

a topic where a man's age might have reasonably been expected to affect his view of the subject, the average age of the contributors to "The Negro American" was approximately 47. Their birthdates ranged from 1897 to 1931. One participant notes that the representation at the conferences "was predominantly white, predominantly middle-aged, and entirely middle class." These *Dædalus* conferences were held in an era when much of the change in the position of the Negro American was occurring as the result of the activities of those who were predominantly black, predominantly young, and partially lower class.

Despite any imbalances in these conferences, "The Negro American" generally received praise from scholars when it appeared in book form. In a review appearing in the current *Transaction*, Rice University sociologist William M. McCord commented: "While the writers seldom report new evidence concerning the Negro American, they artfully synthesize existing knowledge in a way which produces unique insights into the plight of the Negroes."

McCord's judgment might equally apply to most issues of *Dædalus*: its contributors do not report new findings so much as "artfully synthesize" that knowledge which already exists in their own specialty. When done well, as it often is in *Dædalus*, this synthesis represents a considerable achievement.

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## Appointments

**Robert D. O'Neill**, AEC congressional liaison officer, to director of the Office of Congressional Relations, succeeding **John J. Burke** who has been appointed special assistant to the assistant general manager for operations. . . . **Kathryn M. Smith**, dean of the University of Colorado School of Nursing, to member of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine. . . . **John M. Buchanan**, head of the division of biochemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to John and Dorothy Wilson Professor at M.I.T. . . . **Albert O. Hirschman**, faculty member of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy School of Government, Harvard, to Lucius N. Littauer Professor of Political Economy at the University. . . . **Jim Douglas, Jr.**, professor of mathematics, Rice University, to professor of mathematics, University of

Chicago. . . . **Richard E. Faust**, supervisor of research projects, College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Columbia University, to adjunct instructor in pharmacy administration at the College. . . .

**Bruno W. Augenstein**, research adviser to the president and vice-president of the Institute for Defense Analyses, to a newly established position of vice-president for research, RAND Corporation. . . .

**Warren E. Nyer**, former deputy director general for administration, liaison and secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna, to vice-chairman of the AEC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, from which members of atomic safety and licensing boards are chosen. . . .

**D. Kenneth Baker**, manager of professional personnel and university relations, General Electric Research and Development Center, Schenectady, to vice president of the University and dean of the College of Letters and Science, St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York. . . .

**John C. Brandt, Jr.**, senior staff member in the fields of solar wind and solar physics, NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, New York, to head of the Solar Physics Branch, Laboratory for Space Sciences, Goddard Space Flight Center. . . .

**Eugene Availone**, chairman of the mechanical engineering department, City College, to the newly established post of dean of campus planning and development at the College. . . .

**Thomas F. Bates**, science adviser of the Department of the Interior, to vice president for planning at Pennsylvania State University. . . . **Douglas H. K. Lee**, chief of the Public Health Service's Occupational Health Research and Training Facility, Cincinnati, to associate director for scientific information,

Division of Environmental Health Sciences, NIH. . . . **G. N. Ramachandran**, professor of physics, dean of faculty science, and director of the Center for Advanced Study in Biophysics and Crystallography, University of Madras, India, to an additional appointment of professor of biophysics, University of Chicago. . . . **George Grassmuck**, acting director of the University of Michigan's Center for Near East and North African Studies, to assistant vice president to coordinate international programs at the University. . . .

**Leon Gintzig**, professor of hospital administration, George Washington University, to chairman of the department of health care administration at the University. . . . **Alexander D.**

**Kenny**, professor of pharmacology, West Virginia University, to professor of pharmacology, School of Medicine, and senior investigator, Space Sciences Research Center, University of Missouri, Columbia. . . . **Wayne Vasey**, former head of the schools of social work at the University of Iowa, Rutgers University, and Washington University, to professor of social work at the University of Michigan. . . . **The Most Rev. Ernest J. Primeau**, bishop of Manchester, N.H., to president general of the National Catholic Education Association. . . . **Will M. Myers**, associate director for Agricultural Science, Rockefeller Foundation, to vice-president of the Foundation. . . . **Marshall N. Rosenbluth**, professor of physics at the University of California, San Diego, to professor in the School of Natural Sciences, the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton.

## Recent Deaths

**Daniel Abramson**, 64; associate clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology, Harvard Medical School; 1 April.

**Julian Blanchard**, 81; retired physicist for the Bell Research Laboratories; 25 March.

**Paul E. Golden**, 79; physicist in the sugar laboratories of the National Bureau of Standards; 29 March.

**Jaroslav Heyrovsky**, 76; director of the Czechoslovak Polographic Institute and recipient of a Nobel prize for chemistry; 28 March.

**Rowell H. Johnson**, 90; retired director of the department of counseling of the American Institute of Family Relations; 17 January.

**Hermann J. Muller**, 76; professor emeritus of genetics, Indiana University and recipient of a Nobel prize for physiology or medicine; 5 April.

**Jule Nydes**, 56; supervisor of the postdoctoral training program in psychotherapy at Adelphi University, Long Island; 21 March.

**Richard S. Schweet**, 48; chairman of the department of cell biology, University of Kentucky; 3 April.

**Victor C. Twitty**, 65; head of the biological sciences department, Stanford University, and past president of the American Society of Zoologists; 22 March.

**G. Reynolds Watkins**, 52; chairman of the Professional Engineers in Private Practice of the National Society of Professional Engineers; 3 April.