

United States had it and would not return it. One correspondent chose to say that Russian scientists had been "proved wrong," and this phrase was censored.

The whole affair served to remind us very sharply that the regular correspondents in Moscow never know whether their stories will be cabled or not, even after they have been held several hours. The correspondents never talk to or even see the censors. They often wait up all night to see what has happened to their copy on important stories. They fight a constant battle to get the honest news out.

The Soviet Union is bidding now to make Moscow a center of world scientific meetings. Scientists as well as science reporters who consider going there should know of these facts, so they may guard against press censorship, which, as surely as scientific censorship, can choke free inquiry and communication.

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## Darwin Celebration

The University of Chicago will sponsor a celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the publication of Darwin's *Origin of Species*, 22-29 November 1959. With aid from the National Science Foundation, and with the cooperation of the Chicago Natural History Museum and of national scientific societies, leading figures in the sciences from all over Europe and America will be brought together.

The core of the celebration will be five panel discussions (on consecutive days) including 50 participant authors and their invited papers; the papers will later be published in a volume. In addition to the 50 scientists whose papers will lay the foundation for discussions, about 500 to 1000 visitors are expected to attend. The celebration will include some social and ceremonial occasions, including a special convocation on Thanksgiving Day.

## News Briefs

The establishment of the American Board of Medical Hypnosis has been announced. The board will serve as a certifying body for physicians employing medical hypnosis as part of their professional work. The president of the new organization is Jerome M. Schneck of New York City, and the secretary-treasurer is Bernard B. Raginsky of Montreal, Canada.

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The new central office building for the American Psychiatric Association was dedicated on 31 October. Secretary of

Health, Education and Welfare Arthur S. Fleming gave the principal address at the ceremony. The new \$300,000 headquarters is a converted town house that has a staff of 35, headed by the medical director, Mathew Ross, senior staff employee of the association who took office in September this year. He succeeded Daniel Blain.

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The American Board of Nutrition will hold the next examinations for certification as a specialist in human nutrition during the week of 12-18 April 1959, in Atlantic City, N.J. Examination application forms, which must be received by 1 March, may be obtained from the secretary, Robert E. Shank, Department of Preventive Medicine, Washington University School of Medicine, Euclid and Kingshighway, St. Louis.

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The second United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East took place in Tokyo, 20 October-1 November. The opening ceremony was attended by some 200 people, including 70 participants from 27 countries. The conference elected Chuji Thuboi of Japan as president, General Dura of Turkey as first vice president, and Mr. Rasaratanam of Ceylon as second vice president.

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Harvard University's Museum of Comparative Zoology has just received a 5-ton shipment of blocks of fossil reptiles collected at Ischigualasto, a site in Argentina near the border between the provinces of San Juan and La Rioja. The shipment represents the results of the first exploration of the remote region in the Argentine, a brightly colored desert valley which promises to be one of the world's richest fossil collecting areas.

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The National Science Foundation has announced the award of grants totaling over \$7.6 million to 32 colleges and universities in support of Academic-Year Institutes designed to help high school science and mathematics teachers improve their subject-matter knowledge. An estimated 1500 high school science and mathematics teachers will be enrolled in the institutes in the 1959-60 academic year. The Academic-Year Institutes Program is being expanded by the foundation because of its success in helping science and mathematics teachers improve the quality of their teaching.

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A classified directory of research opportunities available to college and university scientists has been issued by the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies. The directory is a brochure that describes the Oak Ridge Research Participation Program, a program that enables university scientists to carry out research in atomic-energy installations for periods

of 3 months to 1 year. Copies of the brochure are available on request from the University Relations Division, Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, P. O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

## Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

*Sex.* The Division of Medical Sciences of the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council is accepting applications for grants-in-aid of research for consideration by the Committee for Research in Problems of Sex. The funds for support of this program are provided by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Ford Foundation. The committee is concerned primarily with encouraging research on the mechanisms underlying sexual behavior, with special emphasis on the higher mammals and man. Proposals involving endocrinological, neurological, psychological, anthropological, phylogenetic, and genetic studies directed toward this objective are therefore invited. Requests that deal with the physiology of reproduction or with related biological and biochemical fields should be addressed to the committee only if they give promise of shedding light upon behavioral mechanisms.

Preliminary inquiries should be addressed to Room 411, Division of Medical Sciences, National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington 25, D.C. Completed applications for the fiscal year 1959-60 should be postmarked on or before 15 January 1959.

*Statistics.* The department of statistics at the University of Chicago is offering awards for study in statistics by persons whose primary field is not statistics but one of the physical, biological, or social sciences to which statistics can be applied. The awards, which are supported by the Rockefeller Foundation, range from \$3600 to \$5000 on the basis of an 11-month residence. The closing date for application for the academic year 1959-60 is 16 February 1959.

*Traveling teachers.* The National Science Foundation has announced that it will expand its program of Traveling Science Demonstration Lectures, previously administered solely by the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, Oak Ridge, Tenn., to include a few regional centers throughout the country. Proposals are invited from educational institutions and nonprofit organizations concerned with scientific education.

Appropriate individuals will be selected by the regional centers to receive three summer months of intensive training designed to prepare teachers to give lecture-demonstrations in physics, chemistry, biology, or mathematics in a number of high schools during the 1959-60 school year. Emphasis is on fundamental