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### New Journals

*Meteoritica*; translation of vol. 23, 1963, МЕТЕОРИТИКА, Committee on Meteorites, U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences. R. W. Bower, translation editor. The publication is an "irregular annual digest of Soviet research and theory in meteoritics" edited by V. G. Fesenkov and Ye. L. Krinov; the translation was released in April. (Taurus Press, Inc., 207 East 37 Street, New York 10016. \$15 per copy)

### Scientists in the News

The Smithsonian Institution has appointed **Helmut K. Buechner**, former professor of ecology at Washington State University, assistant director (ecology). **Charles Blitzer**, formerly executive associate of the American Council of Learned Societies, has been named to direct the Smithsonian's education and training program and to establish cooperative research projects between the Smithsonian and U.S. universities.

**Eliot Stellar**, professor of physiological psychology in anatomy at the University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed director of the university's Institute of Neurological Sciences, to succeed Louis B. Flexner.

**Kelso B. Morris**, professor of chemistry at Howard University, Washington, has been named chairman of the department, succeeding Lloyd N. Ferguson.

**W. Lewis Hyde**, associate dean of the college of engineering and applied science and professor of optics at the University of Rochester, has been named director of the university's Institute of Optics.

**Albert E. Sobel**, formerly a molecular biologist at Beth Israel Hospital, New York, has become associate professor and director of biochemistry at the University of Pennsylvania, graduate hospital.

The University of Arizona has appointed **A. R. Kassander, Jr.**, director of the water resources research center.

He will retain his position as director of the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the school.

**James B. Wyngaarden**, former professor of medicine and associate professor of biochemistry at Duke University Medical center, has become chairman of the department of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

The Institute for Defense Analyses has appointed **Milton U. Clauser** director of its research and engineering support division.

**Harold Laufman**, former professor of surgery at Northwestern University medical school, has been appointed director of the Institute for Surgical Studies at Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center, New York, and professor of clinical surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

**Joel W. Hedgpeth**, director of the Pacific Marine Station, Dillons Beach, California, has become resident director of the Marine Science Center, operated at Newport, Oregon, by Oregon State University.

**Raymond L. Bisplinghoff** will not become president of Case Institute of Technology as he had previously announced. According to a NASA statement, he will continue as associate administrator for advanced research and technology, until October when he is to be succeeded by **Mac C. Adams**, now vice president and assistant general manager for space systems at AVCO. Then he will join the office of NASA Administrator James E. Webb as special assistant. He will work on "a number of high level NASA problems" in advanced research and technology.

The new president of the Chemical Institute of Canada is **Hugh S. Sutherland**, president of Shawinigan Chemicals, Ltd., Montreal.

**E. L. Powers**, formerly senior biologist in the division of biological and medical research, Argonne National Laboratory, has been appointed professor of zoology at the University of Texas.

The new president of the International Federation for Information Processing is **Ambrose P. Speiser**, director of the IBM Research Laboratory, Zurich, Switzerland. He will serve for a 3-year term.

**Jay Burns**, former director of the laboratory of applied sciences at the University of Chicago, has been appointed associate professor of astronomy at Northwestern University, effective 1 October.

**Chien-Shiung Wu**, physics professor at Columbia University, has been named to receive Formosa's Chi-Tsin Culture Foundation award. The \$10,000 prize is presented biennially for achievement in science.

The new president of the American Veterinary Medical Association is **Don H. Spangler**.

### Recent Deaths

**Ralph C. Benedict**, 82; retired professor of biology at Brooklyn College; 5 August.

**H. Boris Burns**, 65; president and board chairman of the United States Vitamin and Pharmaceutical Corporation; 3 August.

**William C. DeVane**, 67; dean emeritus of Yale College; 16 August.

**Jay Pearson**, 64; chancellor of the University of Miami; 8 August.

**Everett S. Wallis**, 65; Hepburn professor of organic chemistry at Princeton and active in the development of cortisone; 10 July.

### Major Contracts and Grants

The following have been announced by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, under the federal program to help establish or expand noncommercial **educational television** facilities:

Educational Television Council of Central New York: \$300,000, activate channel 43, Syracuse.

Twin City Area ETV Corp., St. Paul, Minn.: \$168,719, activate channel 10, Appleton, Minn.

Oregon State Board of Higher Education: \$103,029, expand signal range of KOAP-TV, Portland; \$212,387, expand signal range of KOAC-TV, Corvallis.

*Erratum:* The meeting note on the 18th gaseous electronics conference sponsored by the American Physical Society, to meet 20-22 October (6 August, p. 619), erroneously stated that papers are invited on engineering applications and specific devices. The conference will deal with basic atomic processes and phenomena associated with the physics of ionized gases.

*Erratum:* The book review by R. N. Varney on *Principles of Electron Tubes: Including Grid-Controlled Tubes, Microwave Tubes, and Gas Tubes* (2 July, p. 48), was mistakenly headed "Transistor Devices."