

be noted that this new evidence—which indicates that these interesting but controversial fossils were not fully adapted, truly erect bipeds—agrees with other evidence from the pelvis, notably the structure of the ischium and the iliac sacral surface, as well as with evidence that has been secured by detailed studies of other parts of the postcranial skeleton and the skull.—W. L. S. Jr.

News Briefs

■ To enable the countries of Asia to study the social implications of the economic changes now taking place there—in particular, technological improvements and industrialization—the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is to open a regional research center at Calcutta this month. Details of this proposal, first made at the Montevideo General Conference last December, have been approved by the executive board of UNESCO.

The Indian Government, which offered to act as host country, has promised to contribute \$35,000 a year to this center, which will be financed from UNESCO's normal budget. The cost of the first year's operation will be about \$150,000.

Ten Asian countries sent delegates to the advisory meeting that was held in New Delhi last September at which recommendations on the functions of the center were formulated. Afghanistan, Burma, Ceylon, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, and the Malaya-British Borneo group of associated member states will take part in the work of the new center, which is to be known as the Research Center on the Social Implications of Industrialization in Southern Asia. It is also open to other countries of South Asia. Not only will this center undertake active research, but it will also serve as a training center for social scientists; thus it will provide participating countries with the resources for future study and research.

■ The National Science Foundation and the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council have recently published *Soviet Professional Manpower: Its Education, Training, and Supply* by Nicholas DeWitt of the Russian Research Center, Harvard University. The study, based largely on published Soviet sources, was undertaken with the support of the NAS-NRC and the National Science Foundation. It should prove useful to those who wish to obtain information about the role of the Soviet professional labor force. Information and data are given on the operational features of the Soviet educational system, factors affecting the quality of general and spe-

cialized education during the last three decades, and the supply of trained specialized manpower in the U.S.S.R.

Scientists in the News

JESSE E. HOBSON, director of the Stanford Research Institute, has announced that he will resign early in 1956. Another change at SRI is the appointment of JOHN L. YELLOTT as an assistant director. For the past 10 years he has been director of research for the Locomotive Development Committee of Bituminous Coal Research, Inc. of New York.

Yellott will head the development of the institute's solar energy research program in cooperation with the Association for Applied Solar Energy. He will be posted in Phoenix, Ariz., where he will operate out of SRI's Mountain States Division offices.

BUELL W. BEADLE has joined Southwest Research Institute's staff as manager of biochemistry research. He was formerly associated with George W. Gooch Laboratories in Los Angeles, Calif., where he was executive vice-president and general manager of the laboratories that serve the feed, food, fertilizer, and fats and oils industries.

BEVERLY W. DUNCAN, formerly chief metallurgist for Alloy Precision Castings Company, Cleveland, Ohio, has been appointed head of research and development for Misco Precision Casting Company, Whitehall, Mich.

JOHN BIESANZ, associate professor of sociology and anthropology at Wayne University, has been awarded a Smith-Mundt professorship of sociology and anthropology at the University of San Carlos in Guatemala City, Guatemala. He will leave at the end of this semester and will return to Wayne in September.

FRANCIS E. COUNCIL, a colonel in the Army Medical Corps, has been appointed Army deputy director of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. The appointment has been made pending the retirement of DWIGHT M. KUHN. Council will continue serving as chief consultant in pathology and allied sciences to the Surgeon General of the Army.

ROLAND J. DAHL, who since 1930 has been associated with the E. R. Squibb and Sons division of the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation, has been appointed director of research and development. He succeeds William A. Feirer, who has resigned from active duty and who becomes a special consultant to the Squibb division.

PERCY W. OTT is retiring as a member of the Ohio State University engineering faculty after 36 years of service. For 18 years he has been chairman of the department of engineering mechanics. Another retirement is that of LOUIS H. BURGWARD, who has been in the dairy technology department for 26 years. Each man has received the title of professor emeritus.

DAVID G. FREIMAN, associate professor of pathology at the University of Cincinnati, will resign on 31 Jan. to become pathologist-in-chief and director of laboratories at Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, Mass., and clinical professor of pathology at the Harvard University Medical School.

EVERETT L. ELLIS, associate professor of wood technology at the University of Idaho, has been appointed associate professor of wood technology in the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources, effective in the fall of 1956.

D. F. WATERHOUSE, assistant chief of the division of entomology, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Melbourne, Australia, is visiting the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station for 6 months. He will conduct original investigations on the digestion of wax by insects.

RALPH E. BENNETT, formerly engaged in microbiological research at the University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed head of the microbial biochemistry laboratories at the Squibb Institute for Medical Research, New Brunswick, N.J.

BETTY J. MEANS, who for a number of years supervised the sterility testing program in the control laboratories of Merck and Company, has joined the microbiology staff at the Food Research Laboratories, Inc., Long Island City, N.Y.

ISAAC RUCHMAN, formerly an assistant professor in the department of bacteriology, University of Cincinnati, has joined the research laboratories of the Wm. S. Merrell Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.

EMORY LEON CHAFFEE, emeritus professor of physics and former chairman of the department of engineering, science, and applied physics at Harvard University, has joined the staff of Frederick G. Keyes, Inc., Cambridge, Mass., as a consulting associate.

RICHARD J. STULL, who since 1948 has held a statewide post in the University of California as director of hospitals and