Donald S. McClure (R.C.A. Laboratories), "Colors and spectra of transition-metal ions in ceramics"; H. G. Drickamer (University of Illinois), "Effect of pressure on the electronic structure of solids"; C. E. Birchenall (University of Delaware), "Diffusion in ionic crystals"; J. E. Burke (General Electric Research Laboratory), "Science and technology of sintering"; R. J. Maurer (University of Illinois), "Optical properties of ionic crystals"; H. C. Gatos (Lincoln Laboratory, M.I.T.), "Electrical properties of semiconductor materials"; L. R. Bickford, Jr. (I.B.M. Research Center), "Magnetic properties of ceramics"; John J. Gilman (Brown), "Electrons, dislocations, and the strength of ceramic crystals"; Roger Chang (Atomics International), "High-temperature mechanical behavior of ceramics"; W. D. Kingery (M.I.T.), "Effects of microstructure on the properties of ceramics"; and Gerald W. Sears (General Dynamics Electronics), "Nucleation and crystal growth."

Gilman raised the possibility of obtaining ceramic materials with ultimate strengths of 5 million pounds per

square inch, ten times stronger than steel. This, he said, can be done if we learn how to make single-crystal materials in which the dislocations do not move. "The monocrystalline form is important because of the intrinsic weakness of boundaries between such crystals," he said. The dislocations must not move because it is through the motion of dislocations that yield takes place, resulting ultimately in rupture. While probably no large structures could be made of single-crystal materials, such materials would be very useful for certain critical applications—for example, the manufacture of small-size objects such as high-pressure vessels, ultracentrifuges, gyroscopes, and magnets. The carbides of the transition metals or the light elements will be the strongest compounds for such applications.

Cyrus Klingsberg, ceramist in the metallurgy branch of the Office of Naval Research, who organized the symposium, discussed federal sponsorship of research in ceramics. He stated that only \$15.8 million out of \$9.6 billion spent annually for research could be clearly identified as spent for

ceramics research, notwithstanding the critical need for new ceramics materials. He held both the ceramist and the government scientist in some degree responsible for this low level of support. On the one hand, the ceramist is primarily oriented toward the problems of industry, his research shows less breadth and imagination than research in other fields, and it is devoted primarily to making the most of the properties of known materials. On the other hand, the government funding agencies have shown much less interest in the problems of ceramics than in those, say, of metallurgy and have committed insignificant sums for the improvement of ceramics materials as compared to the huge investments in metals research. If the wall is to be breached, the ceramist must embrace the "new" ceramics and the funding agency must provide support commensurate with the potential rewards.

The wind-up panel on ceramics education focused on the problems of preparing bachelor's degree candidates to meet the needs of the ceramics industry and of conducting meaningful research at the graduate level to train an entirely different breed of ceramists. It was clear that not all departments have solved this problem, and in fact that none had solved it in its entirety. Participating in this discussion were G. W. Brindley (Pennsylvania State University), chairman; R. L. Coble (M.I.T.); R. L. Cook (University of Illinois); I. B. Cutler (University of Utah); V. D. Frechette (Alfred); J. E. Mueller (University of Washington); J. A. Pask (University of California, Berkeley); R. Russell, Jr. (Ohio State University); and R. L. Sproull (Cornell).

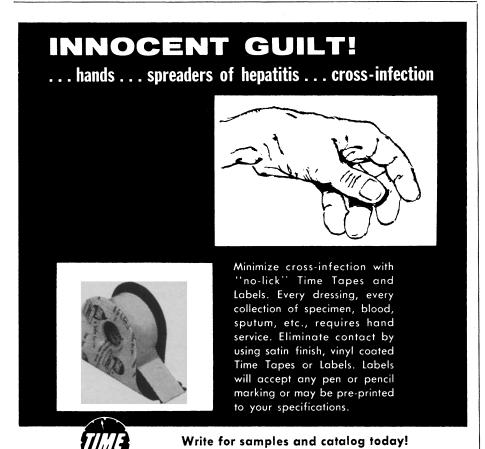
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