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Tuberculosis

The annual report of the National Tuberculosis Association states that some 55 million people are infected with the tubercle bacillus, according to estimates based on skin sensitivity tests, and that the statistical odds are that approximately 5 percent of these, or 2.75 million people, will break down with active tuberculosis during their lifetimes if the development of active disease among the infected continues at the present rate.

The report, which has just been released, brings out that BCG, the most widely accepted vaccine against tuberculosis, cannot be employed to prevent these cases of tuberculosis because BCG is not given to people already infected with the tuberculosis germ. The report reiterates the recommendations of the NTA's medical section, the American Trudeau Society, that BCG be given to people not yet infected who are exposed to tuberculosis to an extraordinary degree, and emphasizes the importance of further research in the field of immunity to tuberculosis.

Lalor Faculty Awards in Biology

The Lalor Foundation has announced details of the 40 awards that it is offering to college and university faculty members for research in the biological sciences for the summer of 1958. Studies employing chemistry or physics may be carried on at any institution of the award holder's choice. The upper age limit for appointment is 40 years.

The awards will usually not exceed \$900 for a single man or woman, \$1100 for a married man working at his home institution, and \$1250 for a married man whose principal program is at another institution. Transportation and other expenses are not covered.

In recent years the foundation has maintained a number of postdoctorate summer fellowships at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass. With the consolidation of these fellow-

ships into the present program, it is suggested that those interested in work at M.B.L., and eligible under the Lalor faculty summer award plan, should submit applications under this newer program. Completed applications must be received before 14 January 1958 by the Director of the Lalor Foundation, 4400 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington 5, Del.

ONR Astronomy Program

The Office of Naval Research has announced support for research in astronomy for the year June 1958-June 1959. Grant applications must be submitted by 15 December. Ten copies of each proposal will be required. They should include a full description of the project and a cost breakdown and should be addressed to the Chief of Naval Research, Department of the Navy, Washington 25, D.C., Attention: Code 410. Letters of recommendation will be helpful in appraising the proposals and should be sent by the writers directly to the above address.

Scientists in the News

ROBERT W. WISSLER, who first joined the University of Chicago faculty in 1941, has been named chairman of the university's department of pathology. He succeeds PAUL R. CANNON, who retired on 30 Sept. Wissler has conducted extensive research on immunity and how it is affected by diet and irradiation. He has also shown that animals can form antibodies to destroy cancerous tissue.

The American Heart Association's 1957 Howard W. Blakeslee awards for outstanding reporting in the field of heart and circulatory diseases are as follows.

LEONARD ENGEL, free-lance writer, for his series of five articles on cardiac surgery published by the North American Newspaper Alliance, 1-6 Dec. 1956.

WALTER BAZAR, for his series of six articles entitled "New Hope for Your Heart," reporting on progress in research and advances in the treatment of cardiovascular diseases, including heart surgery. This series was published in the *New York Journal-American* during the week of 16 Dec. 1956.

DON DUNHAM, for his spot news report on the first "stopped heart" operation, which involved the use of a drug to make the heart motionless during surgery while the patient's blood was circulated by means of a heart-lung machine. The operation was performed at the Cleveland Clinic. Dunham's news story was published on 16 Apr. 1956 in the *Cleveland Press*.

STEVEN M. SPENCER, for an article entitled, "They Repair Damaged