

1956, reversing a downward trend that had been recorded each year since 1946. There were 131,763 cases of syphilis in all stages reported in the continental United States last year, compared with 123,044 in 1955. The 1947 total was 355,592.

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The Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass., is offering a training program in neurophysiology under the direction of S. W. Kuffler, C. L. Prosser, and J. M. Tobias. Financial aid will be provided to nine pre- and post-doctoral fellows between 15 June and 31 August 1958. Applications should be made to the director of the laboratory not later than 1 January 1958.

Scientists in the News

Primary responsibility for planning and directing United States technical participation in the second International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy at Geneva, Switzerland, 1-13 September 1958, has been assigned by the Department of State to the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. The commission has established a special office to carry out this responsibility. EDWARD R. GARDNER, director of the AEC's Office of Special Projects, has been appointed executive director of the new office, and L. D. PERCIVAL KING is on loan to the AEC from the University of California's Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory to serve as technical director.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER has received the newly established peace prize of the Bavarian Association of War Victims, Munich, Germany. He was given the \$2300 award for his achievements in bringing about "peaceful coexistence among men."

Seven physicists from outside the U.S.S.R. participated in the Soviet Conference on Nuclear Reactions in Moscow, 19-27 November. They were: HENRY H. BARSCHALL of the University of Wisconsin; RICHARD F. TASCHEK of the University of California and Los Alamos; M. DEUTSCH of Massachusetts Institute of Technology; L. KATZ of Canada; D. WILKINSON and J. H. BREMLIN of England; and S. A. E. JOHANSSON of Sweden.

EMERY A. ROVENSTINE, chairman of the department of anesthesiology at New York University's College of Medicine, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. Rovenstine is the director of anesthesia at Bellevue Hospital, Gouverneur Hospital, and Goldwater Memorial Hospital.

Two new members have been appointed to the department of psychology at the University of California, Berkeley. They are JACK BLOCK, associate professor, formerly associate research psychologist at the Institute of Personality Assessment and Research, Berkeley, and RICHARD S. LAZARUS, associate professor, formerly associate professor at Clark University.

The department also reports several visiting appointments for the present academic year: FLOYD H. ALLPORT, professor emeritus at the University of Oregon; and FRED ATTNEAVE and DANIEL E. BERLYNE, both of whom spent last year at the Center for Advanced Research in the Behavioral Sciences, Palo Alto. In addition, ARTHUR A. LUMSDAINE will hold a visiting appointment during the spring semester, 1958. Lumsdaine is chief of the Flight Systems Branch and the Training Branch, Air Force Personnel and Training Research Center, Lowry Air Force Base.

COUNT D. GIBSON, Jr., associate professor of medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, has been named professor of preventive medicine at the Tufts University School of Medicine, effective in January 1958. He succeeds DWIGHT O'HARA, who has retired.

ROBERT ELY, associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Utah College of Medicine, has received the \$1000 Ross Award for Pediatric Research of the Western Society for Pediatric Research. Ely's prize-winning work dealt with corticosterone metabolism in rheumatic fever.

CHARLES N. KIMBERLIN, JR., assistant director of the Esso Research Laboratories, Baton Rouge, La., has won the 1957 Southern Chemist Award of the American Chemical Society's Memphis Section. The medalist was chosen "in recognition of 24 years' outstanding research in the fields of catalysis and petroleum chemistry."

WILLIAM J. KROLL, consulting electrochemist and metallurgist of Corvallis, Ore., and developer of the basic Kroll process used for producing metallic titanium and zirconium, has been chosen to receive the 1958 Perkin Medal of the American Section of the Society of Chemical Industry. Presentation of the medal to Kroll is scheduled to follow a dinner in his honor to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, on 10 January 1958.

JAMES CUFFEY of the Indiana University astronomy department has been appointed assistant director of the

university's Goethe Link Observatory, which is located 24 miles southwest of Indianapolis.

ALBERT G. WILSON, formerly director of the Lowell Observatory, has joined The Rand Corporation, Santa Monica, Calif., as a member of the senior staff in geophysics. He will be concerned with general problems of space flight and space physics.

Recent Deaths

ASADOUR ALTOUNIAN, Newark, N.J.; 72; physician and medical pioneer in Asia Minor; 15 November.

CLARENCE G. BANDLER, New York, N.Y.; 77; urologist and former professor and chairman of the department of urology at the New York Post-Graduate Medical School; 15 November.

DWIGHT F. BARNES, Fresno, Calif.; 67; economic entomologist and specialist in dried-fruit insects for the U.S. Department of Agriculture; 11 October.

JOHN M. BURNHAM, New Haven, Conn.; 40; design manager of the Electric Boat Division of the General Dynamics Corporation, Groton, Conn.; responsible for the design of the nuclear submarines *Nautilus*, *Seawolf*, and *Skate*; 15 November.

ANNETTE GARRETT, Northampton, Mass.; 59; associate director of the Smith College School for Social Work for 22 years; 17 November.

RAY E. HEIKS, Columbus, Ohio; 42; research chemist for Battelle Memorial Institute; 31 October.

JAY McLEAN, Savannah, Ga.; 67; director of the Savannah Tumor Clinic and discoverer of heparin; former associate professor of research surgery at Ohio State University Medical College and director of the Bureau of Cancer Control, District of Columbia Health Department; 15 November.

SAMUEL PEARSON, Plainfield, N.J.; 72; meteorologist and amateur observer for the U.S. Weather Bureau; 19 November.

E. ALEXANDER POWELL, Canaan, Conn.; 78; explorer, lecturer, and author; former member of the Consular Service and a former war correspondent; 13 November.

JOHN W. ROBERTS, Winter Park, Fla.; 75; plant pathologist, formerly project leader in the U.S. Bureau of Plant Industry; specialist in the fungus, bacterial, and deficiency diseases of deciduous fruit trees and fruits, and also a specialist in fungicides; 15 November.

ALBERTO VILLAMIL, Buenos Aires, Argentina; cardiologist and president of the Argentine Cardiology Society; 18 November.