in June the Association Belge pour le Développement Pacifique de l'Energie Atomique was founded in Belgium. Interest has also been evident in Canada, Mexico, India, Germany, Switzerland, and Denmark in forming similar privately sponsored organizations for national and international programs.

■ A \$100,000 trust fund for cancer research at the Medical Center of the University of California, Los Angeles, has been established by James and Lorena Greims of Encino, Calif. The fund will be used for the study of certain surgical problems associated with cancer. This research will be under the direction of G. A. Stevens, clinical professor of surgery. He will be assisted by David B. Shelton.

■ An appropriation for postgraduate study in medical schools has been announced by Stacey's, medical book distributors, of San Francisco, as a memorial to its founder, John W. Stacey. To each of the medical schools in the 11 western states will be allocated \$500 in cash, plus a sum of \$100 for the purchase of medical books. The dean of each medical school will set the criteria

and formula for the awarding of the appropriation, which is intended to aid outstanding graduate students who have impressive scholarship records but who have exhausted their financial resources.

Miscellaneous

■ "Insects and Diseases of Vegetables in the Home Garden," a new publication, has been issued by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Its four-color plates, 45 drawings of insects, and text describing more than 100 insects and diseases that attack vegetables, are expected to help home gardeners recognize the more common pests. The bulletin recommends insecticides and fungicides that recent research has found most effective, safe, and economical for pest control. Single copies are available from the Office of Information, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C.; ask for Home and Garden Bulletin No. 46.

■ *Signs of the Health Times*, a 64-page report of the 1955 National Health Forum on "Forecasting America's health," 22-24 Mar., is now available at \$1 a copy from the National Health Council, 1790 Broadway, New York 19. Members of the council, 50 national organizations interested in health betterment, conduct the forum each spring to consider health questions of broad reach.

The report offers summaries of the present, and expectations for the future, in many areas of information, including: economic trends and their probable effects on health efforts; what atomic developments mean healthwise; new miracles to expect from medical science, and how social science can help us benefit from them; the health manpower situation and NHC's Health Careers program; the role of mass communications media in health betterment; fluoridation as a unique public health case-history-in-the-making and as an opportunity to study the interaction of community health forces; what communities can do about chronic illness; probable impact of the Hoover Commission's health recommendations.

■ *The American Heart Association Serves the Physician*, a booklet listing and describing the professional services of the association, is now available. The publication summarizes the research support program of the AHA. It gives information on the availability of professional education aids prepared by the association, including films, audio-visual presentations, medical literature, heart models, and charts. It also describes the periodicals published by and for the association. Copies may be obtained from AHA, 44 E. 23 St., New York 10.