

powers, above all of the U.S.A. If I spoke of myself as of a 'can-opener'—a word which was taken up with some relish by the American newspaper men—I meant to say that my visit to the U.S.A. was not intended to be a sight-seeing trip, but that it was to serve the purpose of obtaining American assistance for overcoming this backlog as quickly as possible.

"The Americans have offered to give us as a gift a complete library on atomic literature. Moreover, they gave us to understand that we may avail ourselves of the President's offer, extended to all countries receiving American assistance in respect to nuclear research, to participate in the purchase of research reactors up to a total sum of \$350,000, taken from American funds.

"I met my namesake Admiral Strauss a number of times: Three times at social functions, at which political or rather nuclear conversations took place, and twice at official meetings. I was much pleased to find that Admiral Strauss has full understanding for our desire to get ahead quickly and that he is willing to examine sympathetically our plans and to submit them to the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. He said, moreover, that he was prepared to let me know in detail the measures the United States is planning for our assistance in this field."

Ford Committee

The Ford Foundation has announced the appointment of a special committee to recommend a plan for distribution of the foundation's appropriation of \$90 million to the nation's privately supported medical schools. The appropriation is part of the \$500 million grant announced last December for college faculty salaries, private hospitals, and medical schools, and is entirely apart from the \$10 million appropriated in April for the National Fund for Medical Education.

Lee DuBridge, president of the California Institute of Technology, will serve as chairman of the medical school grants advisory committee. Executive chairman will be Carlyle Jacobsen, executive dean for medical education at the State University of New York. Other members of the committee are: George P. Berry, dean of the Harvard University Medical School; Detlev W. Bronk, president of the National Academy of Sciences and the Rockefeller Institute; Leonard Carmichael, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution; Ward Darley, president of the University of Colorado; John H. Dingle, professor in the School of Medicine, Western Reserve University; Leon Falk, Jr., chairman of the board, Maurice and Laura Falk Foundation, and director of the National Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa.; A. Crawford Green, at-

torney, San Francisco; Robert M. Hanes, president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Mrs. Albert D. Lasker, president of the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation, New York; Robert F. Loeb, professor of medicine at Columbia University; William F. Loomis, director of the Loomis Laboratory, Greenwich, Conn.; Franklin D. Murphy, chancellor of the University of Kansas; and Robert W. Woodruff, chairman of the finance committee, Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, Ga.

Index to Science

The volume index to *Science*, which has customarily appeared in the last issue of a volume, will henceforth appear in the fourth issue of the month following the close of a volume. The index for volume 123, January-June 1956, will be included in the issue of 27 July.

News Briefs

■ The new building for *Chemical Abstracts* at Ohio State University was dedicated on 8 June. The structure is perhaps the first ever planned exclusively for an abstracting and indexing service. Officers and directors of the American Chemical Society, which publishes *Chemical Abstracts*, and officers and trustees of the university, which has housed the publication since 1909, took part in ceremonies that were held at the main entrance to the three-story, 67-room building.

A prominent participant in the dedication was E. J. Crane, director of the Chemical Abstracts Service, who joined the editorial staff upon his graduation from Ohio State in 1911 and became editor in 1915. Under his leadership the publication has achieved such massive proportions that this year it will carry 90,000 abstracts of articles in 7000 scientific and technical periodicals that come from 85 countries and involve 40 languages.

■ Lord Chorley, president of the Association of University Teachers in Britain, observed recently that high-salaried American university professorships and research fellowships had tempted a large number of scientific teachers and students to cross the Atlantic. Chorley commented: "Unless we are careful, a large amount of the cream will be skimmed off and deposited in the United States." In addition, American firms have been advertising scientific posts extensively in British newspapers.

■ The British Atomic Energy Authority recently invited scientists from industrial research concerns to a meeting on controlled thermonuclear energy. Hereto-

fore all work on this subject has been as secret in Britain as it is in the United States.

■ Maynard M. Boring, president of the American Society of Engineering Education, said in a recent address before the National Society for Professional Engineers, that "much hysteria" had surrounded the subject of engineer shortage. Boring, who is also manager of technical personnel development for the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N.Y., referred to industry's contention that it needed 68,000 more engineers and declared:

"I think there is too much water in their figures. . . . If we had a 10 percent drop in our economy, we would have engineers raining out of our ears." He also said that if 68,000 engineers were provided for industry, "they wouldn't know what to do with them."

Referring to general education, the speaker, who recently toured Europe studying educational processes in various countries, commented that "We are really in trouble in the United States." He attributed this situation to the fact that high-school students in this country were not being properly prepared for college.

Scientists in the News

DONALD H. LOUGHRIDGE, formerly dean of the Technological Institute at Northwestern University, has recently accepted an appointment as special executive assistant at the new General Motors Technical Center.

IRVING KAPLAN, senior scientist and head of the reactor division of the nuclear engineering department at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, has been appointed Gordon McKay visiting lecturer at Harvard University for the fall term. He will replace HARVEY BROOKS, who has been granted a Guggenheim fellowship for the coming year. Brooks will be engaged in research at the Cavendish Laboratory in Cambridge, England.

STELLA L. DEIGNAN, director of the Bio-Sciences Information Exchange, Washington, D.C., has received a certificate of appreciation from the American Cancer Society in recognition of the services rendered the cancer control movement by Dr. Deignan and her staff in collecting, indexing, and dispensing information on medical research. The services of the office are free to recognized scientists and research institutions, as well as to 80 voluntary agencies that support investigation of health problems.

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