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Beginning in August, **Nelson M. Blachman** will take a two-year leave of absence from the Sylvania Electronic Defense Laboratory in Mountain View, Calif., to serve as a scientific liaison officer at the US Office of Naval Research in London, England. **Rudolf G. Hutter** has been appointed associate director of research in physics at the Sylvania Research Laboratories in Bayside, N. Y.

Wesley E. Brittin has been elected chairman of the Department of Physics at the University of Colorado in Boulder. **J. J. Kraushaar** and **M. Mizushima** have been promoted to the rank of associate professor and the following physicists have joined the department as assistant professors: **Martin Rickey**, formerly of the University of Washington; **George Salzman** from the University of Rochester; **Rodman Smythe**, who has been associated with Colorado's cyclotron project; and **Walter Tantilla**, formerly at Michigan State University.

James E. Drummond, formerly with the Stanford Research Institute, has joined the Boeing Scientific Research Laboratories in Seattle, where he will direct research in the field of plasma physics.

Eric Durand, special assistant to the vice president of research and development at Aeronutronic Systems, Inc., is currently on leave while serving with the Department of Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency in Washington, D. C.

Kenneth Ford of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory has been appointed associate professor of physics at Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass. **Kirk McVoy** of Brookhaven National Laboratory has been named assistant professor of physics at Brandeis and **Stanley Deser** of Harvard University has been appointed visiting associate professor of physics.

Edward E. Gardner, formerly assistant professor of electrical engineering at Lehigh University, has joined the staff of Whirlpool Research Laboratories, St. Joseph, Mich., as a research physicist.

Bernard Hamermesh, senior physicist at Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, Ill., is now in Europe where he is serving as a consultant on research reactors to the US mission to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. He will return to Argonne in mid-August after completing a tour of atomic energy establishments throughout Europe. **Quincey Baird** of Vanderbilt University has joined Argonne's Reactor Engineering Division. **Suraj N. Gupta** of Wayne State University and **Peter Havas** of Lehigh University will spend the summer as visiting members of Argonne's Physics Division. **Morton Hamermesh**, associate director of the Physics Division, will leave in September to spend a year doing research in Zurich, Switzerland.

John L. Honsaker has joined the Physics Division and **Goodrich A. Thiel** has joined the Theoretical Division at the University of California's Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory.

Raymond Kaufman, formerly with the Farrand Optical Co., Inc., has been named vice president and director of research at Del Electronics Corp., Mount Vernon, N. Y.

C. S. McCamy has been appointed chief of the Photographic Technology Section of the Optics and Metrology Division at the National Bureau of Standards. The following NBS staff members have received Department of Commerce Meritorious Service Awards: **Louis E. Barbrow**, chief of the Photometry and Colorimetry Section, Optics and Metrology Division; **John L. Hague**, assistant chief of the Analytical Chemistry Section; and **Lawrence A. Wood**, chief of the Rubber Section.

Roy O. Mesick, head of the science department and physics instructor at Kalamazoo Central High School in Michigan, has been named to receive the first Outstanding Science Teacher Award of the Faculty Science Club of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Mr. Mesick is completing his 48th teaching year.

Richard S. Morse, president of National Research Corp. of Cambridge, Mass., has been appointed chairman of the Army Scientific Advisory Panel.

Max R. Nagel, formerly a consultant to the Wright Air Development Center in Ohio, has been transferred to the Geophysics Research Directorate, Air Force Cambridge Research Center, L. G. Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., as chief of the Radiative Transfer Branch in the Thermal Radiation Laboratory.

Fred L. Niemann, formerly with Hycon Eastern, Inc., has joined the staff of High Voltage Engineering Corp., Burlington, Mass.

Francis E. O'Meara, formerly on the staff of the Weapons System Evaluation Group at the Pentagon, has been appointed chief of the Reactor Engineering Section in the Engineering Development Branch of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Robert S. Shankland has resigned as chairman of the Physics Department at Case Institute of Technology after serving in that capacity for eighteen years. Dr. Shankland, who is Ambrose Swasey professor of physics at Case, plans to devote full time to teaching and research. Effective July 1, the Case Physics Department was placed under a Physics Departmental Committee, consisting of **Lester Foldy**, **Erwin F. Shrader**, and **Charles S. Smith**, with the latter serving as committee chairman.

C. Guy Suits, vice president and director of research at the General Electric Research Laboratory, Schenectady, N. Y., has been elected chairman of the Naval Research Advisory Committee. He succeeds **F. E. Terman**, dean and director of the Electronic Research Laboratory, Stanford University. **Frederick Seitz**, chairman of the University of Illinois Department of Physics, was elected vice chairman of the committee. Dr. Suits has also recently been elected a director of the Industrial Research Institute, an organization of approximately 100 member companies that maintain research laboratories.