

Laboratory of the General Electric Company at Schenectady.

Tuesday afternoon's program will include a session on postwar planning. The speakers will be John F. Fennelly, executive director of the Committee for Economic Development; Paul G. Hoffman, chairman of the Committee for Economic Development and president of the Studebaker Corporation, and W. C. Schroeder, assistant chief of the Fuels and Explosives Service, Bureau of Mines, Washington, D. C. The Tuesday night sessions will include a paper on "Principles of Air Cargo Design," by A. Klemm, of New York University; a symposium on "War-Time Problems of Industrial-Instrument Departments"; a production research panel on "What Most Needs to be Done in the Way of Production Research at This Time," and a panel discussion on "Accelerating Scientific Management in the Federal Government" with the following discussion leaders: Arthur S. Flemming, commissioner, U. S. Civil Service Commission; W. A. Jump, director of finance, U. S. Department of Agriculture; J. M. Juran, administrator, Office of Lend-Lease Administration; and L. A. Appley, deputy chairman and executive director, War Manpower Commission.

At the luncheon of the aviation division on Wednesday, Colonel Nathaniel F. Silsbee, U. S. A., Air Information Section of the Bureau of Public Relations, will be the principal speaker. At the dinner in the evening Harold V. Coes, president of the association, will speak on "Wartime Research and Development—A Molder of Engineering," and Ralph Damon, vice-president and general manager of the American Airlines, Inc., will give an address on "Aviation; During and After the War." The annual awards and honors will be conferred.

On Thursday, there will be luncheons of the railroad and of the textile divisions and the programs will include papers on railroad equipment in the post-war period. The evening session will include a program on biomechanics and on Friday there will be papers on textiles.

In connection with the meeting, Leo T. Crowley, Alien Property Custodian of the United States Government, has announced that an exhibit of some 45,000 copies of vested U. S. patents and patent applications will be shown and representatives of the custodian's office will be present to answer questions concerning these inventions and the licensing policy of the custodian. These patents and patent applications in the mechanical, electrical and chemical fields were formerly enemy-owned or enemy-controlled, but are now controlled by the Alien Property Custodian.

DECLARATION OF CITIZENS OF ARGENTINA

WE have received from Dr. Robert A. Lambert, associate director of the Rockefeller Foundation, a "declaration" published on October 13 and signed by a hundred and fifty eminent Argentine citizens, including South America's greatest scientist, Bernardo A. Houssay, and the government's reply dismissing all signers who held official positions. This means that the professors of physiology in the three leading medical schools, Houssay (Buenos Aires), J. T. Lewis (Rosario) and Oscar Orias (Cordoba) are out, along with a number of other distinguished university teachers.

A DECLARATION OF EFFECTIVE DEMOCRACY AND AMERICAN SOLIDARITY FORMULATED BY A GROUP OF THE COUNTRY'S REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS

In order to express their opinion on the fundamental problems of the day and the solution which in their opinion is demanded, representative citizens of the federal capital, Rosario, Córdoba and La Plata, have resolved to sign the declaration which we herewith publish.

Among the signers figure men of outstanding action in the universities, finance, commerce, industry, journalism, letters and arts, scholastic centers and workers' syndicates, together with former ministers of state, ambassadors, legislators and heads of political parties such as the Civic Radical Union, Socialist, National Democrat, Progressive Democrat and Antipersonalist.

The document in question follows:

"We, the undersigned citizens of the present declaration, belonging to various walks of the national life, consider that at this present moment of the nation's history it is imperative and urgent to express the fundamental solution demanded by the vast majority of the people and which constitutes at the same time the basis for insuring union, peace and the future of the Argentinians.

"We sum up this resolution in the following terms: effective democracy through the faithful application of all the stipulations of the National Constitution and American solidarity through the loyal fulfilment of the international commitments signed by the representatives of the country. Argentina can not and should not apply only a part of her Constitution and live isolated or estranged from her brother peoples of America and from those of the world fighting for democracy. We also hold that the freedom of assembly and of the press—most essential within our institutional regimen—would afford opportunity for public opinion to ratify in decisive form the basic concepts here set forth.

"We deem it indispensable to further the realization of this national desire and hope that the citizens who share our aims will advise us of their adherence through any of the undersigners, believers in the motto: Effective democracy and American solidarity."

THE PRESIDENT ORDERS THE DISMISSAL OF THOSE
SIGNING A MANIFESTO
THE MEASURE TOOK EFFECT ON OCTOBER 16 AND
INCLUDES OFFICIALS AND TEACHERS PAID
OR OTHERWISE

Buenos Aires, October 16, 1943. The Secretary of the Nation's President, Colonel Don Enrique P. González, has this day sent to the secretaries of state in the various ministries the following memorandum:

"To the Minister: On behalf of His Excellency the President, I have the honor to address Your Excellency to inform you that His Excellency has resolved that as of this day's date the signers of a manifesto which appeared in yesterday's papers, a copy of which I enclose, and which contains declarations incompatible with the honorable discharge of public duty, be declared dismissed from the national administration or any of its dependents. This decision of the government includes all those who hold public office or official positions, whether paid or honorary and of whatever nature.

"As you certainly can not fail to realize, it is not permissible for officials or employees of the state, who are obliged to set an example of respect and loyalty, to arrogate to themselves powers which conflict with administrative ethics and public morals. Nor is it acceptable that

officials or employees of the state aspire to rectify, by means of collective and extraordinary declarations, a government to which they are subject and whose laws, decrees and regulations they are bound to obey. Nor can it be tolerated that they share and strengthen concepts held by militant politicians. All the above disturbs the general peace, which must be maintained at whatever cost.

"Officials and employees of the state should be fully aware of their duties, and when they forget them it is necessary to suppress the disobedience and to remind each one clearly of his position.

With my kind regards."

DISMISSALS IN THE MUNICIPALITY

The Municipal Administration yesterday issued a communication to the following effect:

In accordance with the decree of the President of the Nation, General Don Pedro Pablo Ramírez, as of this date the municipal administrator, General Don Basilio B. Periné, issued a decree calling for the dismissal of those municipal employees who signed the manifesto which appeared in the papers of the 15th instant and which contains declarations incompatible with the honorable discharge of public duty.

—From the Spanish
ESH, November 3, 1943

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE American section of the Society of Chemical Industry has awarded the Perkin Medal to Gaston F. DuBois, vice-president of the Monsanto Chemical Company, St. Louis, "in recognition of his outstanding work in applied chemistry." The presentation will be made at a dinner meeting of the society which will take place on January 7 at the Hotel Commodore, New York City.

DR. WILLIAM HOVGAARD, professor emeritus of naval construction at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, received on November 12 the David W. Taylor Medal, the highest award of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, in recognition of "outstanding achievement in naval architecture." The presentation was made at the annual dinner, which was given at the close of the two-day golden anniversary meeting of the society.

ORVILLE WRIGHT will be the guest of honor on December 17 at a dinner in Washington to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the first successful airplane flight of the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk, N. C. The invitation was extended by President Roosevelt at the request of an anniversary committee headed by Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones.

PROFESSOR J. L. SYNGE, of the Ohio State University, has been awarded the Henry Marshall Tory Medal of the Royal Society of Canada "for achievement in scientific research." Dr. Synge was formerly

professor of applied mathematics at the University of Toronto.

SIR HAROLD SPENCER JONES, Astronomer Royal of England, has been elected an honorary member of the American Astronomical Society.

DR. ERNEST B. BABCOCK, professor of genetics and geneticist in the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of California at Berkeley, was appointed at a recent meeting of the Northern Branch of the Academic Senate to give the next annual faculty research lecture.

PROFESSOR GEORGE GRANGER BROWN, head of the department of chemical and metallurgical engineering of the University of Michigan, was elected president of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers at the recent Pittsburgh meeting. He succeeds J. L. Bennett, manager of chemical operations in the explosives department of the Hercules Company. Dr. L. W. Bass, director of the New England Industrial Research Foundation, Boston, formerly assistant director of the Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, was elected vice-president.

CHESTER ALAN FULTON, president of the Southern Phosphate Corporation of Baltimore, has been elected president of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers. John L. Christie, of Handy and Harmon, and J. Robert Van Pelt, Jr., geologist