1-4. National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Dallas, Tex. (H. T. Karnes, Dept. of Mathematics, Louisiana State Univ., Baton Rouge 3.)

1-4. National Science Teachers Assoc., 7th natl. conv., Atlantic City, N.J. (R. H. Carlton, NSTA, 1201 16 St., NW, Washington 6.)

1-4. Neurosurgical Soc. of America, Hot Springs, Va. (F. P. Smith, 260 Crittenden Blvd., Rochester, 20, N.Y.)

1-29. World Meteorological Organization, 3rd session of congress, Geneva, Switzerland. (WMO, Campagne Rigot, 1, avenue de la Paix, Geneva.)

2-3. Electrically Exploded Wires, conf., Boston, Mass. (W. G. Chace, Thermal Radiation Laboratory, CRZCM, Geophysics Research Directorate, Air Force Cambridge Research Center, Bedford, Mass.)

2-4. Association of American Geographers, 55th annual, Pittsburgh, Pa. (J. E. Guernsey, 9707 Parkwood Dr., Bethesda, Md.)

2-4. Association for Computing Machinery, Cleveland, Ohio. (J. Moshman, Corporation for Economic and Industrial Research, 1200 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington 2, Va.)

2-4. Optical Soc. of America, New York, N.Y. (S. S. Ballard, Dept. of Physics, Univ. of Florida, Gainesville.)

3-4. Eastern Psychological Assoc., Atlantic City, N.J. (C. H. Rush, Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y.)

3-5. American Soc. for the Study of Sterility, Atlantic City, N.J. (H. H. Thomas, 920 S. 19 St., Birmingham 5, Ala.)

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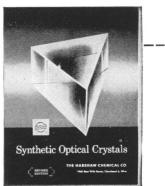
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