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lasers and masers which is being arranged by R. J. Collins of the University of Minnesota. The program will include papers by Robert W. Terhune of the Ford Motor Company, N. S. Kapany of Optics Technology Inc., George R. White of the Sperry Gyroscope Corporation, and Henry H. Plotkin of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Another interdisciplinary symposium to be held the same morning will deal with philosophical aspects of cosmology and cosmogony and will be presented jointly by Section L (History and Philosophy of Science), Section B, and Section D. Arranged by Adolf Grünbaum of the University of Pittsburgh, the program will include papers by G. C. Mc-Vittie of the University of Illinois and O. Heckmann of the University of Hamburg. During the afternoon of December 28, Arthur L. Schawlow will be one of two speakers at the special session, "Moving Frontiers of Science, Part II". His topic will be infrared and optical masers. At 8 p.m. that evening, Paul M. Gross will deliver his retiring presidential address, entitled "The Fifth Estate in the Sixth Decade".

Rheology

A program of invited and contributed papers is being arranged for the winter meeting of the Society of Rheology, which will be held February 3-4, 1964, at the Claremont University Center in Claremont, Calif. Titles of contributed papers should be submitted prior to December 1, abstracts should be sent before December 10, and manuscripts of papers presented should be received on or before February 15 for inclusion in the published Transactions of The Society of Rheology. Titles and abstracts should be sent to the chairman of the winter meeting, Dr. Thor L. Smith, Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park, Calif. Manuscripts of accepted papers may be sent either to Dr. Smith or to the editor of the Transactions, Professor Raymond R. Myers, Chemistry Department, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

Accelerators

A Conference on High-Energy Cyclotron Improvement will be held February 7–8 at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. The meeting is intended to facilitate communication among cyclotron laboratories regarding the various approaches to synchrocyclotron improvement in the 100–800-MeV range. Representatives of each participating laboratory will be given the opportunity to discuss their machine-improvement programs. Inquiries should be directed to Prof. Robert T. Siegel, Department of Physics, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.

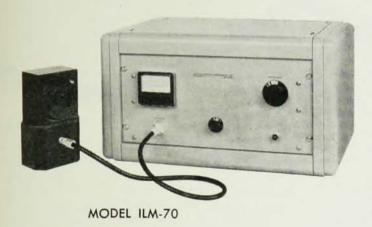
Radiation Biology

The 18th Annual Symposium on Fundamental Cancer Research, which meets March 2-4 at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston, will be devoted to cellular FOR



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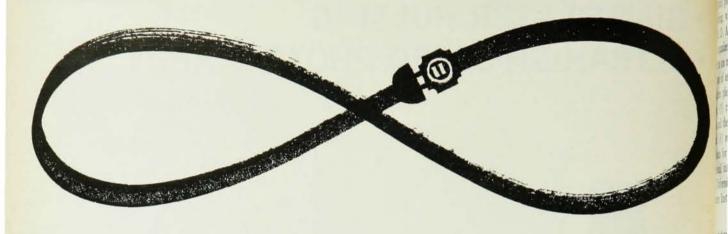
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radiation biology, considering the effects of radiation in the cell and possible implications for cancer therapy. The meeting, which is sponsored by the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, will be organized in the following sessions: (1) radiation effects on macromolecules, (2) radiation effects on replication of cellular structures, (3) critical structures in radiation phenomena, (4) modification of radiation response, (5) radiosensitivity in the replication cycle of cells and the relation to fractionation in radiotherapy, and (6) responses in mammalian cells and their implications for radiotherapy of cancer.

Additional information can be obtained from R. J. Shalek, University of Texas M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, Houston 25, Tex.

Radioisotopes

The second in the series of annual Oak Ridge Radio-isotope Conferences will be held April 19-21 in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Sponsored by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, in cooperation with the Atomic Energy Commission, the meeting will cover the use of radioisotopes in biology, medicine, engineering, and the physical sciences. Inquiries and papers (deadline January 1) should be directed to R. T. Overman, Special Training Division, Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, PO Box 117, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Optical Masers

The Electronics Division of the Electrochemical Society is planning a symposium on optical masers for its 1964 Spring Meeting. The symposium, which will be held on May 6 and 7 at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, will consist primarily of papers dealing with condensed-phase media used in connection with optical masers. Appropriate subjects will include preparation and physical properties of crystals, glasses, liquids, chelates, etc., of possible use in optically pumped or p-n junction lasers, or for the modulation, mixing, and harmonic generation of coherent light. All papers must represent the results of original, unreported research.

Triplicate copies of 75-word and 500-1000-word abstracts are due at Electrochemical Society Headquarters, 30 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y., by December 13. The abstracts should indicate that the paper is intended for the optical-maser symposium, the estimated presentation time, and the name of the author who will present it.

Further information regarding the meeting can be obtained from R. N. Hall, General Electric Research Laboratory, PO Box 1088, Schenectady, N. Y.

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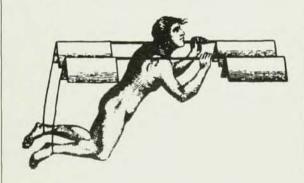
The 1964 Conference on Precision Electromagnetic Measurements will be held June 16–18 in Boulder, Colo. This international meeting is the most recent of a se-

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