

been awarded, amounting to about \$50,000. It seems reasonably clear even now that the program has had a profound effect in the state of Connecticut.

News Briefs

The American Tobacco Company Research Laboratory in Richmond, Va., has received the Virginia Academy of Science's Distinguished Service Award as "International Leader in Tobacco Research, Befriender of Science in Community Affairs, and Outstanding Contributor to the Advancement of Science in America."

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A bull whip cracks because its tip breaks the sound barrier, according to Horace M. Trent of the Naval Research Laboratory in a paper delivered at the recent meeting of the Acoustical Society of America.

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A grant of \$1,560,000 to finance basic research in natural and physical science has been allocated by the Eugene Higgins Scientific Trust. The money will be distributed in equal shares to Columbia, Yale, Princeton, and Harvard universities. Some \$11,220,000 has been distributed for this purpose since the trust was established in 1948.

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A special symposium on catalysis was held in honor of the late Vasili I. Komarewsky on 17 May at Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago. Komarewsky, who died last June, was professor of chemical engineering at the institute, a consultant to Armour Research Foundation, and a founder of the Chicago Catalysis Club, which cosponsored the event.

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The National Psoriasis Research Association is a new nonprofit organization whose purpose is to raise funds to finance research in psoriasis. Membership is open to all persons afflicted with this skin disease and to everyone who is interested in the work of the association. The association will make grants to the medical profession and to research laboratories on the recommendation of a medical advisory board. For information, write to the association at 161 Rockridge Rd., San Carlos, Calif.

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The new Hall of North American Forests at The American Museum of Natural History has been opened to the public after 10 years of preparation.

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The American Association of University Professors recently presented its first Alexander Meiklejohn award for service to academic freedom to the president and

trustees of the University of New Hampshire. Eldon L. Johnson, president, and the trustees were cited for permitting Paul M. Sweezy, an editor-lecturer, to address students at the university in the spring of 1956. At that time Sweezy was free on bail after having been convicted of contempt of court by the Supreme Court of New Hampshire. The United States Supreme Court reversed the conviction last June.

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Representative Melvin Price (D-Ill.) chairman of the Research and Development Subcommittee, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, has announced that the subcommittee's hearings on employee radiation hazards and workmen's compensation, originally planned for the middle of June, will be postponed until early in the next session of Congress. Price also stated that he is asking the Atomic Energy Commission to submit a report on the subject to the Joint Committee by 1 January 1959; this report will serve as the basis of discussions at the hearings next session.

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An agreement has been concluded between Poland and Denmark for a telephone and telegraph cable across the floor of the Baltic Sea. The cable will be the common property of the two countries and will handle the increased telecommunications traffic between Poland, Scandinavia, and Britain. It is expected that the laying of the cable will be completed by early 1960.

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A postdoctoral fellowship for advanced study in biophysics is being established as a memorial to Robert Bruce Withrow, chief of the Division of Radiation and Organisms of the Smithsonian Institution. A pioneer in the biophysics of radiation, it was his hope to encourage research in this field by this means. Contributions may be addressed to Dr. Frederick S. Brackett, National Institutes of Health, LPB-NIAMD, Room B-4, Building 2, Bethesda 14, Md.

Proposed Legislation

HR 11950. Amend National Science Foundation Act of 1950 to encourage the training of additional engineers and scientists and expansion of facilities for engineering and scientific education by providing scholarships and fellowships for engineering and science students. Teague (D-Texas). House Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

HR 11960. Strengthen the national security, advance the cause of peace, and assure the pre-eminence of the U.S., in the academic, scientific, and technical disciplines through programs designed to

stimulate the development and to increase the number of students of all educational levels in our schools, and to provide additional facilities therefor. Knutson (D-Minn.). House Education and Labor.

HR 11913. Amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for research and teaching facilities for existing and new medical, dental, and public health schools; extend title VII of that act (re health research facilities) for an additional 3-year period. Roberts (D-Ala.). House Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

S 3609. Provide for research into problems of flight within and outside the earth's atmosphere. Johnson (D-Texas), Bridges (R-N.H.). Special Committee on Space and Astronautics.

Scientists in the News

J. E. P. L. VIGOUREUX, senior principal scientific officer of the National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, England, will attend a conference on electronic standards and measurements at the National Bureau of Standards Laboratories at Boulder, Colo., 13-15 August.

Three representatives of the International Union of Physiological Sciences, an affiliate of the World Health Organization, are visiting South American medical schools and research facilities to discuss problems of medical education and research. The group includes: CARL F. SCHMIDT, professor and chairman of the department of pharmacology at the University of Pennsylvania; C. HEYMANS, professor of pharmacology at the University of Ghent, Belgium; and R. GRANIT, professor of physiology at the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden.

FRANCIS HEMMING, who has held the office of honorary secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature since 1936, has retired because of ill health. R. V. MELVILLE, a senior member of the paleontological staff of the Geological Society, London, has been released for a period of 1 year to take immediate charge of the office of the commission with the title of assistant secretary to, and director of the office of, the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature.

The New York Zoological Park has announced the appointment of JAMES A. OLIVER as assistant director and CHARLES P. GANDAL as veterinarian. Both appointments stem from the departure of LEONARD J. GOSS, assistant director and veterinarian, who assumed the directorship of the Cleveland