

stitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20418. Foreign applicants may write to the same address for the name of the correct agency for their application.)

Two postdoctoral fellowships in **neurophysiology** are being offered by the Carnegie Institution of Washington for research in the autonomies division of England's National Physical Laboratory. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who have recently received their doctoral degree. The stipend will be \$12,000 a year. Deadline for receipt of applications: *1 April*. (A. Uttley, Autonomies Division, National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, Middlesex, England)

Courses

The American Mathematical Society is planning a seminar on **relativity theory and astrophysics**, 25 July to 30 August, at Cornell University. Graduate students, postdoctoral scientists, and staff members from active centers of relativity and astrophysics research are eligible to attend. Applicants for the seminar should indicate their scientific background and interest, and graduate students should have their faculty advisers write to A. H. Taub, chairman of the invitations and organizing committee (Computer Center, University of California, Berkeley). The tuition is \$100 a week for participants from industry, but those from academic institutions and government agencies may apply for a tuition waiver. Deadline for receipt of applications: *15 March*. (G. L. Walker, American Mathematical Society, 190 Hope St., Providence, R.I. 02906)

Meeting Notes

Papers are now being solicited for the fourth **refractory metals** symposium to be held 3-5 October, at French Lick, Indiana. It will be sponsored by the Institute of Metals Division of the Metallurgical Society of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers. General areas to be covered include alloy development; intermetallic compounds; initiation and propagation of fracture; deformation mechanisms, and deformation at low temperatures; high-temperature, long-time creep; corrosion by liquid metals; rhenium ductilizing effect; effect of dispersed particles, and of thermal mechanical history; space

power; thermionic emitters; re-entry application; behavior in rocket nozzles; and application in gas turbines. Deadline for 400- to 600-word abstracts: *1 April*. (J. Maltz, Materials Research Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C.)

The call for papers has been issued for the Instrument Society of America's 20th annual **instrument-automation** conference, 4-7 October in Los Angeles. Papers are invited on measurement, information processing, and automatic control; especially welcomed are state-of-the-art papers covering the aerospace and marine sciences, marine transportation, biomedicine, air and water pollution, and electronic techniques. Abstracts of 100 to 200 words are required. Deadline: *15 March*. (E. M. Grabbe, c/o Instrument Society of America, 530 William Penn Place, Pittsburgh, Pa.)

Papers are now being accepted for the third international conference on **water pollution research**, scheduled to be held in Munich, Germany, 5-7 September, 1966. General topics to be covered are freshwater pollution, waste water treatment, and marine waste disposal. Abstracts must be accompanied by an "Abstract Information Sheet." Deadline for 500- to 1000-word abstracts: *1 April*. (Bernard B. Berger, Secretary, 3rd International Conference on Water Pollution Research, P.O. Box 1907, Washington, D.C.)

Scientists in the News

Robert Convery, formerly with the research and development department of the Sun Oil Company, Wilmington, Delaware, has been appointed head of the chemistry department at the College of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio.

A collaborative arrangement between Manchester College of Science and Technology, England, and the Risley Establishment of the U.K. Atomic Energy Authority has been announced. The program is designed to establish close links between courses provided by the College and the current practice of technology in industry and in industrial research establishments.

Under the plan, the first appointment to a professorship has been that of **Gordon Black** to the Chair of Auto-

matic Data Processing in the Faculty of Technology in the University of Manchester. Black will remain a member of the senior staff of the Authority, where he has been head of the computer installation, while serving at Manchester.

At the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Electronics Research Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts:

Lester C. Van Atta, formerly chief scientist at Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, has been appointed director of the Center's research program in electromagnetics; and

W. Crawford Dunlap, former director of solid-state electronics research at the Raytheon Corporation, has become director of NASA's component technology research program.

Victor F. Zackay has been appointed associate head of the Inorganic Materials Division at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory. Zackay, who has been on the University of California's Berkeley staff, succeeds **Alan Searcy**, who has become vice chancellor of the Berkeley campus.

Columbia University has announced the creation of a new academic title, "university professor." The grade is to be conferred upon senior professors of the highest distinction and will allow them to offer courses without reference to departmental boundaries.

The first appointee to this grade is **I. I. Rabi**, Nobel laureate and Higgins Professor of Physics at the University.

Also at Columbia, **Tsung-Dao Lee**, Nobel laureate and professor of physics, has been named the first Enrico Fermi Professor of Physics.

Tracy M. Sonneborn, Distinguished Service Professor of Zoology at Indiana University, has been chosen 1965 Pasteur Lecturer at Georgetown University. The annual Louis Pasteur Science Lectureship is being inaugurated by Georgetown "to acquaint the Washington academic community with timely expositions of broadly significant work at the frontiers of science." The first lectures are tentatively scheduled 9, 12, and 13 April.

Erratum: In the article on the Elliott Committee (News and Comment, 8 Jan., p. 132), it was erroneously stated that the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy was among the congressional committees that last year created subcommittees on research and development. The Joint Committee's R&D subcommittee was established in 1954 and has been extremely active ever since.