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the sponsor of NCAR. The site is said to offer a better combination of climatological conditions and trajectories for recovery of valuable scientific payloads, on a year-round basis, than any existing balloon-launching station.

In accordance with the Foundation's policy on all national scientific facilities operated under its sponsorship, use of the site will be open to all scientists regardless of affiliation. Emphasis will be placed on difficult balloon flights which are considered scientifically meritorious and likely to advance balloon technology. The development of the station, plans for its operation, and priorities for its use will be established by NCAR with the advice of its Panel on Scientific Use of Balloons, a group of scientists under the chairmanship of Verner E. Suomi of the University of Wisconsin.

The station has been created as a temporary installation at a cost of about \$400 000. The site contains a two-story, prefabricated operations and laboratory building and an asphaltic concrete launching area of approximately six and one-half acres. That area has been designed to accommodate all launching techniques, payloads, and balloons now in use or contemplated for land-based balloon flights. Operation of the station will be administered by the NCAR Balloon Development Group, headed by Vincent E. Lally.

Computing Center

Purdue University has announced the establishment of a new Computer Sciences Center for research in the fields of numerical analysis, programming systems, theory of automata, and artificial intelligence. The Center is directed by Samuel D. Conte, former manager of the Mathematics and Computing Group of the Aerospace Corp. The facility has a staff of forty, and its present equipment includes two IBM 1401's, one Univac Solid State 80, and one IBM 7090. In addition to its research programs, the Center will provide computing services to the University and will offer noncredit courses in programming for specific machines.

Preservation by Radiation

A \$1.8 million Army Radiation Laboratory has been built as part of the Army research program on preservation of specific foods by ionizing energy. The sixyear, \$5 million program is coordinated with the Atomic Energy Commission's program of low-dose radiation processing of perishable foods and the Interdepartmental Committee on Radiation Preservation of Food. The new 21 000-square-foot Laboratory is located at the headquarters of the Quartermaster Research and Engineering Command in Natick, Mass. The Laboratory is equipped with a cobalt-60 irradiation cell with a 3-megacurie capacity, a Varian 24-MeV, 18-kW linac, a nuclear radiation-laboratory complex, a food-preparation plant, and a taste-test kitchen.