increasing number of qualified teachers and investigators in those fields. The schedule will provide generous allotments of free time so that students can engage as actively as possible in research during their formative years in medical school.

Shortened time for medical education will mean a cut in the total cost of training. Earlier completion of training will enable more students to obtain optimal postgraduate training in hospital residencies.

National Science Policy

The following suggestions for an adequate national science policy are discussed in a recent issue of the *Saturday Review* by Sidney Hyman, *Washington Post* reporter:

"A Secretary of Science in the Presidential Cabinet ought to be considered. Failing it, the very least we can ask is a Science Commission on the same level of prestige and authority as the Bureau of the Budget, the Council of Economic Advisors, and the National Security Council. On this Science Commission the National Science Foundation should be represented alongside major department heads, including the Secretary of State. And the Secretary of State in that position should be the channel for Science Attachés in American embassies to acquaint the President with impacts of science abroad. . . .

"As a Congressional offset to the growing autonomy of a science-entrenched Executive one thing is plainly needed. It is a Joint Congressional Committee on Science, backed in depth by a technical staff. . . ."

Radiation Protection Group Appoints New Executive Committee

The National Committee on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) has announced a change in the membership of its executive committee. Within the operating procedures of the NCRP, the executive committee is responsible for the broad policies and direction of the work of the committee, and its membership is selected to provide as broad representation as possible of the many disciplines that are involved in the philosophy and development of radiation protection.

Sponsored by the National Bureau of Standards, the NCRP is an advisory group of experts in various phases of the radiation field and is made up of representatives from the following organizations: American College of Radiology, American Dental Association, American Industrial Hygiene Association, American Medical Association, American Radium Society, American Roentgen Ray Society, International Association of Government Labor Officials, National Bureau of Standards, National Electrical Manufacturers Association, Radiological Society of North America, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, U.S. Navy, and U.S. Public Health Service. The recommendations of the committee are published by the U.S. Government Printing Office in the NBS Handbook series.

The members of the new executive committee and their institutional affiliations are as follows: L. S. Taylor, chairman, Atomic and Radiation Physics Division, National Bureau of Standards; E. C. Barnes, Industrial Hygiene Department, Westinghouse Electric Corporation; C. B. Braestrup, Physics Laboratory, Francis Delafield Hospital (City of New York Department of Hospitals); C. L. Dunham, Division of Biology and Medicine, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission; H. Bentley Glass, Department of Biology, Johns Hopkins University; H. M. Parker, Hanford Laboratories, General Electric Company; Clinton Powell, Division of Special Health Services, U.S. Public Health Service; Robert S. Stone, Medical Center, University of California; Shields Warren, Cancer Research Institute, New England Deaconess Hospital.

Training in Steroid Biochemistry

Applications are now being accepted for the second course in the Training Program for Steroid Biochemistry, a program that is conducted through the cooperative effort of the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology, the department of chemistry of Clark University, and the department of biochemistry of the University of Utah. The program is sponsored by the National Cancer Institute to provide specialized training for people interested in steroid investigation. Two groups of candidates will be selected and will receive stipends during the period of training.

Postdoctoral candidates having an M.D. or Ph.D. degree will receive $5000 for 1 year starting 1 Oct. 1957. The training will consist of laboratory sessions and lectures covering theoretical and practical aspects of steroid research, and an opportunity to engage in a research problem under an established investigator.

Candidates having a B.S., M.S., or equivalent degree will receive $1500 for a 6-month training period, 1 Oct. 1957 through Mar. 1958. The predoctoral program is intended to provide competency in the analysis of steroid compounds for research and clinical laboratories.

The closing date for applications is *15 Aug.* Requests for applications should be made to Dr. Kristen Eik-Nes, Department of Biochemistry, College of Medicine, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, or to Dr. Frank Ungar, Department of Chemistry, Clark University, Worcester, Mass.

Reynolds Memorial Fund

The faculty of the department of biology at the University of Virginia has started a memorial fund in the name of the late Bruce D. Reynolds. Interest on all money collected will be applied to an annual fellowship for each season of the Mountain Lake Biological Station. Reynolds was instrumental in founding the station in 1930, and he resigned as its director last fall. Checks should be made out to the Bruce D. Reynolds Memorial Fund and mailed to the secretary of the fund, Biology Building, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.

$5000 Hoblitzelle Award in Agriculture

The Hoblitzelle national award in the agricultural sciences, consisting of $5000 and a gold medal to the person who has made the most important scientific contribution to American agriculture for the preceding 4-year period, will be presented in May 1958. The contribution meriting this award must have been published in the period from 1 Jan. 1953 through 31 Dec. 1956. There is no intention of excluding research that may have been initiated earlier, but the results must have been published in those 4 years. Popular articles, mimeographed progress reports, and digests are not generally considered as complying with the standards of the award.

All nominations will be channelled through regional committees. There will be a committee in each state to cover the continental United States, and one each for Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. In performing its function, each committee is requested to give equal consideration to all scientists, irrespective of creed, color, nationality, age, branch of science, or affiliation with scientific or scholastic organization.

Nominations may be made by the regional committees or by individuals, groups, or agencies. The nominator must furnish the regional committee with five copies each of the following items: the publication or publications on which the nomination is based; a written evaluation of the nominee's contribution and its national significance to agriculture; a short biographical sketch of the nominee; and such other information as he may feel is necessary to support the nomination. In making nominations it