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A new "Latin American School of Physics" will be inaugurated at the University of Mexico this year. (In the words of one of the organizers, "The School will not be called a Summer School as the term 'summer' does not remain invariant upon reflection in the equatorial plane.") Scheduled for the period July 20-August 30, the school is being established in response to the need felt by Latin American physicists to increase their contact with physicists from other parts of the world. It is intended that it be held annually in different Latin American locations, usually during the months of July and August. This year's School of Physics, which is under the sponsorship of the Comision Nacional de Energia Nuclear (Mexico), Unesco, the US State Department, and other institutions, will be concerned with invariance principles in modern physics, and will deal with the implications of these principles in elementary particle reactions, strong and weak interactions, β disintegration, etc. Because of the interest of the late W. Pauli in these subjects, the 1959 School

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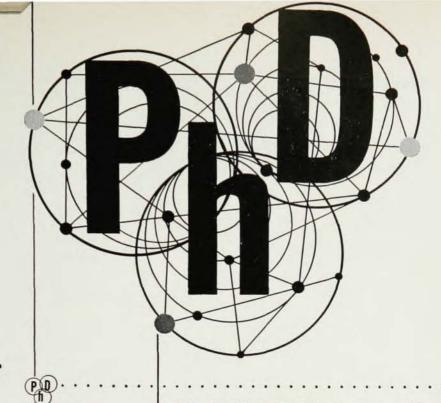
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The Holloman Summer Lecture Series for 1959 is scheduled to take place from June 15 to 26, inclusive, at the mountain resort of Cloudcroft, N. M. The seminar will be presented by the University of New Mexico under contract with the Air Force Missile Development Center. Each speaker will present five two-hour lectures and the program includes "The Relations between Aerodynamics and other Sciences" by Theodore von Karman, "Useful Methods in Applied Mathematics" by Karl Pohlhausen, "The Foundations of Statistical Mechanics" by Paul S. Epstein, and "The Physical Bases for Hypersonic Aerodynamics" by Wallace D. Hayes. Persons interested in attending should write before May 15 to Dr. J. R. Foote, P. O. Box 1053, Holloman AFB, N. M.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology will include in its summer session a series of short intensive programs in specialized fields. Courses of possible interest to physicists include the following: Infrared Spectroscopy (June 22–July 3); Adhesion (June 29–July 3); and Plasma Dynamics (August 17–September 4). In addition, two courses—Modern Thermodynamics (June 29–July 11) and Direct Conversion of Heat to Electricity (July 6–17)—have been designed so that participants will attend common lectures from July 6 through July 10. Further information on MIT summer programs may be obtained from Prof. James M. Austin, Director of the Summer Session, Room 7-101, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge 39, Mass.

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