

ated in order to devise the blueprints for the organization of the agency. This Preparatory Commission, according to Annex I of the statute, shall make studies, reports, and recommendations for consideration by the first session of the general conference and the first meeting of the board of governors on the financing of the agency, its program of work, and its budget. It shall also make recommendations concerning the location of the permanent headquarters of the agency and the agreements defining the relationship to the United Nations and to other international organizations working on specific aspects of atomic energy problems.

The commission held its first meetings at United Nations headquarters immediately upon the conclusion of the conference on the statute on 26 Oct. 1956. Its executive secretary, Paul Rodolphe Jolles, came to New York from Switzerland to take up his duties.

The text of the statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency is available as document IAEA/CS/13.

Eastern TB Committee

The International Conference on Tuberculosis that took place in New Delhi, India, recently established a permanent Eastern regional committee to intensify operations for the control of TB. Its headquarters will be in New Delhi. P. V. Benjamin, tuberculosis adviser to the Indian Government, was elected president of the committee, which will be composed of 21 Asian members. They include Australia, Burma, People's Republic of China, Cambodia, Hong Kong, South Korea, South Vietnam, Pakistan, Singapore, and the Philippines.

The committee will meet once a year in the various capitals to pool knowledge and resources and to evolve a common program to combat tuberculosis. The group will operate as part of the International Union against Tuberculosis, which has its headquarters in Paris.

Teachers Institute

Some 45 high-school teachers will spend the 1957-58 academic year at Harvard University in an Institute for Teachers of Science and Mathematics. The fellows will receive cost-of-living grants and tuition. The institute is part of a nation-wide program of academic-year and summer institutes supported by the National Science Foundation.

The program of study will include both standard scientific courses that have been adapted to meet the needs of secondary-school teachers and special seminars. Edwin O. Kemble, a theoretical

physicist with considerable experience in teaching both the elementary and advanced aspects of his subject, will be director of the institute.

The program is open to experienced teachers of science under 50 years of age, to younger teachers of ability who feel the need for additional background training, and to teachers who are under pressure to teach sciences outside the scope of their own basic college training. Application for admission must be completed by 21 Feb.

Applied Mathematics at Brookhaven

An applied mathematics division has been established at Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, N.Y. Milton E. Rose, a mathematician for the Office of Naval Research, Washington, D.C., has been appointed head of the division and will assume his duties this month.

As its chief tool, this new division will operate a high-speed digital computer that will be used chiefly for basic research and engineering development work. The final design characteristics of the computer are being planned jointly by members of the applied mathematics division and the instrumentation division, under the direction of William A. Higinbotham, head of the latter. Construction has already started on the machine, which is expected to be in operation in less than 2 years.

Collaboration Invited at Brookfield Zoo

The Chicago Zoological Society has recently initiated a program designed to promote research at the Zoological Park at Brookfield, Ill. The collaboration of investigators from the Chicago area and elsewhere is invited.

Provided that there is no interference with the health or exhibition use of the animals, basic or utilitarian research proposals are welcomed in the fields of behavior, physiology, pathology, parasitology, and evolution. In general, financial support for projects must come from outside sources. Projects are passed on by the scientific advisory committee of the society, which consists of Alfred E. Emerson, department of zoology, University of Chicago; Smith Freeman, chairman of the department of biochemistry, Northwestern University Medical School; Karl P. Schmidt, chief curator of zoology emeritus, Chicago Natural History Museum; Robert Bean, director of the Chicago Zoological Park; and Tappan Gregory of Chicago, a lawyer and naturalist.

Among the studies the society is currently assisting are continuing investiga-

tions by A. H. Riesen of the University of Chicago on the dependency of behavior in primates on initial visual experiences [an early report appeared in *Science* 106, 107 (1947)] and work on the importance of the enzyme cholinesterase in central nervous system activity by J. Bernsohn of the Veterans Administration Hospital at Hines and the Northwestern University Medical School.

Some space and laboratory facilities in the animal hospital at the park are available for research activities. The bacteriologist at the hospital, Evelyn B. Tilden, and the veterinarian, Weaver M. Williamson, will be available for consultation and assistance on some research projects.

Since November 1956, the program has been under the direction of George B. Rabb, curator and coordinator of research. Inquiries should be addressed to him at the Chicago Zoological Park, Brookfield, Ill.

Proposed Legislation

Of the many bills introduced in Congress, some have a special relevance to science and education. A list of such bills introduced recently follows:

HR 503. Protect public health by regulating manufacture, compounding, processing, distribution, and possession of habit-forming barbiturate and amphetamine drugs. Byrnes (R Wis.) House Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

HR 613. Provide for establishment of U.S. Foreign Service Academy. Donohue (D Mass.) House Foreign Affairs.

HR 560. Establish programs to facilitate procurement of scientists and technicians for armed forces. Bennett (D Fla.) House Armed Services.

HR 564. Facilitate procurement of doctors of medicine and doctors of dentistry for armed forces, by providing grants and scholarships for education in medical and dental professions. Bennett (D Fla.) House Armed Services.

S J Res 17. Establish Joint Committee on Scientific Research, Thye (R Minn.) Senate Labor and Public Welfare.

HR 562. Establish in Department of Health, Education, and Welfare an Office for Senior Citizens. Bennett (D Fla.) House Education and Labor.

HR 612. Establish sound and comprehensive national policy re fisheries; create and prescribe functions of U.S. Fisheries Commission; strengthen fisheries segment of national economy. Donohue (D Mass.) House Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

S 305. Amend Mineral Leasing Act for acquired lands to require competitive bidding for leases of deposits of oil and gas not within any known geologic struc-