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Documentation

A proposal that action be taken to make electron diffraction data more generally available has been advanced by a group of some 20 scientists who met at the Mellon Institute last November to consider the need for better access to such information. The group, under the leadership of Victor Hicks of the Allen-Bradley Corporation, has suggested that the ultimate goal should be to prepare compilations of electron diffraction data in a form similar to the x-ray diffraction card file of the American Society for Testing Materials. William Fink, vice chairman of the Joint Committee on Chemical Analysis by Powder Diffraction Methods (a joint project of the ASTM, the American Crystallographic Association, and the British Institute of Physics), has been designated to represent the group at the meeting of the International Union of Crystallography to be held next August in Cambridge, England, and to present the problem to the international organizations involved. To determine the extent of interest in the proposed program, individual comment has been invited. Those having views on the subject should write (before July 1) to Karl E. Beu, chairman of the Powder Diffraction Subcommittee of the American Crystallographic Association, Goodyear Atomic Corporation, P. O. Box 628, Portsmouth, Ohio.

A bibliography entitled *Aerodynamic Phenomena in Stellar Atmospheres* has been prepared under the editorship of Richard N. Thomas, consultant in astrophysics to the director of the Boulder Laboratories of the National Bureau of Standards. Published as NBS Technical Note No. 30, it was compiled for use in preparation of the forthcoming symposium on cosmical gas dynamics to be held during August in Varenna, Italy, under the joint sponsorship of the International Astronomical Union and the International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics. Copies of the bibliography, PB 151389, may be obtained for \$1.25 from the Office of Technical Services, Washington 25, D. C.

To provide additional space for the increasing number of papers on the physics and chemistry of glass, the British Society of Glass Technology is now publishing its *Journal* in two bimonthly parts. Section A, *Glass Technology*, is to contain reports of applied science in the glass industry, while Section B, *Physics and Chemistry of Glasses*, will carry reports of original experimental and theoretical work. Each will also include abstracts, letters, and book reviews. Those wishing to submit papers or obtain subscription information should

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Present conditions no longer permit a situation quite so ideal as Thucydides' "open city" as a realistic basis for national security. Work in basic research, however, is relatively free from the restrictions that are necessary for security in other areas. Basic research at the Physical Research Laboratory of Space Technology Laboratories, Inc., is conducted in an academic atmosphere which takes full account of the fact that free communication is essential to the development of science.

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The first quarterly issue of the official organ of the
Society of Nuclear Medicine is scheduled to appear in
January. Editorial content of the new *Journal of Nu-
clear Medicine* will be directed towards "those members
of the medical and allied professions who are interested
in the diagnostic and therapeutic application of radio-
isotopes and in human radiobiology". The editor is Dr.
George E. Thoma, Southwest Medical Center, 3915
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Prizes and Awards

Nobel Laureate Glenn T. Seaborg, chancellor of
the University of California at Berkeley, has received
the \$50 000 Enrico Fermi Award for "discoveries of
plutonium and several additional elements and for lead-
ership in the development of nuclear chemistry and
atomic energy". The highest honor conferred by the
United States for contributions in science, the Award
was established by Congress in honor of the late Enrico
Fermi and is presented each year on December 2, the
anniversary of the day in 1942 when Fermi and his
associates in Chicago achieved the first self-sustaining
nuclear reaction. The initial award was made in 1954
to Fermi himself, shortly before his death, but the prize
did not bear his name until two years later when it was
awarded to the late John von Neumann. Other recipi-
ents were Ernest O. Lawrence and Eugene Wigner.

Seaborg was codiscoverer of plutonium and later
found its isotope, PU^{239} , and the uranium isotope, U^{233} .
He also discovered, or took part in the discovery of,