

tion given includes: half-lives, decay modes, and thermal neutron cross sections. The spins and parities of nuclear ground states, where measured, have been included for the first time. Copies are available free of charge from Educational Relations, General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y., 12305.

### Nuclear data

A Subcommittee on Nuclear Data of the Commission on Low-Energy Nuclear Physics of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics has been appointed by the Commission's chairman, P. Huber of Switzerland. Established in response to a resolution adopted on July 8 by the plenary session of the Congrès Internationale de Physique Nucléaire, the Subcommittee includes the following members: L. Rosenfeld (Copenhagen), *chairman*; D. W. Colvin (Saclay); R. van Lieshout (Amsterdam); K. Way (Oak Ridge); and a USSR representative to be selected by the USSR Academy of Sciences.

The request for the establishment of the Subcommittee grew out of discussion at the session on scientific information during the International Congress. The resolution urged in particular that the Subcommittee should:

1. Advance the use of a system of author-supplied key words to accompany articles and reports.
2. Coordinate the work of existing compiling groups and encourage the organization of new compiling groups to fill needs not now being met.
3. Promote the establishment of new means of publication of indexes, tables, and compilations.

The new Subcommittee will first test and improve the present key-word list proposed by the Nuclear Data Group with a view to recommending later its world-wide adoption by authors and editors. It will also seek suggestions for a key-word system appropriate for theoretical papers and will encourage the inauguration of new types of publication, such as a compilation journal, which will make tables and compilations more generally available to the world scientific community.



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