

causes and consequences of violent behavior; (ii) to transmit and apply research findings through consultation with public agencies and authorities responsible for social control; and (iii) to train researchers in methods for studying violence and to conduct seminars for students as well as for persons in public agencies.

In its relatively short period of operation, the Center has begun a variety of activities. It has gone into the making of documentary movies, and has finished a 50-minute film based on a conference sponsored by the Center last year to promote discussion between black militants and city officials. (The title of the film, "Our Problem Is You," was the remark of a militant leader as he pointed to some of the white officials during the conference.) The Center is also doing a film about the Pittsburgh police department. The Center is establishing a unit for documents relating to violence, including movie and television film, diaries of violent persons, and records of the behavior of vigilante groups. A bibliographic center is being organized, and there are plans to publish an annotated bibliography on violence.

The Center runs a Riot Data Clearinghouse which compiles material on racially connected disturbances occurring in the nation, by examining newspapers, by telephone calls, and through reports from on-the-scene observers. The people at the Center said that they soon learned that they had more complete data on riots than could be found elsewhere in the country, including the relevant federal agencies. Consequently, in May, the Center published its first issue of *Riot Data Review* which contained an account of the nation's civil disorders during the first 3 months of this year. The study lists about ten times as many disorders this year before Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination as in the comparable period last year, states that more than two-thirds of these disturbances took place in schools and colleges, and indicates that New Jersey was the state which had the most racial disturbances early this year. The Center plans to publish its second issue of the *Review* in the near future describing the disorders which occurred after 1 April.

At present, Spiegel says, the Lemberg Center employs about 15 professionals at Brandeis and ten more research people in the field. Ralph W. Conant, a political scientist who specializes in urban problems, is associate director.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### ● HARVARD - M.I.T. PROGRAM:

Harvard University and M.I.T. have announced plans for a joint nonprofit corporation to develop a system for sharing computers, televising lectures, and transferring library information. The corporation, directed by Carl F. J. Overhage of M.I.T.'s Project INTREX, will be known as the University Information Technology Corporation (UNITEC). The cost is estimated at more than \$500,000 per year.

### ● STATE RESEARCH AID:

The State of Pennsylvania's Science and Engineering Board has announced \$1.4 million in research and development contracts for a new "brainpower" program, intended to generate new jobs and stimulate economic growth in Pennsylvania. The 11-member Board, directed by Robert E. Hansen, claims to be the first state-sponsored science board with funding capabilities. Thirteen institutions have been selected to receive the first year's grants, which will be for materials science, nuclear engineering, biomedicine, computer sciences, transportation, regional development, and environmental research.

### ● SWEDISH RESEARCH POLICY SERVICES:

The University of Lund, Sweden, has established an international library on research policy. The library, which will answer queries by mail, is now accumulating materials on national policy programs throughout the world. Contributions of materials also are being solicited; letters may be addressed to the Research Policy Program, University of Lund, Sölvegatan 8, Lund, Sweden.

### ● AAAS-Westinghouse Science Writing Awards:

Entries are now being accepted for the 1968 AAAS-Westinghouse Science Writing Awards competition. Awards of \$1000 each will be presented for outstanding nonmedical science writing in (i) newspapers of over 100,000 daily circulation, (ii) newspapers of less than 100,000 daily circulation, and (iii) magazines of general circulation. Entries must have appeared in print between 1 October 1967 and 30 September 1968. Deadline for submission is 10 October 1968. For additional information contact Grayce A. Finger, AAAS, 1515 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

### ● MEDICAL TEACHING GRANTS:

The Richard King Mellon Charitable Trusts have awarded grants totaling \$10 million to 30 private medical schools to strengthen and improve the quality of medical faculties. The trust was established by Richard King Mellon, a Pittsburgh financier.

### ● IMMIGRANT SCIENTISTS:

More than 5300 foreign scientists and engineers were admitted as permanent residents of the United States in the year ending 30 June 1965, according to a National Science Foundation report. This was a drop of 7 percent from the previous year. Nearly half of the scientists entered from Europe, with the largest numbers from Canada, the United Kingdom, and Germany. The 12-page NSF report, *Reviews of Data on Science Resources*, No. 13, is available for 10¢ from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

### ● BERING SEA SURVEY:

This summer the Bering Sea continental shelf will undergo an extensive survey by the Environmental Science Services Administration and the Geological Survey. The survey, which will include a collection of sediment samples, will be made principally off the coast of Nome, Alaska, in western Norton Sound. It is part of a long-range national program to map and study the 862,000 statute square miles of U.S. continental shelf.

### ● SOCIETY OF PHYSICS STUDENTS:

The student section of the American Institute of Physics has merged with Sigma Pi Sigma, national honor society in physics, to form the Society of Physics Students. The new organization, as part of AIP, with chapters on approximately 325 campuses, will serve as a general society for graduate and undergraduate students interested in physics. Sigma Pi Sigma will still maintain a separate identity as well, electing students to membership on the basis of academic attainment.

### ● NEW PUBLICATION:

*The Report on the Intrauterine Contraceptive Devices* of the Food and Drug Administration is available, at 55¢ a copy, from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.