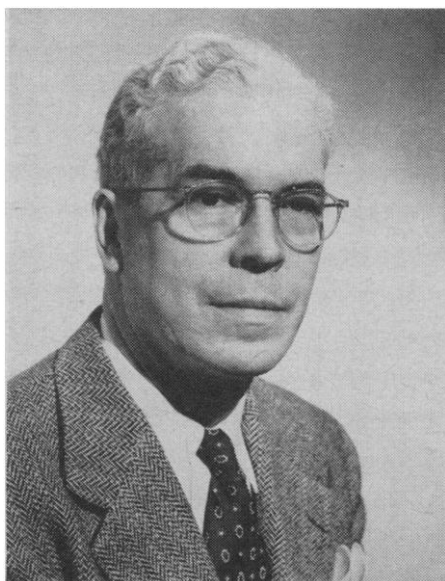


Scientists in the News

Henry J. E. Reid has relinquished his position as director of the Langley Research Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; he has been director of the Center for more than 34 years. Reid requested that he be relieved of the director's responsibilities and permitted to continue in service during a transition period to assist the new director. His current position is that of senior staff associate.

Floyd L. Thompson, associate director for the past 8 years, has been named director to succeed Reid. Thompson has been affiliated with the Center since 1926.



Henry J. E. Reid



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Langley was established in 1917 as the first research laboratory of the former National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which on 1 October 1958 became the nucleus of NASA. The 710-acre Langley Center has 40 major wind tunnels and specialized laboratories and a dozen shops and other service structures. Virtually every state and several foreign countries are represented among the 3200 employees, one-third of whom are professional scientists and engineers.

While studies of the flight characteristics of airplanes constituted the dominant activity in the early years, the greater part of today's research activity at Langley is devoted to solving problems associated with space flight and re-entry. The balance of its research is in the areas of design and development of aircraft of all types.

Edmund B. Flink, professor of medicine at the University of Minnesota, has been appointed professor and chairman of the department of medicine at West Virginia University.

S. Howard Bartley, professor of psychology at Michigan State University, has been honored by the university with a distinguished faculty award for outstanding contributions in teaching and research.

Lafayette College has awarded a special citation to **Leon S. Stone**, Bronson professor of comparative anatomy in the Yale University School of Medicine, for his notable achievements and researches in the fields of embryology and ophthalmology. He was one of 14 distinguished alumni chosen by the college for citation at a recent convocation.

George A. Llano, secretary to the Panel on Biological and Medical Sciences of the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on Polar Research, has been appointed science specialist (biological sciences), Science and Technology Division, Library of Congress.

At its annual meeting, the Society of Experimental Psychologists, Inc., awarded the Howard Crosby Warren Medal to **Carl Pfaffman** "for his superb investigations of the discriminatory and motivational functions of taste and smell by a powerful combination of neuro-physiological and behavioral techniques."

Harold W. Owens, district geologist for the Humble Oil and Refining Company at Tallahassee, Fla., has won the 1960 George C. Matson Award of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists for his paper on the "Florida-Bahama Platform."

Emmett B. Carmichael, professor of biochemistry and acting department chairman at the University of Alabama, has been named assistant dean of the university's Medical College and School of Dentistry.

Paul J. Burr, USN (ret.), has been named technical services director of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences, 2 E. 64 St., New York. The IAS Technical Services Directorate is a newly created staff post; the director is responsible for the compilation and distribution throughout IAS activities of current information in all areas of aerospace technology.

Marvin Fox, director of the sodium reactors department of Atomics International, has joined Hughes Aircraft Company's nuclear electronics laboratory as a senior staff physicist.

Howard T. Evans, Jr., of the U.S. Geological Survey, plans to spend a year in Stockholm, Sweden, where he will work with **Lars Gunnar Sillen** of the Royal Institute of Technology on a physical-chemical study of certain iso- and heteropoly complexes.

H. C. Ludwig Bertele, scientific collaborator of Wild Heerbrugg Ltd., Heerbrugg, Switzerland, received the Photogrammetric Award sponsored by Fairchild Camera and Instrument Co. at the annual meeting of the American Society of Photogrammetry in Washington, D.C. Bertele was cited for his development of the "Super Aviogon" 120° lens.

Christina Lochman-Balk and **James Lee Wilson** have received the Best Paper Award of the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists for their paper "Cambrian biostratigraphy in North America," published in the society's bimonthly *Journal of Paleontology* in March 1958. Mrs. Balk is professor of geology at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, and Wilson is a research geologist for the Shell Development Company, Houston, Tex.