
Meetings

Culture of the Americas

AIMED at furthering within the United States "a greater interest in and understanding of the Latin American peoples and cultures," the Seventh National Conference of the US National Commission for UNESCO will be held in Denver, Colorado, during the period September 29–October 2. Conference activities will take place at the Brown Palace Hotel, which has been designated as the official headquarters, and in other hotels and buildings in the immediate vicinity. Some 2000 representatives of the Commission's participating organizations have been invited to attend.

Delegates will be addressed at General and Section Plenary Sessions by Latin American and US leaders "who will examine the interdependence of the Americas in the fields of education, science, and culture"—the latter topics being the themes of three main sections of the meeting. (There will also be sections on "Balanced Economic Growth" and on "International Organizations".) The program for the science section, developed by an advisory committee under the auspices of the National Academy of Sciences, will center on the theme, "Cooperation of the Scientists and Engineers of the Americas in Furthering Scientific Training and Research".

The sessions on science will be held during two days of the meeting (September 30 and October 1) under the general chairmanship of Alan K. Manchester, dean of Trinity College, Duke University. Discussions on the first day will concern the organization and structure of institutions of higher learning in Latin America as they affect scientists and engineers. The second day's program will deal primarily with opportunities for scientific research to be found in various areas of Latin America. A distinguished Latin American scientist will present the principal topic at the beginning of each day's session, and working panels will then consider questions involving (1) the preparation and (2) the utilization of scientists, as well as factors bearing on (3) basic and (4) applied research in Latin American countries.

Optical Society of America

THE Optical Society of America will hold its 44th Annual Meeting from October 8 to 10 at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa, Canada. Early plans call for a somewhat more leisurely meeting with fewer invited papers than have been presented at other recent meetings of the Society.

The Program Committee for the meeting is headed

by G. Herzberg and W. E. K. Middleton, both of the National Research Council of Canada. There will be a symposium of four invited papers on spectroscopy, and reports on three international scientific meetings: the symposium on interferometry held at the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington, England, in early June, the 14th Congress of the International Commission on Illumination held in Brussels in late June, and the Fifth Congress of the International Commission of Optics, held in Stockholm in late August. The afternoon of Friday, October 9, will be available for visiting local laboratories and industrial plants.

The Society's Ives Medal Address will be given Friday morning by Dr. Middleton, whose topic is to be "Random Reflections on the History of Atmospheric Optics", and at a banquet to be held that evening he will formally receive the Frederic Ives Medal for 1959. The after-dinner speech at the banquet will be given by E. W. R. Steacie, president of the Canadian NRC, on "Chemistry and Light".

Ford Lecture by Zworykin

THE Eighth Edsel B. Ford Memorial Lecture will be delivered by V. K. Zworykin on the evening of October 20 in the main auditorium of the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. An annual event, the lecture is given under the combined auspices of the Henry Ford Hospital Medical Society and the Edsel B. Ford Institute for Medical Research. Dr. Zworykin, who will speak on the "Application of Electronic Technique in Medicine", recently retired as director of electronic research at the Princeton Laboratories of the Radio Corporation of America, where he is still active as a consultant.

High-Temperature Systems

EQUILIBRIA and performance of high-temperature systems, with emphasis upon rocket, ramjet, and turbojet propulsion systems, will be discussed at the fall meeting of the Western States Section of The Combustion Institute, which will take place November 2–5 in Los Angeles. A program of forty papers has been assembled by direct invitation throughout the aircraft industry and among associated government agencies and educational institutions.

The Western States Section, chartered two years ago by The Combustion Institute, an international scientific and engineering society with headquarters in Pittsburgh, is under the chairmanship of William J. Bennet, manager of Marquardt Aircraft Company's advanced engines project. Membership has tripled since the Section was organized, and the group is planning to act as area host for the Eighth International Symposium on Combustion, scheduled to be held at the California Institute of Technology in August 1960.

The decision of the Western States Section to hold a meeting of nationwide participation this fall is said to have resulted from mounting evidence of duplication in the use of high-speed computers for engine performance calculations. The section secretary and gen-