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The Atomic Energy Commission has awarded grants totaling nearly \$3.5 million to 55 colleges and universities for the expansion of nuclear technology training through the purchase of needed laboratory equipment. These awards are the third in a series of grants under the Commission's program to encourage schools to establish curricula or to broaden already established study programs for the purpose of easing the shortage of manpower trained in atomic energy. Seven institutions now conducting graduate studies in nuclear technology will be provided with small training reactors. In addition to the grants, the AEC is continuing its program of lending nuclear materials, including neutron sources and fuel elements for research reactors, to educational institutions.

E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. has awarded grants totaling nearly \$1.15 million to 135 universities and colleges under Du Pont's annual program of aid to education. The total for the 1958-59 academic year represents an increase of \$100 000 over this year's grants. Most of the increase and more than half of the entire program comprise grants for advancing teaching in scientific and related fields on all college levels and for prospective high-school science and mathematics teachers. In addition, grants for fundamental research and postgraduate fellowships are being continued.

Radio Corporation of America has awarded thirty undergraduate scholarships and one graduate fellowship in a new program to encourage science teaching. The first RCA science teacher scholarships have been established at twenty colleges and universities in sixteen states where a survey by the RCA Education Committee showed the shortage of science teachers to be most critical. Also awarded for the current academic year under RCA's scholarship and fellowship program are thirty-one undergraduate scholarships, of which twenty-six were awarded to students majoring in mathematics and the physical sciences. Seven RCA graduate fellowships have been awarded for study and research in physics, engineering physics, and electrical engineering.

Publications

Translated digests of current Soviet literature of physics, electronics, and automation are being readied for publication by International Physical Index, Inc., of New York City. Each of the three monthly digests (called *Physics Express*, *Electronics Express*, and *Automation Express*) will include two to four complete articles, 20 to 30 articles that are summarized by excerpts in the authors' words, 30 or more abstracts of articles, and about 100 annotated titles of other currently published Russian articles. Also included will be complete subject and author indexes. Each service will be provided for about \$5 per month. Sample copies and

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600 000 selected books have been sent to more than 1200 universities, colleges, libraries, and civic groups in a score of Asian countries by the Asia Foundation in the past three years. The books, distributed under the Foundation's "Books for Asian Students" project, were donated by 700 university and college groups, publishers, libraries, and individuals in the United States. The Foundation is a nonprofit, nonpolitical organization established by private American citizens to support "individuals and groups in Asia who are working for the attainment of peace, independence, personal liberty, and social progress". While urging in particular the donation of books in the physical sciences and scientific journals in runs of five years or more, the Foundation will welcome college-level books in every category (in good condition) published during the past ten years, as well as works by standard authors regardless of date. On large shipments the Asia Foundation will pay transportation costs from the donor to its office in San Francisco. All shipments or questions concerning categories, criteria, shipping, and program details should be addressed to Books for Asian Students, 21 Drumm St., San Francisco 11, Calif.

Society Officers

Officers to serve during 1958 have been elected by the following organizations:

American Association of Physics Teachers, Western Pennsylvania Section: president, Bela G. Kolossvary (Thiel College); vice president, J. G. Fox (Carnegie Institute of Technology); secretary, Roland Heid, O. S. B. (Dept. of Physics, St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa.).

Physics Club of the Lehigh Valley: president, H. H. Reichard (Allentown High School); vice president, J. P. Copes (General Aniline & Film Corp.); secretary-treasurer, L. J. Reimert (P. O. Box 41, Palmerton, Pa.).

Alfred W. Doll, who for many years was chairman of the Department of Physics and more recently served as assistant dean at the Pratt Institute School of Engineering in Brooklyn, N. Y., died on December 23 at the age of 54. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., Dr. Doll was awarded a BS degree in 1924 and a master's degree in engineering in 1931 from the University of Pennsylvania. He also received an MA from Columbia University in 1928 and a PhD in physics from New York University in 1932. Dr. Doll joined the faculty of Pratt Institute in 1925 as an instructor in charge of planning and installing courses in engineering and engineering measurements. He was named chairman of the Physics Department in 1938 and served as acting dean of the engineering school during 1953-56. Dr. Doll was a member of the American Association of Physics Teachers.