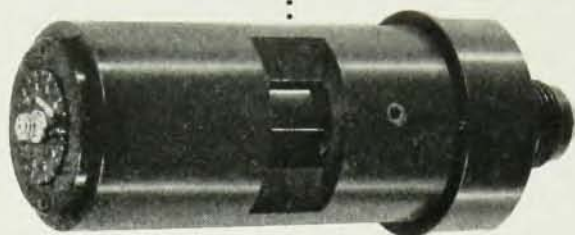


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Morton Hamermesh has been appointed associate director of the Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Ill. He was previously director of the Laboratory's Physics Division.

W. Lewis Hyde, director of development for the American Optical Company's J. W. Fecker Division, will become professor of optics at the Institute of Optics of the University of Rochester College of Engineering on July 1. Dr. Hyde, who has served as chairman of the US delegation of the International Commission for Optics since 1960, was recently elected international vice president of the Commission.

L. R. Bickford, Jr., has been named director of general science at IBM's Thomas J. Watson Research Center in Yorktown Hts., N. Y. Prior to his new appointment he served as manager of IBM's Magnetics Department.

Howard S. Coleman has been named to head the physics research activities of Melpar Inc. in Washington, D. C. He was formerly vice president in charge of research and engineering at Bausch & Lomb.

Dwain B. Bowen has joined the staff of Electro-Optical Systems, Inc., in Pasadena, Calif., as manager of laser applications in the Quantum Physics Division. Dr. Bowen was previously a staff scientist with Autonetics, a division of North American Aviation.

Recent additions to the staff of the Union Carbide Corporation's Y-12 plant at Oak Ridge, Tenn., are Robert A. Hobbs, John A. Oustalet, Jr., and John P. Moore. New staff members at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, which is also operated by Union Carbide, include Cloyd O. Beasley, Jr., and Derek Walton. John H. Neiler has left ORNL after nine years of service to become vice president and technical director of the Oak Ridge Technical Enterprises Corporation.

John E. Merrill has been appointed principal scientist at the Franklin Institute Laboratories in Philadelphia, where for the past four years he has been a senior staff engineer. Dr. Merrill is currently serving as visiting professor of astronomy at the University of Pennsylvania.

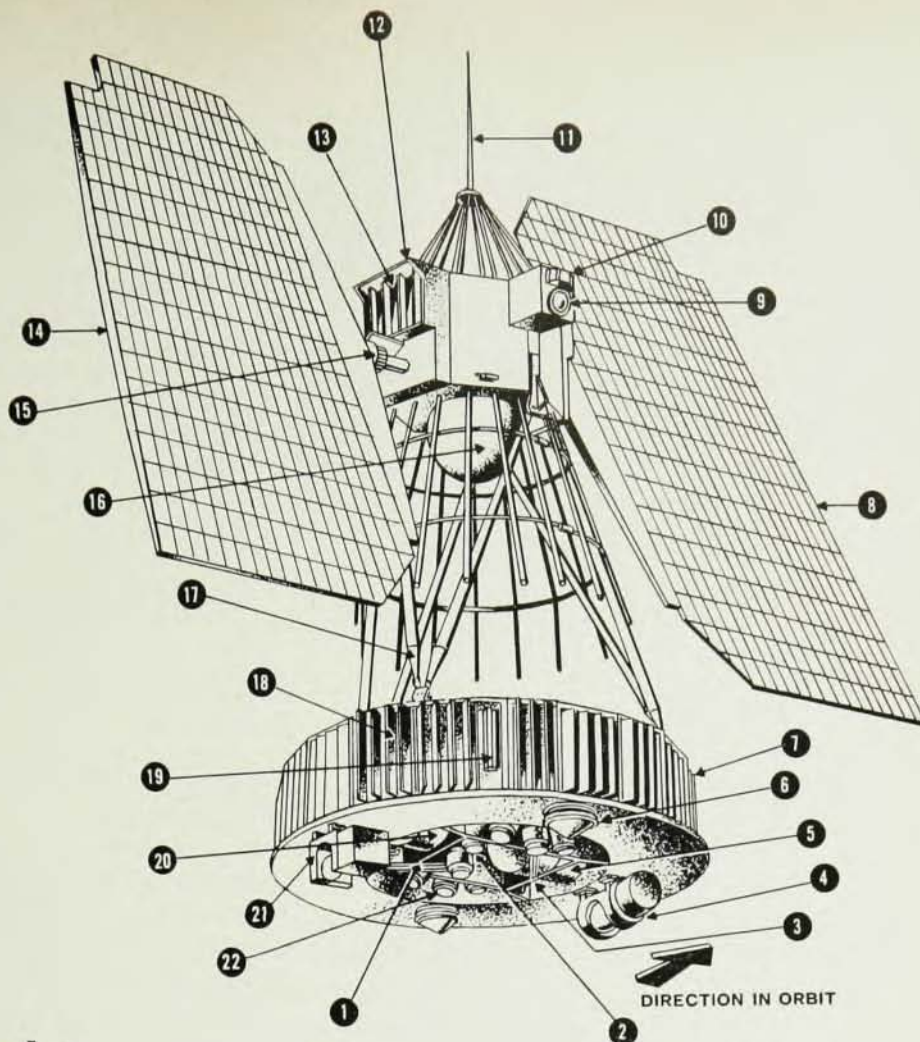
Tarani Chandra Bhadra, formerly at UCLA as a postdoctoral exchange fellow from India, has joined Electro-Optical Systems, Inc., in Pasadena, Calif., as a physicist in the firm's Quantum Physics Division.

Walter Williams, formerly supervisor of thermal coatings for Swedlow Inc., has been named division manager of Dyna-Therm Chemical Corporation's Thermal Space Division in Los Angeles.

Richard W. Damon has joined the staff of the Sperry Rand Research Center in Sudbury, Mass., where he is in charge of a research program on the microwave properties of solids.

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M. W. Welch, president of the Welch Scientific Co., Chicago, has been elected president of the recently established International Union for Vacuum Science Technology Applications. The Union is the successor to the former International Organization for Vacuum Science and Technology.

Eugene V. Ivash and **William C. Duesterhoeft, Jr.**, of the University of Texas, have been awarded the first research fellowships under a new visiting professor program established by the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation and the General Atomic Division of General Dynamics Corporation. They are spending several months at General Atomic's laboratories in San Diego, Calif., as participants in the controlled-fusion program sponsored jointly by General Atomic and the Foundation.

Willard F. Libby, director of the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics of the University of California, has been elected to the board of directors of the Douglas Aircraft Company. He is also a member of the Douglas Scientific Directorate.

James J. Brophy has been promoted from director of technical development to the post of vice president for technical development at the Armour Research Foundation of the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.

Joyce J. Kaufman, a member of the theoretical chemical physics group at the Research Institute for Advanced Study, returned recently from a seven-month assignment in Paris as a visiting member of the Centre de Mécanique Ondulatoire Appliquée. While abroad, Dr. Kaufman lectured at several universities in England, including Oxford, Cambridge, Sheffield, Manchester, and King's College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

George Dousmanis, research physicist at RCA's Electronics Research Laboratory in Princeton, was honored in January by King Paul of Greece with the award of the Golden Cross of the Company of King George I. Dr. Dousmanis recently spent several months in Greece conducting research and lecturing on atomic physics at "Democritus", the new nuclear research center in Athens.

Randolph-Macon College of Ashland, Va., has announced the appointment of **Sanford P. Thompson** as professor of physics. Dr. Thompson, a theoretical physicist, has been a member of the applied mathematics staff at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D. C.

Simon H. Bauer is on sabbatical leave from Cornell University during the current academic year as an NSF senior postdoctoral fellow. He spent four months with the Canadian National Research Council's Division of Pure Physics, and is now at the Weizmann Institute.