

The late John T. Tate of the University of Minnesota, in whose memory the Institute plans to establish a prize for service to the profession of physics, was the AIP's second chairman. He was president of the American Physical Society (1949) and for many years served as the Society's managing editor, in which capacity he edited *The Physical Review* and launched the quarterly *Reviews of Modern Physics*. He died on May 27, 1950.



physicists to the United States during the current academic year and also to provide opportunities for physicists from abroad who are already here under other auspices to take part in the program.

The project as a whole is planned and carried out in consultation with the Advisory Committee for the Visiting Scientists Program in Physics, whose chairman is J. W. Buchta of the University of Minnesota. D. E. Cunningham, staff consultant in the Institute's Education Department, is in charge of making arrangements for the visits. Inquiries about the program should be directed to Dr. Cunningham at the AIP.

Student Sections

MORE than 2300 physics students at approximately one hundred colleges and universities are expected to take part in the activities of AIP Student Sections during the 1960-61 academic year. The Institute will continue to provide the Sections with information of interest to physics majors, and is planning to expand those services designed to be helpful to Section officers in the planning of meeting programs.

Last year, for the first time, a listing of speakers from industrial firms was circulated by the Institute to the Student Sections. Companies on the list volunteered to supply speakers and/or to allow visits to their facilities by members of the student groups. The list was widely used, and it is currently being enlarged for distribution during the coming months.

The Institute also circulated a list of films having worthwhile physics content. All films on the list were reviewed by members of the Institute staff and were selected as being valuable for use at meetings of the Student Sections. Efforts are also being made to increase the size of the list of films during the present academic year.

The lists indicate the proper procedure to be followed in arranging for speakers, visits, or films—including estimates of the time it might take to complete such arrangements. All negotiations are carried out directly between the Student Section and the industrial research organization (in connection with speakers and visits) or the supplier of one of the recommended films. Companies not at present represented on

the speaker and visiting list, or organizations which have available any films which might be suitable for Student Sections, are invited to write to Mrs. E. E. Snider, National Secretary, AIP Student Sections, or to Dr. D. E. Cunningham, Advisor, Student Sections, American Institute of Physics, 335 East 45th Street, New York 17, N. Y.

John T. Tate Memorial Prize Fund

THE Governing Board of the American Institute of Physics has approved the establishment of an international prize for service to the profession of physics in the belief that such an award will contribute to good will and closer relations among physicists of all nations. Because the work of the late Prof. Tate is typical of the kind of accomplishment that will be recognized, the award will be known as the John T. Tate Memorial Prize.

It is planned to award, at intervals of three to five years, a gold medal and a cash prize that will be sufficient to allow the recipient to make a visit to the United States. The needed endowment for this purpose is approximately \$20 000. In the belief that Prof. Tate's many friends, past students, and admirers will wish to contribute toward this fund in his honor, the Governing Board has appointed a committee under the chairmanship of Walker Bleakney of Princeton University to assist in raising the necessary funds. Other members of the committee are Walter Brattain of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, J. W. Buchta and Alfred O. Nier of the University of Minnesota, and Walter