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Royal Society, served as president of both the British
Astronomical Association (1935-36) and of the Inter-
national Astronomical Union (1945-48), and belonged
to the American Astronomical Society, the US National
Academy of Sciences, and the American Academy of
Arts and Sciences. He served as general editor of the
ICSU Review, the quarterly publication of the Inter-
national Council of Scientific Unions, from the time it
first appeared in January 1959. During his career, Sir
Harold received the Royal Medal of the Royal Society,
the Gold Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society,
and numerous other medals and awards from astro-
nomical organizations in various countries of the world.

Robert S. Shaw, assistant professor of physics at
the City College of New York, died of a heart attack
on October 24 at the age of 56. Born in Auburn, Maine,
Prof. Shaw was a graduate of Bates College, where he
received the BS degree in 1924 and was elected to Phi
Beta Kappa. He did graduate work at the Universities
of Chicago and Cincinnati and was awarded an MS in
physics at Columbia University in 1931.

Prof. Shaw was an instructor of mathematics at the
University of Cincinnati in the period 1925-27, and
before joining the City College faculty as a tutor in
1929 he taught high-school science and mathematics in
Connecticut and Vermont. He was named an instructor
at City College in 1924 and an assistant professor in
1950. He was a member of the American Association
of Physics Teachers.

Martin D. Whitaker, president of Lehigh Univer-
sity and wartime director of the Clinton Laboratories
at Oak Ridge, Tenn., died on August 31 in Bethlehem,
Pa., at the age of 58. A native of Ellenboro, N. C.,
he graduated from Wake Forest College, was awarded
the master's degree by the University of North Caro-
lina, and received his PhD in physics from New York
University in 1935. A member of the NYU faculty
from 1930 until 1942, Dr. Whitaker spent the last
two of those years as acting chairman of NYU's
Department of Physics.

In 1942 he joined the Metallurgical Laboratory of
the University of Chicago as a research associate in
the plutonium project conducted there as part of the
Manhattan District's atomic energy program during
World War II. A few months later, Dr. Whitaker
went to Oak Ridge, Tenn., as the first director of the
Clinton Laboratories. He was in charge of the design,
construction, and operation of the Clinton facilities,
which served as the Manhattan District's pilot plant
for the production and chemical separation of pluto-
nium and as a training and testing center for the
Hanford Engineering Works in connection with studies
of the biological effects of radiation, reactor technology,
purification procedures, and the physics and chemistry
of plutonium and fission products.

Dr. Whitaker remained at Oak Ridge until 1946,
when he was named president of Lehigh University.
He was a fellow of the American Physical Society.