

Announcements

The division of **chemical physics** of Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization moved in April to new headquarters, the David Rivett Laboratory, Clayton, Victoria. The new facility, near Monash University, is the first of CSIRO's chemical research laboratories to be located away from the headquarters in Fishermen's Bend.

St. Louis University will send faculty members to a Dominican Republic university during the next 6 years under an **Alliance for Progress** contract with the Agency for International Development. The contract, for over \$1,650,000, requires that the school furnish faculty and supporting staff, along with some books and teaching aids, for the Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, in Santiago. Local businesses and industrial concerns in Santiago have aided the school by establishing scholarships and by their fund-raising efforts. The St. Louis University assistance is designed to strengthen the administration, organization, and academic programs of the Santiago institution. This assistance will include creation of a social science faculty with research capabilities, development of a library for social sciences and other fields, development of a language teaching laboratory, help to organize a training program for teachers in secondary schools, and development of a fund-raising pro-

gram to make the 6-year-old institution self-supporting. Plans for the first 2 years call for the St. Louis University to send eight full-time, Spanish-speaking, professional staff members and four research assistants, plus additional short-term consultants.

Publications

The Smithsonian Astrophysical Laboratory has prepared, under a grant from NASA, a **star catalog** that identifies and locates approximately a quarter of a million stars. It lists every known star from the first to the ninth magnitude and also includes many fainter ones. The catalog is available on magnetic tape from SAO, 60 Garden Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, for \$50; or in a four-volume, 2700-page, hard-cover version from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for \$20.

Scientists in the News

John T. Edsall, professor of biological chemistry at Harvard, will receive the 1966 Passano award 27 June during the American Medical Association's annual convention. The \$5000 award cites Edsall's work in analyzing the physical-chemical basis of the structure and biologic activity of amino acids, peptides, and proteins and in fostering

the physical-chemical approach to biochemical problems.

John H. Kelso, assistant executive officer of the Bureau of State Services (Environmental Health) for the Public Health Service, has been named executive officer of PHS, responsible for the operating policies, practices, and procedures of the agency. He succeeds **Donald Simpson**, who in January became assistant secretary for administration of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Max F. Day, former assistant chief of the division of entomology of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, has been appointed to the CSIRO Executive. Day was Australia's chief scientific liaison officer in Washington from October 1955 to October 1957.

Efraim Racker, chief of the biochemistry department for the Public Health Research Institute of the City of New York, will join Cornell University 1 September as Einstein Professor of Biochemistry.

S. Fred Singer resigned as dean of the school of environmental and planetary sciences at the University of Miami, effective 31 May. He will remain at the school as professor of atmospheric science.

Recent Deaths

Basil George Christidis, 64; professor of agronomy, University of Thessaloniki, and director of the Cotton Research Institute, Sindos, Greece; 9 February.

Pinckney J. Harmon, 53; head of the department of anatomy at New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry; 13 May.

Carl Gunnard Johnson, 64; Higgins professor of engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute; 21 May.

Delmar Leighton, 69; retired dean of Harvard College; 12 May.

Dmitri I. Scherbakov, 73; member of the Presidium of the Soviet Academy of Sciences; 26 May.

Erratum: In the report "Heart rate: changes during conditioned suppression in rats" by L. de Toledo and A. H. Black (3 June, p. 1404), a line of type was dropped. On page 1404, column 3, the third full paragraph should have begun "Heart rate was recorded from permanently implanted Grass disc electrodes (5)."

Johnson Recommends 8 for Science Board Membership

President Johnson announced on Monday the names of the eight men he intends to nominate for membership on the National Science Board. The board recommends broad national policies on basic research and science education, and is the chief policy-making body for the National Science Foundation. Its 24 members are appointed by the president with the consent of the Senate. The nominees are:

Clifford M. Hardin, chancellor of the University of Nebraska.

Charles F. Jones, president of Humble Oil and Refining Company, Houston.

Thomas F. Jones, Jr., president of the University of South Carolina.

Joseph M. Reynolds, vice president for graduate studies and research development at Louisiana State University.

Athelstan F. Spilhaus, dean of the Institute of Technology at the University of Minnesota.

Richard H. Sullivan, president of Reed College.

Robert S. Morison, director of the division of biological sciences at Cornell.

E. R. Piore, vice president and chief scientist for International Business Machines Corporation.

Morison and Piore are being nominated to full 6-year terms; both are currently filling unexpired terms.