

special committee of scientists assembled for this purpose. Additional suggestions for significant Russian-language monographs are solicited by the National Institutes of Health from U.S. scientists.

Publication of a Russian-English medical dictionary and of a directory of Soviet medical and biological research institutes is also being planned.

Editor's note: Other organizations that conduct Russian translation programs are discussed on the editorial page of the 2 Nov. issue of Science.

News Briefs

■ Eleven staff members in the department of physics at Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, have issued a statement urging that this country seek an international agreement to end hydrogen bomb tests. At Yale University 13 scientists, including two department chairmen, also have urged a test ban. In recent weeks, such statements have been released by 11 groups of scientists [*Science* 124, 925 (9 Nov. 1956)].

■ Seventy-six countries are represented at the UNESCO meeting that is under way in New Delhi, India. Stanley Allyn is head of the United States delegation to the conference, which is a plenary session that takes place every 2 years. It will end on 5 Dec.

■ The Japanese Government began its first uranium mining operation last month. Matsutaro Shoriki, chairman of the Japanese Atomic Energy Commission, touched off a charge of dynamite that officially opened work on developing deposits that were discovered at Okayama last year. Uranium deposits are also known to exist in western Honshu and in Tottori.

■ The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission has ready for distribution a tabulation of all the nuclear reactors built, building, or planned in the United States.

Scientists in the News

WILLIAM M. MANN, who has served for 31 years as director of the Smithsonian Institution's National Zoological Park, Washington, D.C., retired on 31 Oct. Mann began his government career in 1916 as an entomologist with the Bureau of Entomology, U.S. Department of Agriculture. He became director of the national zoo in 1925.

Under Mann's direction the zoo has become one of the best and most representative collections of living animals in the world. The physical equipment of

the zoo also has steadily improved, and during Mann's administration four modern exhibition buildings have been added and others are planned.

Mann received his education at the State College of Washington, and Stanford and Harvard universities. At Harvard, where he earned his doctor of science degree, he studied under the renowned zoologist and teacher William M. Wheeler, and like Wheeler he has become an expert on ants. He has collected and studied ants around the globe, and only last year he presented to the Smithsonian Institution his huge personal collection of these insects, numbering more than 117,000 specimens.

Mann has made trips to many foreign lands to obtain live animals for the zoo's collection. For example, in 1926 he headed the Smithsonian-Chrysler expedition to East Africa, in 1937 a National Geographic Society expedition to the East Indies, and in 1940 the Smithsonian-Firestone expedition to Liberia. He has been particularly successful in obtaining rare species never before exhibited. Mann has written many scientific papers, and his two books—*Wild Animals In and Out of the Zoo* and the autobiographical *Ant Hill Odyssey*—have brought his colorful life and work to a wide public.

Mann will continue his association with the Smithsonian in the capacity of honorary research associate, the institution's highest honorary scientific designation. THEODORE H. REED, of Portland, Ore., who has held the post of chief veterinarian of the zoo since July 1955, has been named acting director of the National Zoological Park.

The Leukemia Society, Inc., New York, has presented the Robert Roesler de Villiers awards, under the society's Contest III, to the following men:

LEON O. JACOBSON, "In recognition of his pioneer experiments on the beneficial influence of local tissue shielding on general hematologic recovery after external irradiation—a fundamental discovery concerning a therapeutic weapon of continuing value in human leukemia."

JOHN F. LOUTIT (F.R.C.P.), "In recognition of his elegant and conclusive demonstration that general hematologic recovery after total body irradiation is enhanced by bone marrow cell colonization, even from a different species—a discovery of potentially great significance in the therapy of human leukemia."

ELIAS COHEN, formerly research zoologist at the Samuel R. Noble Foundation Inc., Ardmore, Okla., has been appointed a senior cancer research scientist at the Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, N.Y.

WILLIAM B. DINSMOOR, professor of archeology at Columbia University and honorary president of the Archaeological Institute of America, was honored recently by Dickinson College at a special convocation during which he received an honorary degree. He was recognized for his work in excavating and restoring important Greek ruins. The Greek Government has awarded him the Order of Military Merit for his help with excavations of the Athenian Acropolis and with the restoration of the Propylaea of Acropolis.

GLENN T. SEABORG, Nobel prize winner and director of chemical research, Radiation Laboratory, University of California, Berkeley, will receive the 1957 Perkin medal of the American Section of the Society of Chemical Industry. The medal will be presented at a dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, on 11 Jan. 1957. Seaborg is being honored for the industrial implications of his work in nuclear chemistry.

JOHN P. NIELSEN, chairman of the department of metallurgical engineering at New York University, College of Engineering, has gone to the U.S.S.R. to lecture and attend a conference on atomic energy in Moscow and to visit metals institutes and plants in other parts of the country. He was invited by A. M. Samarin, a Soviet expert on steelmaking and deputy director of the Institute of Metallurgy in Moscow.

The New York Academy of Medicine's 22nd series of Lectures to the Laity will be devoted to "Medicine in the contemporary scene." The program follows:

PAUL H. HOCH, commissioner, department of Mental Hygiene State of New York, "Chemistry in mental disease," 14 Nov.

LEONARD A. SCHEELE, president, Warner-Chilcott Laboratories, "The state of the nation's health problems and their solution," 28 Nov.

PASTEUR VALLERY-RADOT, professor of medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Paris, France, member of the French Academy, "The logical sequence of Pasteur's discoveries," 12 Dec.

FREDERICK J. STARE, professor of nutrition and head, department of nutrition, Harvard University School of Public Health, "Nutrition in relation to family life in America," 9 Jan.

BENJAMIN SIMON, director, Ring Sanatorium, Arlington Heights, Mass., "Hypnotism—fact and fancy," 23 Jan.

WILTON MARION KROGMAN, professor and chairman, department of physical anthropology, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, "Sickness and society," 6 Feb.