

## Announcements

**Medicine, U.S.A.**, the third and final United States exhibition developed for showing in Russia under the present U.S.-Soviet cultural exchange agreement, opened in Moscow this week for a 3-week stay. The exhibition, whose chronological Russian counterpart opened on 24 January in New York, will appear in Kiev at the end of April for 3 weeks, and in Leningrad from 18 June to 10 July. The display consists of a general practitioner's examining room, a dentist's office, a small drug store, a two-bed hospital room, a fully equipped operating room, and a section on prosthetics and heart-lung operations. The exhibition is staffed by 25 Russian-speaking Americans, seven of whom are doctors, two dentists, and the remainder medical trainees.

Previous U.S. exhibitions in Russia have been on plastics (spring 1961), and transportation (fall 1961).

The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission has withdrawn as a supplier of routine **activation analysis services**, in accordance with its policy to discontinue services that are reasonably available from commercial sources. The commission will continue its program of activation analysis research at Oak Ridge (Tenn.) National Laboratory and with other research groups in advanced nuclear analytical technology.

### Meeting Notes

An interdisciplinary conference on **electromagnetic scattering** will be held in Potsdam, N.Y., from 13 to 15 August. Its purpose is to bring together interested scientists of widely different backgrounds to discuss problems of mutual interest which transcend disciplinary lines. The program will be scheduled to allow maximum time for general discussion. Registration deadline: *15 May*. (Milton Kerker, Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam, N.Y.)

An international symposium on **environmental physiology and psychology in arid conditions**, sponsored by UNESCO, will be held from 27 August to 1 September in Naini Tal, India. The conference proceedings will be published in UNESCO's Arid Zone

Research series. Deadlines: *1 April*, for receipt of 250-word abstracts (in English or French); *15 May*, for submission of full texts. (M. Batisse, UNESCO Department of Natural Sciences, Place de Fontenoy, Paris 7<sup>e</sup>, France)

### Films

*Carmet Cemented Carbides*; 27 minutes, color, free loan. Methods of production of carbides from powder form to finished tools and dies. Shows the blending processes, shaping and furnace operations, and mounting and finishing. (Syndicated Films, 1022 Forbes St., Pittsburgh 19, Pa.)

*Man in Orbit*; 1 hour, color, free loan, available 9 March. Covers the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's astronaut training program; dynamics of launching and orbiting; highlights of Freedom-7, Liberty Bell, and Friendship-7 flights; and the mission of America's space program. (Association Films, 347 Madison Ave., New York 17, N.Y.)

### Courses

The following **training courses**, sponsored by the U.S. Public Health Service, will be given at Cincinnati, Ohio:

*Reactor safety and hazards evaluation*; 7 to 16 May. Prerequisite: basic radiological health course (given in Cincinnati, 23 April-4 May).

*Radionuclides in foods*; 14 to 25 May. (Chief, Training Program, Taft Sanitary Engineering Center, 4676 Columbia Pkwy., Cincinnati 26)

A 2-week course in **radio astronomy**, covering the techniques, results, and interpretations of radio astronomical observations, will be offered at Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 23 July to 3 August. Discussions of the application of radio methods to atmospheric physics, planetary atmospheres, and space experiments will be included. (Alan H. Barrett, Room 7-103, MIT, Cambridge 39, Mass.)

A series of seminars on **biological macromolecules** will be held at Stevens Institute of Technology on 10 and 17 March, and 7 and 14 April. (Biological Seminars, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N.J.)

### Scientists in the News

**Peter J. W. Debye**, emeritus professor of chemistry at Cornell and a 1936 Nobel laureate, is serving as visiting professor at the University of Southern California for part of the 1962 spring semester.

**Charles R. Naeser**, professor and chairman of the department of chemistry at George Washington University, was co-recipient, with Ralph D. Myers [*Science* **135**, 304 (26 Jan. 1962)], of the Washington Academy of Sciences' award for services in the teaching of science.

**Orlo E. Childs**, former director of exploration projects for Phillips Petroleum Company, has joined the U.S. Geological Survey as director of the marine geologic and geophysical program and coordinator of oceanographic research.

Recent staff appointments that have been made at Electro-Optical Systems in Pasadena, Calif.:

**E. Ronald Reese**, of Space General Corporation, is a senior engineer in the company's Advanced Electronics and Information Systems Division.

**George I. Cohn**, former professor at Illinois Institute of Technology, is chief scientist of the Fluid Physics Division.

**Carl Pfaffmann**, professor of psychology at Brown University, will be visiting professor at Harvard University during the 1962-63 academic year.

**Hilton A. Salhanick**, who resigned in 1961 as chief of obstetrics at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, has been appointed professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Harvard University.

### Recent Deaths

**Thomas S. Jones**, 76; emeritus professor and head of the department of medical and dental illustration at University of Illinois Medical Center; 18 Nov.

**Irvin A. Koten**, 61; professor and head of the chemistry department at North Central College in Naperville, Ill.; 1 Nov.

**Walter N. Schroeder**; staff member of the University of Illinois' consultation clinic for epilepsy; 19 Oct.