

have under way. These fellowships are not intended for the support of field work, but it is possible that such activities may occasionally be included.

Candidates who have recently received their doctoral degrees will be given preference, but there are no rigid requirements in terms of age, sex, degrees, or academic background. Selections will be made by the staff of the department of anthropology, and the right is reserved to withhold the award of fellowships in any given year.

The period of the fellowships is for 1 year, beginning 15 June; the stipend is \$5000. The first awards will be made for the year 1960-61.

Applications should include a full curriculum vitae, a letter describing the candidate's research aims, and supporting references. Applications should be submitted *before 1 March* to Dr. Harry L. Shapiro, Department of Anthropology, American Museum of Natural History, New York 24, N.Y.

Chemistry. The Division of History of Chemistry of the American Chemical Society is now asking for nominees to be considered for the 1960 Dexter Award in the history of chemistry, which is administered by the division. The award is made on the basis of services which have advanced the history of chemistry, such as the following: publication of an important book or article; furtherance of the teaching of the history of chemistry; significant contributions to the bibliography of the history of chemistry; or meritorious services over a long period of time which have resulted in the advancement of the history of chemistry.

All information, in duplicate, should be sent *by 10 March* to the secretary of the Division of History of Chemistry, Sidney M. Edelstein, Dexter Chemical Corporation, 845 Edgewater Rd., Bronx 59, N.Y.

Nephrology. A grant to provide travel funds for participants in the First International Congress of Nephrology, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, 1-3 September, has been awarded by the U.S. Public Health Service to the American Society for Clinical Investigation. Members and nonmembers are eligible to apply for the funds, which are sufficient to send 20 people to the meetings. Applications should include, in quadruplicate, a curriculum vitae and a letter of application stating the basis for the applicant's interest in the field and in the congress. Applications should

be sent *before 1 March* to Saul J. Farber, Secretary, American Society for Clinical Investigation, New York University College of Medicine, 550 First Ave., New York 16, N.Y.

Nutrition. The National Vitamin Foundation wishes to bring to the attention of those engaged in clinical and basic research in the field of nutrition, biochemistry, and metabolism its current interest in the support of research, preferably on man, most likely to advance understanding of the diverse metabolic functions of the vitamins. The foundation wishes to encourage research on vitamin nutrition and metabolism in the areas of (i) mental health and (ii) side-reactions to drugs, and it invites applications for grants in support of such research.

Announcement of the new research interests of the foundation should not be interpreted as eliminating consideration of applications for grants-in-aid of research on other aspects of vitamin metabolism and nutrition. Application forms may be obtained from the offices of the foundation at 149 E. 78 St., New York 21, N.Y. The foundation takes action on applications twice each year, in the spring and fall. For grants to be effective on 1 July, applications should be mailed *before 1 March*; for January grants, applications should reach the foundation *by 1 September*.

News Briefs

Earthquake engineering. The second World Conference on Earthquake Engineering will take place 11-18 July 1960 in Tokyo and in Kyoto, Japan. The Science Council of Japan, a governmental organization, is organizing the conference with the cooperation of the Japan Society of Civil Engineers, the Architectural Institute of Japan, and the Seismological Society of Japan. For information, write to Professor Kiyoshi Muto, Chairman, Organizing Committee, Second World Conference on Earthquake Engineering, Science Council of Japan, Ueno Park, Taito-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

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Chemical index. *Index Chemicus*, a monthly index to 50,000 new chemicals reported each year in the scientific literature, will be published by Eugene Garfield Associates, 1122 Spring St., Philadelphia. The first issue will appear early in 1960. New compounds will be

reported in the index within 30 days after original publication in the scientific literature.

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Vulcanology program. A program in vulcanology, geochemistry, and petrology is being organized for the Helsinki meeting of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, to be held 25 July-6 August. Symposia on geochronology, high-pressure chemistry, isotope geology, and atmospheric chemistry, as well as a general program in geochemistry and petrology, will be included. For information write to Irving Friedman (U.S. Geological Survey, Washington 25), secretary of the Section of Vulcanology, Geochemistry, and Petrology, American Geophysical Union.

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Overseas library. The U.S. Information Agency has assembled a small library containing 30 of the best available American paperbacks in the fields of science and technology as a simple and inexpensive means of providing overseas readers with information. The agency has ordered 500 of these "package" bookshelves, which will be available on loan to educational institutions, science clubs, and other groups.

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Biology news. The American Institute of Biological Sciences has announced establishment of the Biology News Bureau as a new activity to serve biologists and professional organizations in the biological sciences. The new AIBS unit has the assignment of smoothing the flow of information between the biological professions and the public.

Harold F. Osborne has been named director of the bureau. Osborne formerly was a science writer for the *Seattle Times*, an editor and correspondent for the Associated Press, and a member of the information staff of the Veterans Administration. The Biology News Bureau has offices at AIBS headquarters, 2000 P St., NW, Washington 6, D.C.

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Nutrition certification. The American Board of Nutrition will hold the next examinations for certification as a specialist in human nutrition during the week of 11-15 April in Chicago, Ill. Application forms, which must be submitted *before 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, Mo.