

medicine, agriculture, and other fields; (vi) prepare training materials for ICA programs; and (vii) brief U.S. representatives or delegations planning to attend international meetings or conferences.

The new group will also take the initiative in suggesting programs or preparing materials it thinks may be of value in ICA's efforts to render technical and economic assistance to other governments. The ICA has bilateral agreements to provide information and consulting service to 56 nations.

IGY Annals

Pergamon Press has announced publication of the *Annals of the International Geophysical Year*, which will be the official journal of the IGY central committee (CSAGI). The *Annals* will describe the inception, the planning, the preparations, and the program of the IGY, and in due course the progress and some of the main results.

Harold Spencer Jones will serve as general editor with the aid of an editorial advisory board that consists of A. H. Shapley (world days), J. Van Mieghem (meteorology), V. Laursen (geomagnetism), S. Chapman (aurora and airglow), W. J. G. Beynon (ionosphere), Y. Ohman (solar activity), J. A. Simpson (cosmic rays), A. Danjon (longitude and latitude), James Wordie (glaciology), G. Laclavère (oceanography), L. V. Berkner (rockets and satellites), V. V. Belousov (seismology), P. Lejay (gravity measurement), and M. Nicolet (nuclear radiation).

It is anticipated that from four to six volumes of the *Annals* will be published during 1957 and 1958. Subscription rates are £6 or \$17 per volume. Orders should be placed with Pergamon Press at either 122 E. 55 St., New York 22, N.Y., or 4 and 5, Fitzroy Square, London, W.1, England.

Washington University

Washington University (St. Louis) has announced a gift of \$200,000 from the Anheuser-Busch Charitable Trust for construction of a new laboratory for research in cellular and molecular biology. An additional grant of \$150,000 from the National Institutes of Health makes possible completion of the building, which will be named the Adolphus Busch III Laboratory of Biology. Busch, who died of cancer in 1946, was president of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., from 1934 until his death. The new building is expected to be ready for occupancy late next spring.

Simultaneously, the university announced a new program of teaching and

research in biology that will emphasize close collaboration among biologists, chemists, and physicists. Two new members will be added to the faculty of the department of zoology and the School of Botany, for the new program is to be established as a joint activity in those departments with the cooperation of the departments of chemistry and physics.

The program will encompass education and research in the general area involving life-processes of cells and the chemical and physical reactions which govern them. The area includes biological, chemical, and physical analyses of cellular processes such as inheritance, growth, differentiation, cell division, and metabolism as related to higher animals and plants, microorganisms, and viruses. Plans for the new program were made by a faculty committee headed by Barry Commoner, professor of plant physiology.

Lipotropic Research

The Lipotropic Research Foundation of New York will receive applications for grants-in-aid for 1958 until 15 Aug., with special attention being given to clinical studies. A request for application forms, which should include a short statement describing professional affiliations and experience, may be addressed to the administrative secretary, Dr. L. Lipton, 26 Vark St., Yonkers 1, N.Y.

Proposed Legislation

Of the many bills introduced in Congress, some have a special relevance to science and education. A list of such bills introduced recently follows:

HR 7465. Make the evaluation of recreational benefits, and fish and wildlife conservation, resulting from any flood control, navigation, or reclamation project an integral part of project planning. Smith (D Miss.) House Interior and Insular Affairs.

HR 7472. Amend Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide for establishment of an accelerated civilian atomic power program. Van Zandt (R Pa.) Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

HR 7621. Authorize Federal assistance to the states and local communities in financing a program of atomic and disaster shelters in the Nation's schools. Edmondson (D Okla.) House Armed Services.

HR 7741. Extend for 3 years the Hospital Survey and Construction Act. Knutson (D Minn.) House Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

HR 7641. Amend section 27 of Mineral Leasing Act of 25 Feb. 1920, as

amended, in order to promote the development of coal on the public domain. Thomson (R Wyo.) House Interior and Insular Affairs.

HR 7674. Amend Tariff Act of 1930 by placing beta-ray spectrometers on the free list. Gubser (R Calif.) House Ways and Means.

Scientists in the News

Eight scientists and administrative officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture recently received Distinguished Service awards from the Secretary of Agriculture. Those honored were

ROBERT P. BEACH, assistant deputy administrator for operations of the Commodity Stabilization Service, who has made important contributions to the management phases of agricultural action programs;

JOSEPH A. BECKER, director of statistics for Foreign Agricultural Service, who has improved the statistical method employed in crop reporting;

CALLIE MAE COONS, director of human nutrition research, who is noted for her leadership in national research programs that further nutritional health;

ERIC ENGLUND, U.S. agricultural attaché in London, England, who has helped to establish international wheat and sugar agreements and to create abroad a better understanding of American agriculture;

STANLEY B. FRACKER, assistant to the administrator of Agricultural Research Service, who has been with the department for 30 years, and who is well known for his work in international agricultural scientific affairs;

RICHARD W. JACKSON, head of the fermentation section, Northern Utilization Research and Development Division, who directs a staff that has found new and economical methods for producing riboflavin, vitamin B₁₂, and other highly useful fermentation products;

ROY W. LENNARTSON, deputy administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, who has helped to reduce Government farm surpluses by moving them into consumption through expanded distribution at home and abroad;

RICHARD E. McARDLE, chief of the Forest Service, who has extended protection against forest fires to 20 million additional acres since he became head of the agency 5 years ago, and who has laid the groundwork for increased tree-planting under the soil bank program.

EUGENE F. MURPHY, chief of prosthetic research and development for the Veterans Administration, will leave for Denmark in July under a Fulbright award. Murphy, who is stationed in New