

gates present, there can be little doubt.

One level of "management" is strictly personal: members of key committees are chosen by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, who, though elected by the delegates themselves, works closely with the national leaders—the Board of Trustees and their appointed executives. The chances that such committee members would defy the leadership, while not nonexistent, are low.

Another level of management is tactical. One evidence of it was the delay of open debate on the boycott resolution—the moment anticipated as the climax all week—until so late in the convention that many delegates had to leave to check out of their hotel rooms. Another evidence was the fact that when the resolution of the reference committee—which called for taking no action whatever until the bill became law, when a special session of the House of Delegates might be called—was brought forth, it was immediately subject to a lengthy and complicated amendment. From that point on, all debate had to center on the proposed amendment—introduced by a young physician said to be a probable future officer of the AMA—and the anticipated outburst against the moderate stand never had a chance to occur.

Certain ambiguities in the rather tortuous resolution that was adopted make it appear that the doctors have merely vetoed an organized boycott while sanctioning what might be called an unorganized one—nonparticipation by individual physicians. The call to reconvene the House of Delegates when the medicare bill is officially passed would also seem to mean that the boycott movement might be resurrected. But it is the opinion of most observers that these measures are meant chiefly as rhetorical consolation for the boycott party, and that they will have relatively little effect on future AMA policy.—ELINOR LANGER

*(The probable direction of the AMA on medicare and other current issues will be discussed in a future article.)*

## Announcements

Baylor University this fall will begin a 1-year graduate program in **biomedical physics and mathematics**, supported by the National Heart Institute. Emphasis will be on the biological applications of mathematics, physics, and elec-

tronics. The program will consist of lectures and laboratory work, with the summer quarter for research in the field of the student's choice. Fellowships are available. Further information is available from L. A. Geddes, Department of Physiology, Baylor University College of Medicine, 1200 Moursund Avenue, Houston, Texas 77025.

The Research Institute for **Skeleto-muscular Diseases** of the Hospital for Joint Diseases has begun a training program in basic research methods for orthopedic surgeons and rheumatologists. Studies include connective tissue and steroid chemistry, pathogenesis of bone tumors, and cell metabolism. Fellowships are available for persons who have completed their clinical training. Additional information is available from the director, Vincent Hollander, Research Institute for Skeleto-muscular Diseases, Hospital for Joint Diseases, 1919 Madison Avenue, New York)

## Meeting Notes

The 11th **Pacific Science Congress**, for the Pacific Science Association organized by the Science Council of Japan is scheduled for 22 August to 10 September, 1966, at the University of Tokyo. About 60 symposiums will be held at which only invited papers will be presented. Papers are invited for presentation during the second week of division meetings. Contributed papers for these subjects should be sent to the secretary of the correct section as listed in the preliminary announcement. These announcements and other information are available from the National Representative Institutions of the participating countries, which include nations bordering on the Pacific Ocean. U.S. scientists should write to H. J. Coolidge, Executive Director, Pacific Science Board, National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington 20418. Details are also available from the secretary-general of the congress, Yoshio Hiyama, Fisheries Institute, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Tokyo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo. The organizing committee also requests that applications to present papers be authorized by the countries' national representative institutions or by the international scientific organizations with which they may be affiliated.

Members of the AAAS who plan to attend the Pacific Science Congress

are eligible for group air travel rates. Members who wish to take advantage of the reduced rates afforded by group travel should write for further information to: AAAS, Room 219, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

The fall meeting of the **National Academy of Sciences** will take place at the University of Washington, Seattle, 11–13 October. Symposiums will be held on universities and federal science policies, high-energy physics, and biochemistry and genetics. Contributed papers will be presented or sponsored by members of the Academy. (H. Neurath, Department of Biochemistry, University of Washington, Seattle 98105)

## Courses

**Lipid methodology** will be the topic of a course presented 9–13 August at Pomona College, California. The course is sponsored by the school and the American Oil Chemists' Society. It will present lectures and demonstrations of techniques for isolation, identification, and analysis of lipids. (C. F. Allen, Department of Chemistry, Pomona College, Claremont, California)

## Scientists in the News

Wayne State University has appointed **Margaret L. Shetland** dean of nursing, succeeding **Katharine E. Faville**. She is now professor and director of public health nursing at the University of North Carolina.

**Charles W. Philpott**, assistant professor of biology at Rice University, has been elected president of the new Texas Society for Electron Microscopy.

**William C. Knopf**, chairman of the department of electrical engineering and chairman of the division of oceanographic engineering at the Institute of Marine Science, University of Miami, has been named dean of the university's school of engineering, effective 1 September. He will succeed **T. A. Weyher**, who has announced plans to retire.

**Theodore C. Ruch**, chairman of the department of biophysics at the University of Washington, Seattle, has become director of the university's Regional Primate Research Center.