

## News Briefs

**Growth symposium.** Approximately 1000 leading scientists from the United States and abroad will attend the world symposium on the growth of plant and animal life at Purdue University, 16-18 June. The distinguished visitors from other countries will include Harriet Ephrussi-Taylor, France; F. H. C. Crick, Claude W. Wardlaw, John Hammond, and G. E. Blackman, all of England; Jean Brachet, Belgium; E. Zeuthen, Denmark; and Pierre Dansereau, Canada.

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**U.S. science education.** The National Science Foundation has just published the *Statistical Handbook of Science Education* (NSF-60-13), a compilation of statistical material on the education and training of scientists and engineers in the United States. Copies, at 55 cents each, may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.

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**Latin-American physics.** The Latin American School of Physics, which met for the first time last year in Mexico City, will meet this year from 27 June to 7 August in Rio de Janeiro, at the Centro Brasileiro de Pesquisas Físicas, under the auspices of Conselho Nacional de Pesquisas do Brasil, Academia Brasileira de Ciências, Campanha de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior, Pan American Union, and UNESCO. The courses, one of which will be conducted by C. N. Yang of the Institute for Advanced Study, will have the general title "Problems of high and low energy nuclear physics." For information, contact J. Leite Lopes, Centro Brasileiro de Pesquisas Física, Av. Wenceslau Braz, 71, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In 1961 the Latin American School of Physics will meet in Argentina.

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**Biophysical journal.** The Biophysical Society and the Rockefeller Institute Press have announced the establishment of the *Biophysical Journal*. The first volume will include eight bimonthly issues beginning with September 1960. Subscriptions will be \$8. Biophysical Society members who subscribe through the society will receive a discount. After the first volume, the journal will appear in one volume per year, of six issues, beginning in January, at a sub-

scription price of \$6 to nonmembers. Manuscripts and subscriptions are now being accepted. Manuscripts should be addressed to the editor, Professor Frank Brink, Jr., at the Rockefeller Institute, East 66 St. and York Ave., New York 21, N.Y.

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**Paper for engineers.** A new newspaper entitled *Engineer* has been launched by the Engineers Joint Council (New York), a federation of 21 engineering societies. The quarterly publication was established in recognition of the greatly increasing role of the engineer in national affairs and the fast pace of technical developments that make necessary a medium of communication among all engineers, regardless of speciality.

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**For physiology teachers.** The Educational Committee of the American Physiological Society is compiling a series of new or unusual experiments that illustrate important physiological concepts. It is hoped that these experiments will help teachers of physiology and human biology in colleges and universities throughout the country. Contributions to the series are urgently needed and will be gratefully received by Dr. C. Haywood, Department of Physiology, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass.

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**The Science Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) 1960** program awards were presented at the recent annual convention of the National Science Teachers Association in Kansas City. Fifty-six cash prizes, ranging from \$100 to \$1000 and totaling \$13,500, and more than 70 certificates of honorable mention, were awarded.

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**Cell culture genetics.** A *Symposium on Cytology and Cell Culture Genetics of Man* (42 pages) has been published by the *American Journal of Human Genetics* with the aid of funds from the National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Reprints may be obtained upon request from Dr. Gordon Allen, Building 10, Room 2N208, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda 14, Md.

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**Zoonoses center.** A Center for Zoonoses Research will open in September at the University of Illinois. The center, which will be directed by Carl A.

Brandly, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, will be first of its kind in North America. The only other comparable facility is the Pan-American Zoonoses Center, established in 1956 at Azul, Argentina, and supported by the World Health Organization and the Argentine Government.

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**NIH program transfers.** Administrative responsibility for the Russian Scientific Translation Program and the Foreign Grants and Awards Program of the National Institutes of Health has been transferred from the Division of Research Grants to the Division of General Medical Sciences under G. Halsey Hunt, chief of the division. The Translation Program is directed by Samuel S. Herman, and the Foreign Grants and Awards Program is headed by R. E. Scantlebury.

## Scientists in the News

**Gerald B. Cook**, well-known English radiochemist, has been appointed chief chemist of the International Atomic Energy Agency laboratory that is being constructed at Seibersdorf, near Vienna. Cook is an atomic energy pioneer, having been closely associated with the chemistry aspects of atomic energy development ever since the initial stages in England, 20 years ago. Since 1947 he has worked at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell, first in the Chemistry Division and then in the Isotope Research Division, where he has headed the chemistry group since 1954.



Gerald B. Cook, new chief chemist of the IAEA.