

## News Briefs

**Koch dismissal.** The Illinois Division of the American Civil Liberties Union has assumed responsibility for litigation in the case of Leo F. Koch, who has been dismissed from his position as assistant professor of biology at the University of Illinois. Koch's contract was terminated a year early because of views on premarital sex relations he expressed in a letter to a student newspaper. Some 229 Illinois faculty members are reported to have publicly protested the university's dismissal action. The American Civil Liberties Union office at 19 S. LaSalle, Chicago 3, Ill., is receiving contributions to Koch's legal defense fund.

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**Science and society.** Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick, is holding a Summer Institute on Science and Society, 12-14 August. Among the subjects to be discussed are "Science and culture in the coming society," "Prospects for the peaceful uses of atomic energy," "Nuclear weapons, public opinion, and the scientist," "Space and international relations," and "Science and the Cold War." Participants from the United States include Gerald Wendt, president, National Agency for International Publications, New York, and John P. Hagen, director, Office for the U.N. Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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**Carbon-14 price drops.** The Atomic Energy Commission has announced a reduction of 27 percent in the price of carbon-14, a radioisotope produced at the AEC's Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The price change, from \$13 to \$9.50 a millicurie effective 1 July, results from lower production costs. An earlier price reduction of 50 percent was effective on 1 June 1959.

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**Temperature.** Under the sponsorship of the American Institute of Physics, a new Conference on Temperature, Its Measurement and Control in Science and Industry is being planned. Proceedings of an earlier such conference were published by the institute in 1940 and contained significant contributions from the fields of physiology and biology. The institute plans to hold a 3- to 4-day symposium in March 1961 in Columbus, Ohio, and James D. Hardy has been asked to be chairman of the program in physiology, biophysics, and

medicine. It is hoped that this program will contain both contributed and invited papers, and it is also hoped that many biologists interested in temperature will find it possible to attend the meetings and to contribute to the discussion. The abstract deadline is 15 September 1960.

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**Radiological health unit.** A department of radiological science, first of its kind, is to be established at Johns Hopkins University. A \$2-million laboratory will be built for the new unit, which will operate within the School of Hygiene and Public Health.

Russell Morgan, specialist in radiological medicine and chairman of the Public Health Service's National Advisory Committee on Radiation, will head the department, which will be concerned with all aspects of radiological health. A major objective will be the training of health specialists and research workers for both national and international service.

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**AMA nurses unit.** The American Medical Association has announced the formation of a new department of nursing to carry on liaison with national nursing organizations. Veronica L. Conley, who for the past 12 years has been secretary of AMA's Committee on Cosmetics, has been named director of the new department, which is part of the Division of Scientific Activities.

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**Harrison memorial volume.** To honor the late Ross G. Harrison of Yale University, a special memorial volume of the *Journal of Experimental Zoology* will be published by the Wistar Institute Press. The volume, number 142, will be dated October 1959, the month after Professor Harrison's death. In addition to papers by associates and friends, the volume will contain a complete reprint of Professor Harrison's famous 1910 paper, "The outgrowth of the nerve fiber as a mode of protoplasmic movement." The memorial publication may be purchased separately.

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**Helminthological Society.** The Helminthological Society of Washington will observe its 50th anniversary on 8 October. A scientific program will be held at the University of Maryland, and there will be a banquet at which AAAS president Chauncey D. Leake will be the principal speaker. For information, write to the Helminthological Society of Washington, Animal Disease and Parasite Research Branch, ARS, USDA, Beltsville, Md.

## Scientists in the News

**John B. Adams** has been appointed to serve as director-general of the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) until 1 August 1961. He has held the post in an acting capacity since the tragic death of Professor C. J. Bakker (Netherlands) on 23 April. However, beginning 1 October, Adams will be at CERN on a part-time basis. By agreement with the British authorities, he will divide his time between CERN and the United Kingdom's new laboratory for plasma physics at Culham, of which he is director designate.

**Eugene P. Kennedy**, professor of biological chemistry at the University of Chicago, has been named Hamilton Kuhn professor of the biological chemistry and head of the department of biological chemistry at the Harvard Medical School, effective 1 September. At present Kennedy is on leave as a senior fellow of the National Science Foundation at Oxford University, England.

**Frank A. Geldard**, chairman of the psychology department of the University of Virginia, has been named dean of the graduate school of arts and sciences. While serving as dean he will limit his teaching to one course in experimental psychology and will relinquish his duties as departmental chairman. He will continue his research studies of the human senses. Geldard is also head of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization advisory committee on defense psychology.

**James W. Moyer**, physicist, has been named research director of the Sperry Rand Research Center, which is to be built later this year in Sudbury, Mass. For the last 12 years Moyer has been associated with the General Electric Company in technical long-range planning and research posts involving advanced study in the fields of semiconductors, optics, spectroscopy, and physical chemistry. He has served also as a consultant to the National Bureau of Standards, contributing to the bureau's Free Radicals Research Project.

**Jonas Carol**, deputy director of the Division of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, has been selected to receive the 1960 Harvey W. Wiley Award of the Association of Official Agricultural Chem-