

industry are in better spirits these days. FDA is cheered by Johnson's proposal to increase the agency budget by about 25 percent, to a total of \$50.4 million, much of which would support the agency's increasing medical and scientific activities. The industry is cheered by the presence in Washington of the new Secretary of Commerce, John Connor, a former drug executive whose new status contributes to the rehabilitation of the industry's long-suffering "image." And they are mutually cheered by the feeling that for the next few years the accusatory fingers will not be pointing in their direction.

—ELINOR LANGER

Announcements

The **University of Rochester** is the first university named to receive the newly created New York State Regents professorship in science. Designed to support a distinguished scholar, and to provide a staff and materials for his work, the professorship will be known as the Albert Einstein Chair in Science. It is to be filled by a physicist, appointed to the university's department of physics and astronomy, who will establish and direct an Institute for Fundamental Study. It is expected that the appointment will be announced before next September.

The University of California at Los Angeles has announced the establishment of a program in **gerontology**. It is designed to accelerate research in aging and to offer graduate instruction for preparation for careers in the field. Masters of Science and Public Health degrees are being offered under the program, and doctoral degrees will also be available. Working in cooperation with the School of Public Health are the School of Medicine and U.C.L.A. departments in the behavioral sciences. Further information on the program is available from Daniel M. Wilner, assistant dean of the School of Public Health at U.C.L.A.

Courses

The Institute of Acarology will offer courses in general, medical-veterinary, and agricultural **acarology**, 21 June to 9 July at Ohio State University, Columbus. Applicants for participation in the program must be qualified for admission to the university's graduate school.

Some NIH training stipends are available to U.S. citizens who will not receive other government educational help during the period of the course. Deadline for applications: *15 April*. (Secretary, Institute of Acarology, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Wooster)

A course in **comparative pathobiology** will be held in Aspen, Colorado, 9–20 August, sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences–National Research Council, University of Colorado, and the Aspen Biological Institute. The first week will be devoted to advances in nucleic acids, proteins, lipids, and carbohydrates in relation to specific disease processes. The second week will cover comparative genetics, including bacteria, phage, plants, insects, and mammals. Attendance will be limited to 75 persons, including advanced graduate students and senior investigators. Deadline for receipt of applications: *1 April*. (D. W. King, Department of Pathology, University of Colorado Medical Center, 4200 E. Ninth Ave., Denver 20)

A course in **biomedical telemetry** will be given 28–30 May at the University of California extension center in San Francisco. It is intended to provide an introduction to the field for scientists, physicians, and others engaged in research in the biological and health sciences. The program will cover fundamental electronic concepts and circuitry, systems and components, case studies illustrating the present applications, salient research problems, and areas of future applicability. The tuition is \$125; graduate students, \$60. Deadline for enrollment: *24 May*. (Letters and Science Extension, University of California, Berkeley 94720)

Applications are being accepted for a laboratory course in **histochemistry and cytochemistry**, scheduled 6 July to 13 August at the University of Pennsylvania. The program will include methods of fixation; tests for RNA, DNA, proteins, enzymes, lipids, inorganic substances, and for water soluble and insoluble substances tagged with tracers by autoradiography; and demonstrations of possibilities for the use of the electron microscope in cytochemistry. Two course credits will be given. Participation is limited to ten advanced students. Deadline for applications: *15 April*. (I. Gersh, Laboratories of Anatomy, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia 19104)

A course in **histochemistry** for college-level zoology teachers will be held at Vanderbilt University 1–21 August. No tuition or fees will be charged. In addition, living and travel funds will be provided for 20 participants through an NSF grant. Applicants for the course must teach at least one course in zoology at an accredited college or university, and be interested in teaching or research in histochemistry. Deadline for receipt of applications: *1 April*. (B. J. Bogitch, Box 1733, Station B, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. 37203)

The National Science Foundation will sponsor a postdoctoral research participation program in **psychology** at the University of Michigan 7 June to 16 August. Participants must be full-time college science teachers of psychology in U.S. institutions. They will receive travel allowances and stipends of \$100 a week, plus \$15 a week for dependents. They will devote full time to research as a member of a team in one of the following areas: human short-term memory, form perception in humans, probabilistic information processing, effects of subcortical lesions on learning and retention in the rat and the cat, or neural correlates of visual and auditory perception and of problem solving in primates. Deadline for receipt of applications: *8 March*. (D. J. Weintraub, Department of Psychology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 48104)

Meeting Notes

The third international **pharmacological congress** will be held 24–30 July 1966, in São Paulo, Brazil. The emphasis of the meeting is to be on the pharmacological basis of therapy: papers may be presented on all phases of pharmacology and experimental therapeutics. Persons interested in attending the congress are requested to notify the president by 1 July. (M. Rocha e Silva, Department of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine, University of São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto, São Paulo, Brazil)

The annual meeting of the **Medical Library Association** will be held in Philadelphia 30 May to 3 June. The program will include personnel administration; the various problems of medical libraries; local, regional, and national medical library cooperation; evaluation of information and indexing services; library technology; and courses

in continuing education. (Medical Library Association, 919 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60611)

Zurich, Switzerland, will be the site of the seventh international congress on **high-speed photography**, 12-18 September. Papers are invited for presentation covering high-speed photography and its application in science and engineering. Deadline for receipt of abstracts: *31 May*. (Secretariat, Seventh International Congress, Postfach 189, 8033 Zurich)

Papers are invited for presentation at an international symposium on **antennas and propagation**, 30 August to 1 September in Washington. It will be sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. The meeting will include antennas, scattering and diffraction, electromagnetic theory, radio wave propagation, and radio physics. Triplicate copies of 50- to 100-word abstracts are required. Deadline: *15 May*. (IEEE, Box A, Lenox Hill Station, New York, N.Y. 10021)

The analytical chemistry division of the Chemical Institute of Canada is planning a meeting on **industrial organic analysis**, 4-6 October in Sarnia, Ontario. Papers stressing instrumental methods are invited. Deadline for receipt of titles and short abstracts: *1 April*. (R. M. Small, Research Department, Polymer Corp., Ltd., Sarnia, Ont.)

The University of Arkansas will sponsor the E. A. Moelwyn-Hughes symposium on the role of the **solvent in chemical kinetics**, 22-24 April in Fayetteville. Moelwyn-Hughes, physical chemist from Cambridge University, is a visiting professor at the University of Arkansas. Prior registration for the symposium is required. (A. Fry, Department of Chemistry, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville 72701)

An international conference on **liquid crystals** is scheduled 16-20 August at Kent State University, Ohio. Papers are invited for presentation at the meeting, and abstracts of up to 250 words are required. Deadline: *1 May*. (G. H. Brown, Department of Chemistry, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio)

The 13th Canadian **high polymer forum** will be held in Ottawa, Ontario, 22-24 September, sponsored by the National Research Council of Canada and the Chemical Institute of Canada.

Papers on all aspects of polymer science are solicited. Abstracts of 200 to 300 words are required. Deadline for receipt of abstracts, titles, and authors' names: *31 May*. (H. Daoust, Department of Chemistry, University of Montreal, P.O. Box 6128, Montreal, Quebec)

Scientists in the News

Bernard M. Oliver, vice president of research and development for Hewlett-Packard Co., Palo Alto, Calif., has been elected 1965 president of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

James G. White, of the University of Minnesota Medical School, has won the \$2500 Cochems competition for his essay, "The Mechanisms of Human Blood Platelet Function in Clotting Physiology: An Ultrastructure Study Combining Histochemical and Immunologic Techniques."

Jan Van Kranendonk, professor of physics at the University of Toronto, has won the first E. W. R. Steacie prize in the natural sciences. The \$1000 award is granted by a group of trustees from Canadian universities, industry, and the National Research Council.

Joel H. Hildebrand, professor emeritus of chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley, will receive the Priestley memorial award and \$1000 honorarium from Dickinson College, for his research in the fields of solubility and the structure of liquids.

Stanley F. Yolles has been appointed director of the National Institute of Mental Health. He had been acting director since the retirement in October of Robert H. Felix.

Norman P. Auburn, president of the University of Akron, Ohio, has been appointed to the recently created post of special assistant for university relations at the Agency for International Development. He will serve as the "principal liaison between AID and the academic community," during a year's leave from the university.

Milton Maxwell, professor at Washington State University, has been appointed professor of sociology at Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies and executive director of the Rutgers Summer School of Alcohol Studies. He will assume the post in July.

Robert T. Lagemann, chairman of the department of physics and astronomy at Vanderbilt University, has been named dean of the university's graduate school, as of 1 September.

Reino E. Kallio, a microbiology professor at the University of Iowa, will become director of the University of Illinois school of life sciences, 1 July. He will succeed **H. Orin Halvorson**, who has announced plans to retire.

James C. Keck, principal scientist at AVCO Corporation's Everett Research Laboratory, Massachusetts, will become Ford professor of engineering at M.I.T., as of 1 July.

Recent Deaths

Benedict E. Abreu, 51; chairman of the department of pharmacology and toxicology at the University of Texas Medical Branch; 24 January.

Loyal Aldrich, 80; retired director of the Smithsonian Institution's Astrophysical Observatory; 11 February.

William J. Bleckwenn, 69; former chairman of the University of Wisconsin neuropsychiatry department; 6 January.

C. Reid Edwards, 76; former president of the Maryland Medical and Chirurgical faculty; 1 February.

Philip Franklin, 66; retired mathematics professor at M.I.T.; 27 January.

Ralph A. Knouff, 74; professor emeritus of anatomy and former chairman of the department, Ohio State University; 5 January.

Erwin Haskell Schell, 75; professor emeritus of industrial management, M.I.T.; 3 January.

Frank Sieso, 75; former director of research on iron alloys at the Engineering Foundation, New York; 12 January.

John J. Tigert, 82; former U.S. Commissioner of Education and president emeritus of the University of Florida; 21 January.

Martha Fredericka Trulson, associate professor of nutrition at Harvard University's faculty of public health; 3 January.

Leonard F. Williams, 55; research agronomist with the Crops Research Division, Agricultural Research Service; in an automobile accident; 13 January.

Charles C. Williamson, 87; former director of Columbia University's libraries; 11 January.