

(USAEC, Washington, D. C.). Time for questions and general discussion will be made available during the three-day meeting. The discussion leaders will be T. W. Bonner (Rice Institute), G. E. Boyd (Oak Ridge), W. W. Buechner (MIT), R. F. Christy (Caltech), C. L. Critchfield (General Dynamics), M. Goldhaber (Brookhaven), R. Hofstadter (Stanford), E. Teller (Berkeley), A. M. Weinberg (Oak Ridge), and W. H. Zinn (General Nuclear Engineering Corp.). W. O. Milligan of Rice Institute, who is the Foundation's director of research, will preside. The conference is open to all interested scientists, but advance registration is expected. Further information may be obtained from the Robert A. Welch Foundation, 2010 Bank of the Southwest Building, Houston 2, Texas.

Annual AAAS Meeting

THE American Association for the Advancement of Science will hold its 124th meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, December 26-30. Of interest to physicists will be a 3-session symposium on spectroscopy organized by K. W. Meissner, December 27-28. The symposium will cover current research in atomic spectroscopy, including wave length standards. William F. Meggers will give the retiring vice presidential address of Section B, with Raymond T. Birge presiding. Other subjects covered during the meeting will be "Neutrino Physics" by Frederick Reines, "Recent Advances in Solid State" by Park H. Miller, and "High Temperature Plasmas" by Alan C. Kolb. There will be a physicists' dinner to be held jointly with Sigma Pi Sigma on December 27.

Also of interest to physicists will be a number of papers on the history and philosophy of science in the sessions of Section L. The broad implications of relativity theory will be covered in the AAAS General Symposium, "Ideas That Mold Our Lives", which is to be held the evening of December 26 and the afternoon of December 27. H. P. Robertson and G. C. McVittie will participate in this symposium, and it is anticipated that J. Robert Oppenheimer will be the synthesizer.

The AAAS Annual Exposition of Science and Industry and the AAAS Science Theatre, with recent foreign and domestic films, will be prominent features of the meeting. Coupons for sleeping accommodations and advance registration will be found in *Science* and *The Scientific Monthly*.

Further information about the meeting may be obtained from J. H. McMillen, Secretary of Section B, American Association for the Advancement of Science, National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D. C.

Molecular Spectroscopy

A CONFERENCE on Molecular Spectroscopy organized by the Spectroscopic Panel of the Hydrocarbon Research Group of the British Institute of Petroleum will be held February 27-28, 1958, at the Institution of Electrical Engineers in London. The program will emphasize new techniques and recent devel-

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