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Dr. William R. Rumford 2430 E Street, N.W., Washington 25, D. C. accelerator operation schedules could be arranged to encourage continuing frequent use of the national facilities by university scientists.

The chairman of the panel was Norman F. Ramsey of Harvard. Its members included Philip H. Abelson of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, Owen Chamberlain of the University of California, Murray Gell-Mann of Caltech, E. L. Goldwasser of the University of Illinois, T. D. Lee of Columbia, W. K. H. Panofsky of Stanford, E. M. Purcell of Harvard, Frederick Seitz of the National Academy of Sciences, and John H. Williams of the University of Minnesota.

#### New Observatory in Hawaii

The Institute of Science and Technology of the University of Michigan has announced that it will build an astronomical observatory on 10 000-ft Mt. Haleakala on the Hawaiian island of Maui. The new facility, which will conduct both astronomical observations and missile-tracking operations, will cost about \$5 million. Of this sum, \$4 350 700 has been provided by the Advanced Research Project Agency under a three-year contract with IST.

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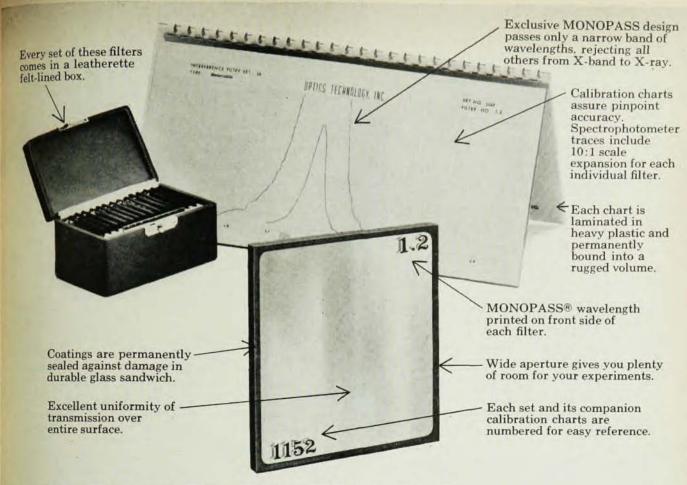
The site for the observatory was provided by the University of Hawaii out of land granted for scientific purposes. It is located on the Kole Kole peak of Mt. Haleakala and was chosen because it is near routes followed by many test missiles, in a good latitude for observing most satellites, and at an altitude where the stable climate provides optimum visual conditions. Observational conditions at the site were investigated by C. P. Kuiper of the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory of the University of Arizona.

Optical equipment will include one 60-inch reflector and two 48-inch reflectors. Infrared observing equipment will also be installed, and, according to IST's acting director, James T. Wilson, the station "will be the first astronomical observatory to conduct full-scale astrophysical and geophysical studies in the infrared portion of the electromagnetic spectrum". The manager of the observatory project is Robert L. Boggess of the IST Infrared Laboratory.

#### Review of Federal Agencies' Grant Policies

The scientific community's reactions to the policies followed by Federal agencies in the administration of grants and contracts in support of fundamental research are being reviewed by the National Academy of Sciences. The study will be conducted by the Academy's Committee on Science and Public Policy, and its major objective will be to recommend a set of broad policies and principles that will both "safeguard the fiscal responsibilities of Federal agencies and preserve a favorable environment for the conduct of scientific work".

The committee is therefore soliciting constructive criticisms and recommendations from members of the



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The present members of the Committee on Science and Public Policy, and their disciplines, are: George B. Kistiakowsky, chairman, chemistry; Philip H. Abelson, geophysics; Lawrence R. Blinks, botany; H. W. Bode, engineering; Frank Brink, Jr., physiology; Melvin Calvin, chemistry; Leo Goldberg, astronomy; Frank L. Horsfall, Jr., pathology and microbiology; A. L. Lehninger, biochemistry; Donald B. Lindsley, psychology; Saunders Mac Lane, mathematics; William W. Rubey, geology; Harry L. Shapiro, anthropology; T. M. Sonneborn, zoology and anatomy; and Alvin M. Weinberg, physics.

#### Radiation Medicine

The Atomic Energy Commission and the Lovelace Foundation for Medical Education and Research bave announced that Foundation personnel have begun to occupy recently completed portions of a new facility for the study of the biological effects of inhalation of radioactively contaminated air. The Fission Product Inhalation Facility, located at Sandia Base, N.M., will eventually consist of twelve buildings and will cost \$3 million. Four of the twelve units are now complete, including two main laboratory structures, a building housing veterinary support work and the central power plant, and one dog kennel. Later units will include administrative offices, a variety of specialized laboratories, and facilities for mice, rats, and guinea pigs. When all facilities are completed and the program is in full operation, there will be research observation of 10 000 small animals and 1000 dogs. The dogs used will be a special breed of beagles.

#### International Center for Theoretical Physics

Plans for setting up an international center for theoretical physics at Trieste early in 1964 have been announced by the International Atomic Energy Agency. The proposed center has been under discussion by the IAEA General Conference and its Board of Governors since September 1960, and a series of studies were made with the help of theoretical physicists from many countries. The Italian government has offered to construct a new building and housing facilities, to provide staff services and fellowships, and to contribute \$250 000 annually for five years. The IAEA will provide fellowships and professorships up to an annual value of \$55 000 for four years and make additional contributions up to \$110 000 in the same period. It was decided to establish the facility on a provisional basis and to evaluate its work after two years to determine the direction of future activity. A further review would be undertaken after four years to determine if it would be desirable to move the center to a developing country.