

## News Briefs

**Academic Press offices.** Both the West Coast and the British offices of Academic Press have just moved to new quarters. The California office, headed by Richard C. M. Jones, assistant editor, is located at 1901 W. 8th St., Los Angeles 57. In London, the editorial, sales, and production offices of the organization now occupy three floors at 17 Old Queen St., London W.1. Charles M. Hutt is in charge of editorial matters.

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**Medical genetics course.** A short course in medical genetics will be conducted at Bar Harbor, Me., 8–20 August, by members of the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University of Medicine and the staff of the Roscoe B. Jackson Memorial Laboratory. The course, for 40 participants, is designed primarily for individuals in medical teaching and research. Further information can be obtained from the codirectors of the course: Dr. Victor A. McKusick, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore 5, Md., and Dr. John L. Fuller, Roscoe B. Jackson Memorial Laboratory, Bar Harbor, Me.

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**Nutrition.** The Fifth International Congress on Nutrition is to be held in Washington, D.C., 1–7 September 1960. Organized by the American Institute of Nutrition and the U.S.A. National Committee for Nutritional Sciences of the National Academy of Sciences, the congress is under the auspices of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences. Officers are as follows: honorary president, Elmer V. McCollum; president, C. Glen King; chairman, Organizing Committee, Paul György; general secretary, Milton O. Lee. For information write: The Secretariat, Fifth International Congress on Nutrition, 9650 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington 14, D.C.

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**Radiation biology course.** Argonne National Laboratory is offering a special summer course in methods in radiation biology, to be held 20 June–15 July. The fee for the course will be \$25. Inquiries and applications should be addressed to the Office of the Director, Division of Biological and Medical Research, Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, Ill. Only a limited number of applicants can be accepted; persons from foreign countries are invited to apply. Applications, which should include a brief curriculum vitae, must be received by 23 May.

**Arid lands newsletter.** A new bulletin, the *Arid Lands Research Newsletter*, is being published by the Committee on Desert and Arid Zones Research of the AAAS Southwestern and Rocky Mountain Division. News of scientific activities relating to arid lands, mainly from western North America, will be reported briefly about four times a year. News items should be sent to the editor, Richard B. Woodbury, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

## Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

**Agricultural chemistry.** The Association of Official Agricultural Chemists has announced that nominations are now being accepted for the fourth AOAC Harvey W. Wiley Award for achievement in analytical methods. This award of \$500 will be given to the scientist (or group of scientists) who has made outstanding contributions to the development of analytical methods for foods, drugs, cosmetics, feeds, fertilizers, and pesticides or for use in general analytical chemistry. These are the fields of interest to the AOAC which are encompassed in its publication *Official Method of Analysis*. This book is the primary laboratory manual of regulatory chemists and research workers in agriculture in the United States and throughout the world.

Nominations must be submitted to the secretary of the association by 1 April. Nominees need not be members of the association. Further information may be obtained from the secretary, William Horwitz, Box 540, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington 4, D.C.

**Instrumentation.** The Foundation for Instrumentation Education and Research has announced its second national competition for 14 graduate fellowships in the engineering sciences related to instrumentation. Typical study areas are dynamic analysis of chemical process control systems, investigation of new areas of measurement phenomena, study of the instrumentation of biological systems, development of computer technology in automatic control, or application of control theory to business systems.

To be eligible for a FIER fellowship an applicant must be accepted as a candidate for an advanced degree at the university of his choice by 1 April. Applicants must hold a baccalaureate

or master's degree in engineering or science and must have studied mathematics at least through partial differential equations. Applications for a FIER fellowship for 1960–61 must be submitted by 1 March.

The award provides full tuition, a \$1500 cost-of-living stipend, and a \$1000 cost-of-education grant to the university. For information, write to: 1960 Fellowships Program, FIER, 335 E. 45th St., New York, N.Y.

**Low-temperature science.** Nominations for the second Fritz London Award are being solicited by the award committee from all scientists in the field of low-temperature science. If a suitable candidate is found, the award will be made at the seventh International Conference on Low Temperature Physics in Toronto, 29 August–3 September.

The Fritz London Award is made at an international conference on low-temperature science sponsored by the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics. There is an honorarium of \$1000, provided by Arthur D. Little, Inc., of Cambridge, Mass. In addition, a \$500 travel allowance is available if needed. The award is international, and selections are made without regard to nationality.

The award is made for outstanding research and advances in the science of low-temperature physics and chemistry of great importance. A distinction is made between research that advances low-temperature science and research that only makes use of low temperature as a tool or a means to advance science in a different area. The award is made for recent work with no time limit specified, since it is realized that some important work cannot be properly evaluated in a few years. This is especially true of theoretical work. It is expected that the recipient will have published important research papers in low-temperature science over a period of years, though this is not one of the requirements.

Nominations should be sent as soon as possible to the chairman of the Second Award Committee, F. G. Brickwedde, College of Chemistry and Physics, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa.

Nominations should be accompanied by a description of the principal contribution or contributions of the candidate and his related work, together with a discussion of the importance of the work.