
The Institute

The Arden House Assembly

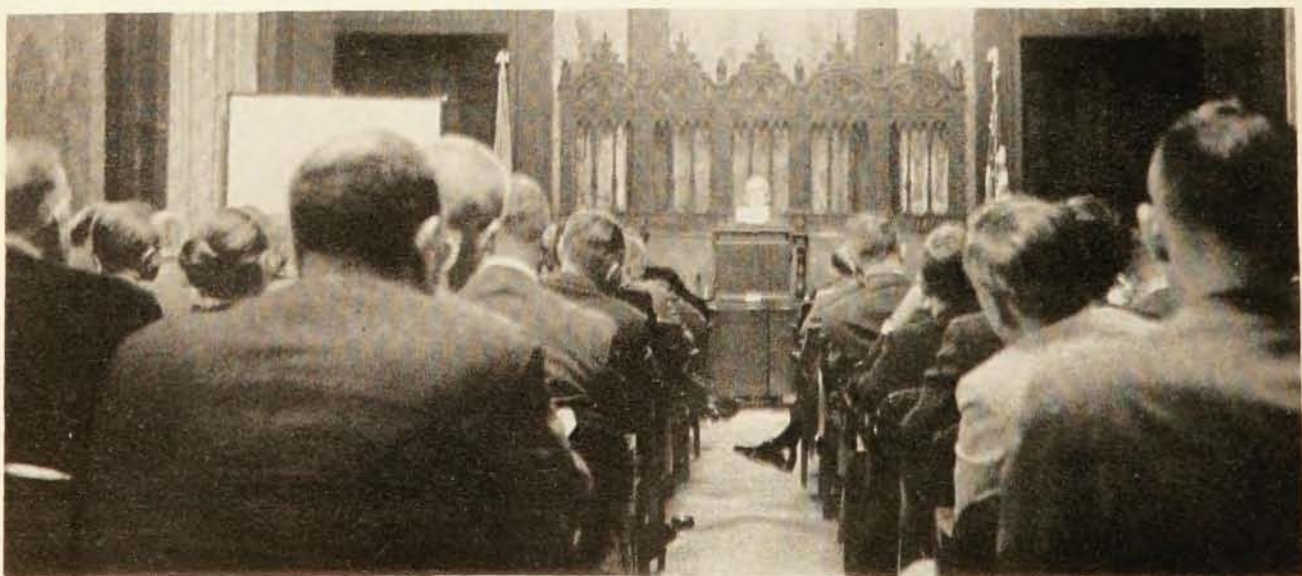
IN the latter part of September, the American Institute of Physics held its annual Assembly of Society Officers and Meeting of the Corporate Associates at Columbia University's Arden House in Harriman, N. Y. Those present included the majority of the officers of the Institute's Member and Associate Member Societies, members of the AIP Governing Board and staff, and representatives of the Corporate Associates of the AIP, a group of industrial and other organizations which helps to support the efforts of the Institute in contributing to the advancement of physics.

An entire day (September 29) was devoted to the Third Annual Meeting of the Corporate Associates. A summary report dealing with the Institute's publishing activities and its programs in physics education, public relations, and manpower was presented by AIP staff members during the morning session, with Ralph A. Sawyer, chairman of the Institute's Governing Board, presiding. In the afternoon, under the chairmanship of C. Guy Suits of the General Electric Company, a panel discussion was held on the topic "Physics and Engineering in a Free Society". The point of view of those responsible for educating new physicists and engineers was presented by Julius A. Stratton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of



Technology; the spokesman for industry was E. R. Piore, vice-president of International Business Machines Corp.; and speaking in behalf of the public view was Gerard Piel, publisher of the *Scientific American*. It is expected that the three addresses presented on that occasion will appear shortly in the form of articles in *Physics Today*.

A highlight of the afternoon program was the presentation of the Institute's Karl Taylor Compton Gold Medal to Karl K. Darrow, secretary of the American Physical Society. The Compton Medal, which is granted for "high statesmanship in physics", has been awarded only once previously—the first Compton medalist was the late George P. Pegram, who was thus honored by the Institute in 1957. The citation which accompanied the award to Dr. Darrow, together with his response, is printed in this issue (see p. 38).



The Arden House meeting was attended by approximately 75 representatives of the Institute's Corporate Associates.

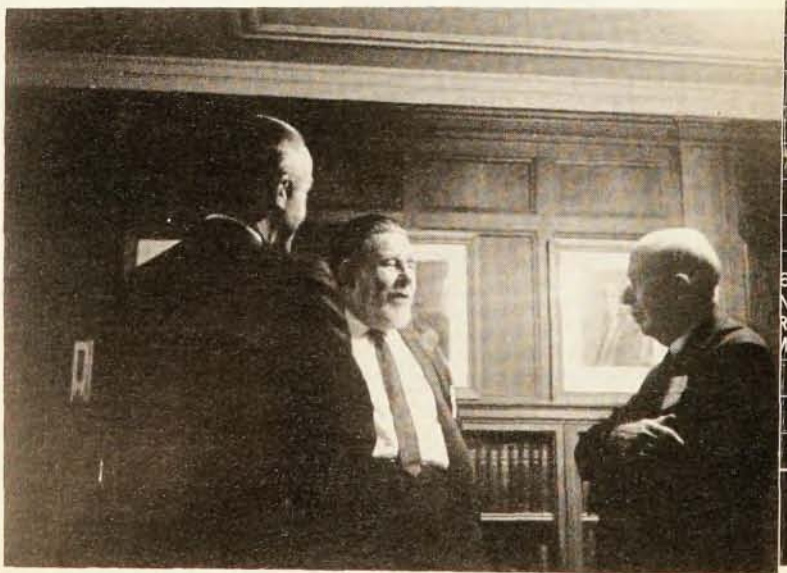


The final session of the Arden House Assembly on September 30 was attended by members of the AIP Governing Board and officers of the Institute's Member and Associate Member Societies, as well as by several representatives of the Institute staff. Standing at left, Board member Richard H. Bolt, a representative of the Acoustical Society of America, is seen as he reported on the conclusions reached in a group discussion which he had led. On the preceding day, during the meeting with the AIP Corporate Associates, Dr. Bolt presented an invited address on the subject of "Statesmanship in Science" as part of the ceremony for the award of the Institute's Karl Taylor Compton Medal to Karl K. Darrow.

The Assembly of Society Officers, with AIP Chairman Ralph A. Sawyer presiding, was convened the afternoon of September 28, and continued through September 30. As was the case last year, the meeting offered a good opportunity for those responsible for the affairs of the Societies and the Institute to discuss matters of mutual interest in a quiet, informal atmosphere. No fixed agenda was imposed upon the group, although a trio of discussion panels was organized to consider various aspects of Society-Institute relations and to discuss problems in physics education, communication, and documentation. A final forum of all participants for the purpose of summing up the views expressed was held at the close of the meeting. Although no decisions for immediate action were reached, the exchange of ideas furnished valuable background for future Institute actions.



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Left to right in photographs above: H. A. Barton, R. A. Sawyer, W. Waterfall; M. Correll, W. C. Michels, K. K. Darrow.