

U.S. Physicians Touring U.S.S.R.

Five public health physicians are on a 4-week exchange mission to the U.S.S.R., the first such public health mission since World War II. A reciprocal Soviet mission will visit the United States in October.

Thomas Parran, dean of the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh and a former Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service, is heading the American group. Other members are Malcolm Merrill, California state director of public health; Otis L. Anderson, an assistant surgeon general of the U.S. Public Health Service; H. Van Zile Hyde, a medical director with the USPHS; and Leonid Snegeriff, associate professor at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Zoological Nomenclature

The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature has announced that, beginning 26 Feb. 1958, it will start voting on the following cases involving the possible use of its plenary powers for the purposes specified against each entry. Full details of these cases were published on 26 Aug. in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature* (vol. 12, pt. 12 and vol. 13, pt. 8): (i) *parvula* Mörch, 1863 (*Aplysia*), validation (cl. Gastropoda); (ii) *Anodonta* Lamarck, 1799, validation (cl. Pelecypoda); (iii) *padi* Linnaeus, 1758 (*Aphis*), validation (cl. Insecta, order Hemiptera); (iv) and (v) *lineata* Young and Bird, 1828 (*Terebratula*), and *subconcinna* Davidson, 1852 (*Rhynchonella*), interpretation (cl. Brachio-poda); (vi) *anonyma* Lewis, 1872 (*Liminitis*), suppression (cl. Insecta, order Lepidoptera); (vii) *obtusa* Montagu, 1803 (*Bulla*), validation (cl. Gastropoda).

A proposal is also made for the adoption of a *Declaration* clarifying the status of adjectival specific names consisting of partly Latinized words. Comments should be sent as soon as possible in duplicate to the secretary of the commission, Francis Hemming, 28 Park Village East, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1, England.

Lederle Medical Awards

The Lederle Medical Faculty awards are offered by the Lederle Laboratories Division of American Cyanamid Company to assist able men and women who are working and contemplating further careers in the preclinical departments of medical schools. The program provides financial aid for a limited period

in the support of individuals who have demonstrated capacities both as teachers and investigators in departments of anatomy, biochemistry, microbiology, pathology, pharmacology, and physiology.

The awards are designed for persons who have progressed beyond the state of development now encompassed by post-doctorate fellowships and are made for a term not exceeding 3 years. Recipients of Lederle Medical Faculty awards must hold "faculty rank," such as instructor or assistant professor (or their equivalent, as determined by the committee), in their medical schools and should be individuals who give promise of staying on to continue teaching and research within the disciplines indicated. Individuals chosen for the awards have full privileges and responsibilities for teaching and research as regular faculty members in the sponsoring department.

Nominations for Lederle Medical Faculty awards should be submitted to the committee through the office of the dean of the medical school and should be endorsed by him and by the administrative head of the sponsoring department. Only one candidate from any one school will be considered in any given year.

News Briefs

In September a group of 13 Japanese scientists will begin a 7-month ethnological and archeological survey of southeast Asia in an effort to determine the origin of the Japanese race. The research team will also study the cultural and basic social structure of the various rice-growing communities in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and South Viet-Nam.

The Westinghouse Educational Foundation has announced that it has increased to \$34,250 the total value of 40 science scholarships and awards for which high-school seniors may compete during the coming school year in the 17th annual nation-wide Science Talent Search. This more than triples the amount of the awards. The Science Talent Search is conducted by the Science Clubs of America and is administered through Science Service.

Eight nations are supporting a plan adopted at the recent Geneva meeting of the World Health Organization for a comparative study of the various types of cancer found in different countries. The eight nations are Australia, France, Iran, the Netherlands, Poland, the Soviet Union, Britain, and the United States.

A study to determine to what extent antibiotic drugs are losing their effectiveness against certain infections has been announced by the Veterans Administra-

tion. Six VA hospitals and Canada's Department of Veterans Affairs are co-operating in the project, which will be directed by Max Bovarnick of the Brooklyn, N.Y., VA hospital.

The United States Government formally took possession of the \$500-million Distant Early Warning radar line this month. A ceremony included a demonstration to show how the line would flash an alarm of approaching enemy bombers. The Air Force hopes that the 3000-mile line across the rim of the continent will provide 2 to 4 hours' warning.

The Greek Government has approved the founding of an atomic energy agency to implement Greece's nuclear-energy program, which the United States is helping to establish. The agency will set up the country's first nuclear reactor installations for experimental purposes.

The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research is issuing the *Rockefeller Institute Quarterly*, a new publication to report institute activities, primarily for faculty and present and former staff members. Charles I. Campbell is editor.

A course on air pollution meteorology will be conducted 16-27 Sept. at the Robert A. Taft Sanitary Engineering Center of the U.S. Public Health Service, Cincinnati, Ohio. Enrollment is by application; however, there is no tuition requirement.

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 8804. Provide a program for development of minerals resources of U.S., its territories, and possessions, by encouraging exploration for minerals. Baring (D Nev.) House Interior and Insular Affairs.

HR 8945. Protect public health by amending Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit use in food, drugs, and cosmetics of color additives which have not been determined suitable and harmless for such use. Curtis (R Mo.) House Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

HR 8992. Provide for appointment of representatives of U.S. in organs of International Atomic Energy Agency, and make other provisions re participation of U.S. in that agency. Price (D Ill.) Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

HR 8947. Provide that cigarettes sold in interstate commerce be packaged and marked so as to show the nicotine content and the tar content of the cigarettes