

that "the problems involved in this move are not insurmountable and are within the capabilities for the forces assigned to Task Force 43."

With no visible allies to be had, NSF now fell into line with the Portland project. It did, however, insist upon reducing Portland's goal from 60 to 40 birds, justifying this on the ground that the State Department felt 40 was more in keeping with the spirit of conservation in the Antarctic Treaty. It insisted that Portland provide cages, pens and plastic tarpaulins to protect the interior surfaces of the transports. It also exacted a pledge that the birds would not be sold or traded without specific permission from NSF.

Within the next few weeks, Jack Marks, director of the Portland Zoological Gardens, is expected to arrive in Antarctica to collect the birds. The only major detail that remains to be worked out is to get permission from the New Zealand government for the birds to land at Christchurch during a refueling and crew rest stop after the 2400-mile flight from McMurdo Sound. NSF is not altogether certain as to how the New Zealand government will regard the project, and if it should say no, it is not likely that NSF will feel disappointed.—D. S. GREENBERG.

Birth Control: Nobel Laureates Urge U.S. to Offer Assistance

Eighteen Nobel laureates this week urged the U.S. government to assist nations seeking to control population growth.

In a joint statement with 25 prominent businessmen, they said: "Clearly the urgent, indisputable need today is for intensified action to decelerate world population growth." The statement was issued in New York at a conference on the economic consequences of the population explosion, sponsored by the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. The Nobel laureates who signed the statement are John Bardeen, Felix Bloch, Edward A. Doisy, Joseph Erlanger, Donald A. Glaser, Edward C. Kendall, Polykarp Kusch, Joshua Lederberg, Hermann J. Muller, John H. Northrop, Edward M. Purcell, Dickinson Richards, William Shockley, Wendell M. Stanley, Harold C. Urey, Selman A. Waksman, Thomas H. Weller, and G. H. Whipple.

Announcements

This column was in error when it recently reported that the National Institutes of Health failed to respond to a request from the Office of Education for information on NIH expenditures for education. Under the Office's definition, research grants contribute to education and are included with educational expenditures. NIH holds that research grants should not be considered as supporting education. It therefore reported only those funds assigned specifically to training programs.—D.S.G.

A 1-year project to gather and codify **dietary information** on 500 culture groups in Asia, Africa, South America, and Oceania has been initiated by the Human Relations Area Files, New Haven, Conn. The project, financed by the Armed Forces Food and Container Institute, Chicago, and headed by HRAF executive director Frank W. Moore, will cover major food preferences, resources, taboos, preparation, and related aspects. (HRAF, 421 Humphrey St., New Haven, Conn.)

Publications

The collected **Nobel prize lectures** in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature, and peace, are to be published in English and issued separately by the American Elsevier Publishing Company, New York. The company also plans to issue English editions of the annual Nobel Prize Yearbooks, beginning with the 1962 prizes. (American Elsevier Publishing Co., 52 Vanderbilt Ave., New York 17)

Scientists in the News

DeWitt Stetten, Jr., director of intramural research at the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases has been appointed the first dean of the planned 2-year medical school at Rutgers University. The school will be financed by a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, Mich.

The following are serving as visiting professors at Case Institute of Technology for the fall semester:

Gary K. L. Chien, of International

Business Machines' control systems, San Jose, Calif., as professor of engineering.

Walter E. Fricke, professor and dean of the faculty of sciences at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, as professor of astronomy.

Robert J. Magee, senior lecturer in organic chemistry at Queen's University, Belfast, Ireland, as associate professor of chemistry.

Maurice B. Visscher, distinguished service professor and chairman of the department of physiology at the University of Minnesota, is the 1962 recipient of the American Heart Association's \$1000 research achievement award for "scientific accomplishment in the field of heart and blood vessel diseases."

Paul B. Sears, emeritus professor of Yale University, has joined the staff of Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N.C., as the Mary Reynolds Babcock professor of botany.

Herbert C. Barnett, recently retired chief of the entomology department at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, has joined the University of Maryland's International Center for Medical Research and Training, Baltimore, as director of the newly organized division of medical entomology and ecology.

Roman Kulwich, a research biochemist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Md., has joined the NIH Division of Research Grants, Bethesda, Md.

Victor L. Loosanoff, director of the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries' Marine Biological Laboratory, Milford, Conn., has been appointed consultant on shell fisheries to the five Pacific states, with headquarters at Tiburon, Calif.

Frederick E. Steigert, of Yale University, has been appointed associate professor of physics at the University of Connecticut.

Geoffrey V. Raynor, Feeney professor of physical metallurgy and chairman of the department at the University of Birmingham (England), is serving as Battelle professor of metallurgy at Ohio State University for the fall quarter.