

NEWS IN BRIEF

● **HEADS NEW PHS CENTER:** Jerome H. Svore has been named director of the Public Health Service's new National Center for Urban and Industrial Health in Cincinnati. The Center will deal with prevention and control of environmental hazards and health problems associated with urban living, transportation, and industry; it will encompass existing PHS activities now located in the Cincinnati area, with the exception of air pollution and radiological health work. The Center, which formally opens next week, is part of the PHS's new Bureau of Disease Prevention and Environmental Control and will replace the Bureau of State Services in the PHS reorganization plan. A commissioned PHS officer since 1940, Svore has been Regional Program Director for PHS's water pollution activities in Region VII with offices in Dallas since 1958 and has been with the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration since 1965.

● **BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES GRANTS:** Applications are now being accepted for Biomedical Sciences Support Grants administered by the National Institutes of Health. The grants extend general research support to academic institutions other than health professional schools. The institution must have at least \$200,000 in NIH research awards to qualify. Information and applications can be obtained from Biomedical Sciences Support Grant Program, General Research Support Branch, Division of Research Facilities and Resources, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. Applications must be postmarked no later than 3 February 1967.

● **APPOINTMENTS:** Eugene B. Konnecci, senior professional staff member of the National Aeronautics and Space Council in Washington, to the University of Texas where he will be professor of management in the College of Business Administration, professor of aerospace engineering in the College of Engineering, and clinical professor of bioengineering in the University's new South Texas Medical School in San Antonio. . . . Three educators appointed to 1-year terms on the National Science Foundation's Advisory Committee for Science Education: Sanford S. Atwood,

president of Emory University; Arnold E. Ross, chairman of the mathematics department at Ohio State University; and William A. Stallard, president of South Florida Junior College. . . . Arland Frederick Christ-Janer, president of Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, to be president of Boston University. He succeeds Harold Case, Boston's president since 1951, who is retiring.

● **CONGRESS AND SCIENCE:** Senator Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine), a leader in pollution control legislation, will reintroduce next session a resolution to establish a Select Committee on Technology and Human Environment. The committee would have no legislative powers, but would serve as the central source of Senate information on technological advances. It would be composed of three senators from each of the following committees: Banking and Currency, Commerce, Interior, Public Works, and Labor and Public Welfare. After 3 years, members would report on the investment of technological resources which will best bring about desirable changes in the environment. Muskie's resolution is the Senate counterpart of a recent recommendation by Rep. Emilio Q. Daddario (D-Conn.) that the House establish technology study groups and a technology assessment board. The suggestions of both men are aimed at improving congressional use of technological knowledge.

● **MEDICAL REVIEW BIBLIOGRAPHY:** In an effort to stimulate broader exchange of biomedical information, the National Library of Medicine of the Public Health Service is publishing two pilot issues of a proposed monthly *Bibliography of Medical Reviews*. The review articles are designed to provide biomedical researchers, practitioners, and educators with rapid access to information in specific subject areas, as well as in peripheral fields. The pilot issues are being distributed to determine interest in offering the publication as a monthly subscription feature. Copies of the pilot issues are available on request from the Assistant to the Director, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

● **DOD ENGINEERING OFFICE:** The Advanced Research Projects Agency of the Department of Defense has established an Office of Advanced Engineering. The office is to provide a means for supporting developments in engineering which do not come reasonably under the charters of ARPA's other offices and which are not funded by the military services, but which could have significant benefit to DOD. Chiao Jen Wang, former Deputy Director of Booz-Allen Applied Research, Inc.'s combined Arms Research Office at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, will head the ARPA office.

● **NEW POST CREATED BY NSF:** Louis Levin has been appointed Associate Director (for Institutional Relations) of the National Science Foundation. The new position reflects NSF's increased interest in institutional, as contrasted with individual, support for scientific research and education. Levin is former head of the Office of Program Development and Analyses at NSF.

● **ACADEMY REALIGNMENT:** Hugh Odishaw, who came to the National Academy of Sciences in 1953 as staff director for the International Geophysical Year, has been appointed executive secretary of the National Research Council Division of Physical Sciences. NAS has also announced that the Space Science Board, the Geophysics Research Board, and the Committee on Polar Research—groups with which Odishaw has been closely associated—would be shifted into NRC as the joint responsibility of the Division of Physical Sciences and the Division of Earth Sciences. Lewis Slack, staff member of the Division of Physical Sciences for the past five years, will serve as assistant executive secretary of the Division.

● **FLORA AND FAUNA:** The Mexican government has imposed new restrictions on all persons—including scientists—who wish to collect and export live wild animals and plants. The restrictions cover a variety of plant and animal species, and involve applications, permits, and in some cases, fees. Detailed information is available from the Public Information Office, National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C.