

Washington, D. C. The first of the above dates has been set aside to permit participation in the final session of invited papers of the International Symposium on Rocket and Satellite Meteorology which meets in Washington (April 23-25) under the sponsorship of the Committee on Space Research, the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, and the World Meteorological Organization. Details concerning the AMS-AGU meeting can be obtained by writing to William E. Hiatt, US Weather Bureau, Washington 25, D. C.

National meetings of the Meteorological Society will also be held in Norman, Okla. (February 13-15) and in Fairbanks, Alaska (June 26-28). The February meeting is being organized as a conference on severe storms and will take place in the Forum Building of the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education at the University of Oklahoma. Prof. Walter J. Saucier of the School of Engineering Physics is program chairman. The June meeting will be held at the University of Alaska and will deal with Arctic meteorology and climatology, the geophysics of the upper atmosphere, and topics in general meteorology. The program chairman is Chief Warrant Officer John F. Gaillard, USAF, 11th Weather Sq., APO 942, Seattle, Wash.

The Ionosphere

INTENDED as a working conference uninterrupted by social activities, a meeting in London on various topics relating to the ionosphere is to take place from July 2 to 6 under the sponsorship of Britain's amalgamated Institute of Physics and Physical Society. The program will consist of four main sessions, each of which is to be opened by an invited speaker. The subjects to be covered are (1) ionospheric constitution and ionizing radiations, (2) geomagnetism and the ionosphere, (3) irregularities in the ionosphere, and (4) mathematics of wave propagation through the ionosphere. Opening addresses at these sessions are to be given, respectively, by H. Friedman of the US Naval Research Laboratory, C. O. Hines of the Canadian Defense Research Telecommunications Establishment, B. H. Briggs of the Cavendish Laboratory, and H. G. Booker of Cornell University.

Individuals wishing to contribute papers to the meeting must submit abstracts of no more than 150 words to the chairman of the Organizing Committee, J. A. Ratcliffe, Radio Research Station, Ditton Park, Slough, Bucks, England before March 1. The deadline for final papers is June 1, and it is intended that the conference proceedings be published soon after the meeting. Those wishing to attend are advised to arrange for hotel accommodation early in the year, and it is suggested that assistance may be provided by the London Hotels Information Service, 88 Brook Street, London, W.1.

Further information concerning the meeting will be available at the end of March from the Administration Assistant, The Institute of Physics and The Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.