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# Liquid Scintillators

NORTHWESTERN University will hold a conference on Liquid Scintillation Counting on August 20–22 at the Technological Institute, Evanston, Ill. Topics covered by the invited papers include coincidence counters, single channel counters, chemistry of liquid scintillators, and applications in physics, chemistry, engineering, biology, medicine, and industry. Abstracts for contributed papers should be sent to the program chairman, Dr. F. Newton Hayes, Los Alamos, N. M., by June 1. Further information may be obtained by writing to Prof. C. G. Bell, Jr., Technological Institute, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

# Geodesy and Geophysics

THE Eleventh General Assembly of the Interna-tional Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) will convene on September 3-14 at the University of Toronto. Over 1500 scientists from more than 50 countries are expected to attend the meeting. Sessions will be held by the various groups of the IUGG, which include the International Associations of Geodesy, Seismology and Physics of the Earth's Interior, Meteorology, Geomagnetism and Aeronomy, Physical Oceanography, Hydrology, and Volcanology. The delegates will review the initial progress and final plans for the International Geophysical Year, which begins on July 1st. A trade exhibit will display equipment and services associated with geophysical research and its related industries. Secretary of the Arrangements Committee for the Assembly is Prof. J. A. Jacobs, Geophysics Laboratory, University of Toronto, Toronto 5, Ontario, Canada.