

rect attack on the pathogen by some element of the soil fauna or flora, perhaps the major mechanism is of an indirect nature, or through the creation of greater stresses for the pathogen in its competition for moisture, air, food, and space. It also seemed clear that even slight modifications in crop culture could greatly improve the effectiveness of biological control. This in itself struck a note of hope.

Enthusiasm and interest ran high throughout the sessions, a fact which attests to the promise and optimism felt for the future of biological control. In the minds of the organizing committee this alone was evidence of success for one of the prime objectives of the symposium—to stimulate research in what seems now to be a potentially rewarding approach to plant disease control.

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In order to make available the invited papers and discussions, it is planned to publish the proceedings of the symposium.

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Forthcoming Events

September

9-11. **Weak Interactions**, intern. conf., Brookhaven, N.Y. (G. C. Wick, Brookhaven Natl. Lab., Long Island, N.Y.)

9-11. **Soils**, Laboratory Shear Testing, Ottawa, Ont., Canada. (American Soc. for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.)

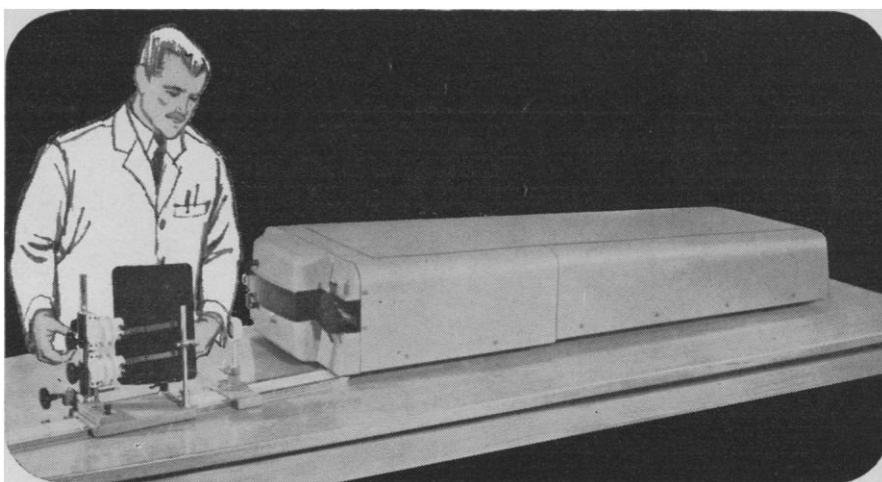
9-12. **Production Engineering Research**, intern. conf., Pittsburgh, Pa. (Carnegie Inst. of Technology, Pittsburgh)

9-12. **Instrument Soc. of America**, conf. and exhibit, Chicago, Ill. (T. A. Abbott, American Oil Co., 2400 New York Ave., Whiting, Ind.)

9-13. **International Union against Cancer**, conf., Amsterdam, Netherlands. (H. G. Kwa, UICC Cancer Conf., c/o Congresdienst Gemeente Amsterdam 4, St. Agnietenstraat, Amsterdam-C)




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