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Raytheon Manufacturing Company has announced that its new Microwave and Power Tube Division Laboratory, now being built in Burlington, Mass., will be named for Percy L. Spencer, manager of the division for the past sixteen years. The Spencer Laboratory will have space for a staff of about 1000.

New Midwest Research Group

Twenty-six educational and research institutions have formed an inter-university corporation to be known as Associated Midwest Universities, according to an announcement distributed by Argonne National Laboratory. Associated Midwest Universities (AMU)—not to be confused with the Midwestern Universities Research Association (MURA)—has been incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the state of Illinois and will have its headquarters at Argonne's main site near Lemont, Ill.

Intended as a successor to the organization formerly known as the Participating Institutions of Argonne National Laboratory, AMU was organized with the following aims: "(1) To promote, encourage, and conduct research and education in all branches of science, including but not limited to nuclear science in relation to all other fields of science; (2) To establish means for facilitating the use of the Argonne National Laboratory and other laboratories by duly qualified personnel and students from the several cooperating institutions and other research and educational institutions; and (3) To establish, maintain, and operate laboratories and other facilities as necessary for research and education."

AMU will be governed by a board of directors made up of eight members, including the following three physicists: Raymond G. Herb, professor of physics at the University of Wisconsin; Robert S. Shankland, professor of physics at Case Institute of Technology; and Newell S. Gingrich, head of the Physics Department at the University of Missouri. Officers include James H. Jensen, provost of Iowa State College, as president; Laurence L. Quill, head of Michigan State University's chemistry department, as vice president; and Joseph C. Boyce, dean of the graduate school at Illinois Institute of Technology, as secretary and acting treasurer.

Initial members of the group are Battelle Memorial Institute, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Case Institute of Technology, Illinois Institute of Technology, Iowa State College, Kansas State College, Loyola University (Chicago), Marquette University, Mayo Foundation, Michigan State University, Northwestern University, Oklahoma State University, Purdue University, St. Louis University, State University of Iowa, Washington University, Wayne University, Western Reserve University, University of Chicago, University of Cincinnati, University of Illinois, University of Kansas, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, University of Missouri, and University of Notre Dame.