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may be gained by engineering and science faculty through industrial and government consulting, nor the opportunities for summer employment on research projects.

Faculty in the nonscientific disciplines on calendar-year contracts in general had much lower salaries than engineers, scientists, and mathematicians on the same sort of contracts, and this difference, as much as any thing, seems to reflect the real advantage of the latter group in the academic market place.—J.W.

Announcements

Science & Public Policy, a new AAAS magazine, will begin publication on an experimental basis on 1 June.

The magazine, which is now scheduled for publication every other month, will contain public affairs articles that have previously appeared in *Science*, as well as other material. It is being distributed without charge to government officials, research administrators, and others interested in public policy matters involving science and technology. Complimentary copies are available to *Science* subscribers upon request. (*Science & Public Policy*, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005)

A conference on **viral diseases of poikilothermic vertebrates** is scheduled 23–26 September in New York. Approximately 45 papers will be presented, dealing with histopathology, immunity, etiology, cytology, electron microscopy, and tissue culture of fishes and amphibians. (S. F. Snieszko, Eastern Fish Disease Laboratory, Leetown, P.O. Kearneysville, W. Va. 25430)

The establishment of a \$15 million fund at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, earmarked for basic research in the **physical sciences**, was announced Monday. It includes a \$5 million personal gift from Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., the remainder being from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. The money, according to Sloan, is to be used to help correct the imbalance he feels exists between basic and applied research. The fund will be managed by three administrators appointed by the M.I.T. Corporation's executive committee. Although primarily for research in phys-

ical sciences, it may also be used in areas where development in physical sciences impinges on other disciplines. Money from the fund may also be allocated for use in institutions other than M.I.T.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

A graduate fellowship in **electrochemistry** has been established at Columbia University, in honor of Samuel Ruben, inventor of the mercury dry cell and of the dry electrolytic capacitor. The \$1000 fellowship is presented by the P. R. Mallory Foundation. Applications should be sent to H. B. Linford, Department of Chemical Engineering, Columbia University, New York.

Courses

An advanced seminar in **theoretical metallurgy** is scheduled 15 June to 7 August at the University of Denver's Denver Research Institute. It will consist of five lectures on "energetics in metallurgical phenomena," each to be delivered daily for 1 to 2 weeks, and supplemented by regularly scheduled informal discussion sessions. Attendance is open and there are no fees. Postdoctoral participants are eligible for stipends of \$100 per week plus travel and dependency allowances; predoctoral stipends of \$50 a week, plus travel allowances, are available. (M. D. Robbins, Denver Research Institute, University of Denver, Denver, Colo. 80210)

Scientists in the News

Columbia University's C. F. Chandler medal for achievement in pure or applied chemistry has been presented to **Henry Taube**, professor of chemistry at Stanford University. He was cited for pioneering work in the mechanisms of inorganic reactions.

Victor T. Tomberg, formerly with Kollsman Instrument Corp., New York, has been appointed senior research associate in the research department of neurosurgery, at the medical school of New York University.

Earl R. Parker, professor of metallurgy and director of the Institute of Engineering Research at the University



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of California, Berkeley, has been named to receive the 1964 Albert Sauveur achievement award from the American Society of Materials. The prize, in recognition of "pioneering metallurgical achievements which have stimulated organized work" that has furthered knowledge in basic metallurgy, will be presented during the society's meeting in October.

Alexander Spoehr, former chancellor of the East-West Center and professor of anthropology at the University of Hawaii, has been appointed professor of anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh. He is scheduled to begin in the winter trimester, after an extended tour of anthropological research and educational facilities in the Pacific islands.

Paul R. Peabody, formerly supervisor of applied mathematics at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, has been appointed manager of the new department of mathematical analysis at Computer Sciences Corporation, a data processing service organization in Los Angeles, Calif.

Hasmukh J. Mehta, assistant professor of anatomy at Western Reserve University, has been appointed professor and chairman of the department of anatomy in the recently organized St. John's Medical College, Bangalore, India, which is scheduled to open in July. He has been in charge of gross anatomy studies in the W.R.U. dentistry school for the past year.

Recent Deaths

Igor I. Bondarenko, 37; Soviet nuclear physicist, deputy director of the Physical Energy Institute, Obninsk, Russia; 7 April.

Burt G. Chollett, 88; orthopedic surgeon and a founder of the National Society for Crippled Children; 4 May.

Marin S. Dunn, 65; director of the biology department, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science; 14 April.

R. Carl Millican, 46; of the Laboratory of Biochemical Pharmacology, National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases; 7 March.

Howard Zahniser, 58; conservation leader, former chairman of the National Resources Council of America and a member of the Secretary of the Interior's advisory committee on conservation; 5 May.