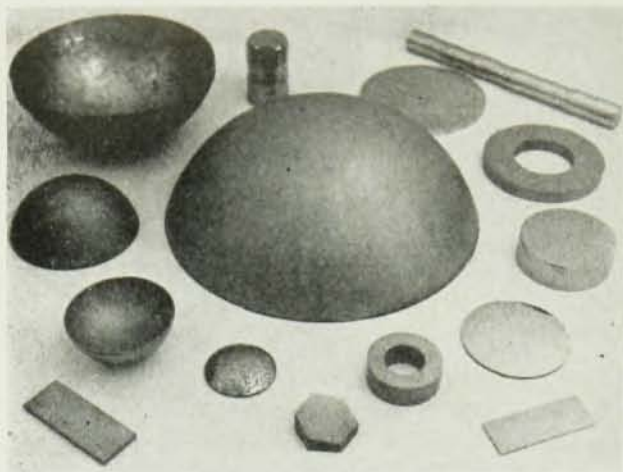


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MEETINGS

Planetary Sciences

A new Planetary Sciences Section of the American Geophysical Union has been established to coordinate activities within the Union related to space research. The section is sponsoring or cosponsoring 17 sessions of papers at the American Geophysical Union meeting in Washington, April 17-20. Details appear in the March issue of the *Transactions of the American Geophysical Union*. Further information can be obtained from the American Geophysical Union, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington 5, D. C.

Wiesner To Talk at FAS Meeting

The Federation of American Scientists has announced that Jerome B. Wiesner, director of the Office of Science and Technology, will address an open meeting of the FAS at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 21, in the Cotillion Room of the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington, D. C. The session will be held the evening before the opening of the Spring Meeting of the American Physical Society, and physicists who will be in Washington at that time are invited by the Federation to hear Dr. Wiesner's talk, which will be on a topic of current interest to scientists.

Space and Astronomy

The Adler Planetarium and Northwestern University are planning to join in sponsoring a one-day symposium on space astronomy during the third national conference on the peaceful uses of space, which meets May 1 through 9 at various scientific institutions in or near Chicago.

Entitled *Astronomy and the Peaceful Uses of Space—A Rendezvous of Technological Ideas*, the symposium will be held in Chicago on May 3, and will offer a program of papers concerning experiments which may be performed within the decade. The experiments proposed by the speakers will be discussed by a panel of astronomers, NASA representatives, and industrial research directors.

Further information can be obtained by writing to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Astronomy Department, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Radiation Damage

The general summer meeting of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (the merged IRE and AIEE), which meets June 16-21 in Toronto, will include a program devoted to the effects of nuclear radiation on electrical and electronic materials and equipment.

Sponsored by the Institute Committees on Nucleonics and on Electrical Insulation, the meeting's program will