

Another Arkansas Dismissal

In late August this section reported the names of four professors at the University of Arkansas who were dismissed for refusing to comply with a new Arkansas statute, generally regarded as a measure to oppose the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, that requires all publicly employed teachers to list the organizations to which they have belonged or to which they have contributed during the past 5 years.

Inadvertently, the name of Robert S. Ely was omitted. Ely, an associate professor of pediatrics, was also among those forced to resign. He is now in private practice in Salt Lake City. An observer comments:

"I feel he was a true loss to academic pediatrics and that he should receive recognition for making this very difficult decision. Several of his faculty colleagues reversed their decision at the last moment in order to avoid the inconvenience such a decision entailed. Dr. Ely refused to betray his principles and was a leader in organizing the test of legality of this unfair act, prior to his dismissal."

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

General graduate. The National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council has again been called upon to advise the National Science Foundation in the selection of candidates for the foundation's program of graduate and postdoctoral fellowships. The foundation plans to award approximately 1100 graduate and 125 postdoctoral fellowships in these two programs during the 1960-61 academic year. Committees appointed by the Academy-Research Council will evaluate applications of all candidates; final selection will be made by the foundation.

Open only to citizens of the United States and awarded solely on the basis of ability, the fellowships may be used for advanced study in the mathematical, physical, medical, biological, and engineering sciences, including anthropology, psychology (excluding clinical psychology), and the following social sciences: geography, mathematical economics, econometrics, demography, information and communication theory, experimental and quantitative sociol-

ogy, and the history and philosophy of science. The awards are open to college seniors, graduate and postdoctoral students, and other individuals with equivalent training and experience.

All applicants for graduate (predoctoral) awards will be required to take an examination designed to test scientific aptitude and achievement. This examination, administered by the Educational Testing Service, will be given on 16 January 1960, at designated centers throughout the United States and certain foreign countries.

The annual stipends for graduate fellows are as follows: \$1800 for the first year; \$2000 for the intermediate year; and \$2200 for the terminal year. The annual stipend for postdoctoral fellows is \$4500. Limited allowances will also be provided for tuition, laboratory fees, and travel.

Further information and application materials may be obtained from the Fellowship Office, National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington 25, D.C. The deadline for the receipt of applications for regular postdoctoral fellowships is 22 December 1959, and for graduate fellowships, 1 January 1960.

Teacher training. The National Science Foundation will support about 200 In-Service Institutes for Secondary School Teachers of Science and Mathematics during 1960-61. Proposals are now being accepted from universities and colleges interested in participating in this program, which is designed primarily to assist colleges and universities to encourage teachers in local and outlying school districts to take advantage of scientific training facilities not otherwise readily accessible to them. During the academic year just beginning, about 8600 secondary school teachers will be enrolled in these after-school institutes.

Directions for preparing proposals may be obtained from the Institutes Section, National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D. C. Deadline for submission of completed proposals is 30 November.

News Briefs

National Science Youth Month is being observed throughout October. Under the auspices of Science Service, Washington, D.C., high school students and their science teachers, joined

by 33 national civic, professional, industrial, labor, and educational groups, are taking part in the observance. In a special statement, President Eisenhower has urged participation in National Science Youth Month in communities everywhere as a means of strengthening all phases of education and of stimulating in young students a regard for the traditions of intellectual excellence.

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The Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce will hold a series of public hearings in Alaska during the latter part of October on pending bills, including S. 1889, which authorizes the establishment of the Arctic Wildlife Range. Persons desiring to testify are asked to notify the committee, Room 5108, New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., where the hearings schedule is available. A witness must submit in advance ten copies of the statement he expects to present.

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More than 750 delegates from all parts of the United States are expected to attend a conference on science and technology in Israel and the Middle East to be held in New York during the weekend of 31 October and 1 November. Sponsored by the American Technion Society, 1000 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., as a means of bringing together the best of scientific thinking to spur the industrial development of Israel—and to demonstrate to Israel's neighbors the benefits of modern technology—the conference will be held at the Hotel Statler in New York.

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Last month the Engineers Joint Council, New York, released the first issue of *Engineer*, a bulletin to report pertinent national affairs and EJC activities.

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National Medical Fellowships, Inc. has announced that the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation has granted \$60,000 for ten 4-year medical-school scholarships to promising Negro college students. Of the 220,831 physicians throughout the country, only about 4000 are Negro; thus, in comparison with a ratio of one doctor to 815 people for the entire nation, there is only one Negro physician per 4500 Negroes. Since it was founded in 1946, National Medical Fellowships, Inc., has awarded \$819,333 in fellowships, scholarships, and loans to 262 Negro men and women pursuing medical careers.