

BALTHASAR VAN DER POL, director of the International Radio Advisory Committee in Geneva, Switzerland, will hold the Victor Emanuel professorship at Cornell University for the spring term. Van der Pol gained international prominence for his discovery of relaxation oscillations, and he has made significant contributions to pure mathematics, particularly in number theory.

HARRY WEXLER, director of the Weather Bureau's Office of Meteorological Research, has been awarded the Department of Commerce gold medal "for significant contributions to the science of meteorology in extending the knowledge of the upper atmosphere, for the direction and encouragement of a broad program of meteorological research, and for outstanding leadership in the 1957-58 International Geophysical Year program." Wexler is chief scientist of the U.S.-IGY Antarctic Program.

HENRY G. HOUGHTON of Massachusetts Institute of Technology has received the American Meteorological Society's Award for outstanding services to the society. He was honored "for his important contributions to the growth of the American Meteorological Society through his guidance as president, as secretary, and his unfailing service in Council and Committee work."

Navy Distinguished Public Service Awards, the highest honor the Secretary of the Navy can bestow upon civilians, were presented recently to the director and four members of the staff of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, Silver Spring, Md. At the same time Navy Meritorious Public Service Citations, the second highest honor, were presented to four other members of the laboratory staff. All the awards were made for work on the Terrier guided missile.

Those who received the Distinguished Public Service Awards were RALPH E. GIBSON, director of the laboratory since 1947; ALEXANDER KOSSIAKOFF, assistant director for technical operations; HENRY H. PORTER, assistant director of planning; RICHARD B. KERSHNER, supervisor of the Terrier division; and ROBERT C. MORTON, supervisor of the Terrier weapons system group.

Those who received the Meritorious Public Service Citations were ALVIN R. EATON, Jr., supervisor of the aerodynamics group; RICHARD T. ELLIS, supervisor of the Terrier development and test group; ROLAND W. LARSON, the supervisor of the Terrier electronics group; and THOMAS W. SHEPPARD, assistant supervisor of the Terrier division.

JOSEPH S. MITCHELL, Regius professor of physics at the University of Cambridge (England), will deliver Harvard University's annual Dunham lectures on 10, 12, and 13 March on "Studies in Radiotherapeutics."

SAVERY F. CONEYBEAR has been named to the newly created position of director of new products development at the Colgate-Palmolive Company, New York, N.Y. He was formerly a director of research in the company's research and development department.

FINN BRUDEVOLD, director of dental research at the Eastman Dental Dispensary and assistant professor of dental research at the University of Rochester, has been appointed professor of dentistry at Harvard University and chief of dental medicine at the Forsyth Dental Infirmary. His appointment will be effective on 1 August. Brudevold will participate in the new postdoctoral program in dental education being undertaken jointly by Harvard and Forsyth that makes available to outstanding students the opportunity of training for a career in academic dentistry.

VINCENT G. FITZSIMMONS, consultant of the Naval Research Laboratory, has been awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Navy's second highest award, in recognition of his "role in the development of new lubricant systems for both military and industrial uses."

HENRY K. BEECHER, Dorr professor of research in anesthesia at Harvard Medical School, lectured recently before the Royal Society of Medicine in London. Also, he has been invited to be one of the chairmen at a symposium, to be held 24 and 25 March in London under the sponsorship of the Wellcome Trust, on quantitative methods in human pharmacology and therapeutics.

EDMUND A. PRENTIS, who took his degree in mining engineering at Columbia University in 1906, has been selected as the recipient of the 1958 Alexander Hamilton Medal of the Association of the Alumni of Columbia College. The Medal, which will be presented at a dinner at the university on 30 April, is given annually to a former student or a member of the college faculty "for distinguished service in any field of human endeavor." Prentis, for many years a member of the New York engineering firm of Spencer, White and Prentis, has been a director of many important engineering projects, including the 1950 reconstruction of the White House and construction of tunnels for New York subways.

MANUEL F. MORALES, former head of the physical biochemistry division of the Naval Medical Research Unit at Dartmouth College, has assumed his new position as professor of biochemistry at Dartmouth Medical School. LAFAYETTE H. NODA, DOROTHY JEAN BOTTS, and SIDNEY A. BERNHARD, have been appointed associate professors of biochemistry to collaborate with Morales.

ALLAN R. A. BEEBER has been appointed vice president for research and development for the Arkwright Finishing Company, Fiskeville, R.I. He was formerly director of research for the Keuffel & Esser Company in Hoboken, N.J.

### Recent Deaths

JOSEPH E. AVENT, Knoxville, Tenn.; 79; retired professor of educational psychology at the University of Tennessee; former president of Martha Washington College at Abingdon, Va.; 12 Feb.

BELA C. BALAS, Newton, N.J.; formerly a physician in New York; had been an associate professor at Loyola University in Chicago for 16 years; 16 Feb.

AARON BESNER, Bronx, N.Y.; 36; nuclear physicist; had been working on the development of a nuclear-powered locomotive for the Walter Kidde Nuclear Laboratories, Garden City, N.Y.; 14 Feb.

JOHN H. CLEWELL, Montclair, N.J.; 71; retired associate director of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. research laboratory in Arlington; 11 Feb.

ARCHIBALD EDGAR, Yonkers, N.Y.; 64; mechanical technician with Columbia University's cyclotron laboratories in Irvington, N.Y.; 12 Feb.

A. S. GIORDANO, Sarasota, Fla.; 65; pathologist and serologist of South Bend, Ind.; for 30 years director of the South Bend Medical Foundation; performed research on diagnoses of brucellosis and serology of syphilis; 15 Feb.

WALTER S. HUXFORD, Chicago, Ill.; 65; professor of physics at Northwestern University and former director of research for the National Defense Research Council; 13 Feb.

HAROLD R. MIXSELL, Locust Valley, N.Y.; 72; pediatrician; former editor of *Archives of Pediatrics*; 14 Feb.

CONSTANTINE RICCIUTI, Philadelphia, Pa.; 38; research chemist at the laboratory of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Wyndmoor, Pa.; 10 Feb.

FRANCIS E. SENEAR, Winnetka, Ill.; 68; retired professor and head of the department of dermatology of the University of Illinois Medical School; 12 Feb.