

In contrast to the AEC-supported high-energy laboratories, the synchrotron that NSF paid for at Cornell University is wide open to all visitors—without any detectable decline so far in national security.

As word of the NAL contract negotiations spread through the high-energy community, various scientists came forward to cite incidents in which the AEC blocked visits that American scientists had sought to arrange for Soviet colleagues. Thus, it was reported, for example, that last August, two Soviet physicists attending a conference in New Hampshire sought permission to visit the Cambridge Electron Accelerator. The request was forwarded to the AEC—and turned down. At the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, the AEC refused admission to a student who had fled from Communist China. At the Brookhaven National Laboratory a number of nettlesome incidents led the high-energy discussion group there to the unanimous adoption of a motion and discussion summary last November which stated, in part:

Despite appreciable efforts, BNL has had a long history of difficulties in obtaining from the AEC and the State Department visitor permits and guest appointments for not only East European scientists, but even for some leading French physicists. Not only have these affairs offended the dignity of our European colleagues, but they are a continued source of embarrassment to American scientists. . . . Clearly the scientific quality and morale of a laboratory will suffer if its personnel policies are used by the government for political purposes.

All of these incidents, as well as others, were cited in an effort to persuade the AEC to make NAL an open laboratory and eventually to open the other accelerator laboratories. In this quest, the NAL staff and the officers of the consortium that operate NAL are said to have put strong efforts behind the proposal for liberalization. But, it is reported, the AEC was adamant in retaining its authority to regulate visits. In justification, it is said to have cited pressures from the Congressional Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, as well as the State Department's insistence that tit-for-tat govern East-West traffic. Although most particle physicists seem to feel that the best route to East-West cooperation is through openness on this side of the relationship those who have the final say are holding to rules that were formulated in the chilliest days of the Cold War.—D.S.G.

APPOINTMENTS



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Eberhardt Reichtin, assistant director, for Tracking and Data Acquisition, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, to director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency. . . . **Edward D. Re**, professor of law, St. John's University, visiting professor of law, Georgetown University School of Law, chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the U.S., and member of the board of higher education, New York City, to assistant secretary of State for educational and cultural affairs. . . . He succeeds Charles Frankel, who retired as of 31 December. (*Science*, 15 December 1967).

. . . **George K. Fraenkel**, chairman of the department of chemistry, Columbia University, to dean of graduate faculties at the university. . . . **Robert B. Leachman**, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory Group Leader, to head of the physics department and director of nuclear sciences laboratory, Kansas State University. . . . **Robert H. Schiffman**, program director of the biosatellite project at the brain research institute, University of California at Los Angeles, to director of the Space Sciences Research Center, University of Missouri, Columbia. . . . **Francis R. Abinatti**, chief of the virology and rickettsiology branch, extramural programs, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, to associate director for extramural programs, NIAID; **Maurice Landy**, chief of the Laboratory of Immunology, NIAID, to chief of allergy and immunology branch of the extramural program; and **Robert T. Scholes**, research grants officer for NIAID, to acting chief of the virology and rickettsiology branch. . . . **Fred F. Harclerod**, president of California State College, to president of the American College Testing Program. . . . **Frank B. Golley**, director of the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory, Institute of Ecology, University of Georgia, to executive director of the institute. . . . **Karl Strauch**, professor of physics at Harvard, to director

of the Cambridge Electron Accelerator. He succeeds **M. Stanley Livingston**, currently on leave as professor of physics, MIT, who has recently been named associate director of the National Accelerator Laboratory. . . . **George E. Watson**, curator and supervisor of the Division of Birds, Smithsonian Institution, to chairman of the department of vertebrate zoology, at the institution. . . . **Charles E. Kossmann**, professor of medicine, New York University School of Medicine, to chief of the division of cardiovascular diseases, Tennessee College of Medicine. . . . **Howard E. Mitchell**, professor of human resources, University of Pennsylvania, to 1907 Foundation Professor in Urbanism and Human Resources at the university. . . . **J. E. Slater**, program officer, Office of International Relations, Ford Foundation, to president of the Salk Institute. . . . **Murray Goodman**, professor of chemistry, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, to director of the Polytechnic's Polymer Research Institute. . . .

RECENT DEATHS

Theodore W. Bretz, 59; head of the department of plant pathology and professor of plant pathology and forestry, University of Missouri; 31 December.

Robert P. Daniel, 65; president of Virginia State College; 5 January.

Grace Medes, 86; visiting scientist, department of biochemistry, Temple University Medical School; 31 December.

Donald T. Ries, 64; retired professor of entomology, Illinois State University; 1 January.

Edmund W. Sinnott, 79; former dean of Yale University Graduate School and past president of AAAS; 6 January.

J. L. B. Smith, 70; discoverer of a live coelacanth, once believed extinct, and resident professor of ichthyology, Rhodes University, South Africa; 7 January.

Herbert G. Tanner, 74; retired member of the research staff, Fort Detrick; 22 December.

Karl Twitchell, 82; mining engineer, who helped develop the mining resources of Saudi Arabia and Yemen; 7 January.

Norman Williams, 49; director of exploration and development for the Brush Beryllium Company and former professor of geology, Northwestern University; 8 January.