

AIP AND SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

A new center at AIP

Establishment of a Center for the History and Philosophy of Physics was announced on July 1 by the American Institute of Physics. The director of the Center is Charles Weiner, historian of science who has headed the AIP's Project on the History of Recent Physics. The Center includes the Institute's Niels Bohr Library of the History of Physics, History of Physics Archives, and Project on the History of Recent Physics in the United States. Mrs. Joan Warnow will continue as librarian of the Niels Bohr Library in its new relationship as part of the Center.

The merger of these facilities and programs into the new Center marks the culmination of a four-year period which saw initiation and development of AIP's activities in the history and philosophy of physics. As a result of these activities, source materials not previously available for research have been located and deposited in archives throughout the country. The growing collection of documents at the AIP's History of Physics Archives is being increasingly used by distinguished scholars in the history and philosophy of science. The success of these efforts and the need for them have been demonstrated by the enthusiastic response by physicists and by scholars studying the development of physics and the physics community in the 20th century. The Center will expand the AIP's program to locate, preserve, and facilitate the use of published and unpublished source materials that document the history of recent physics. In cooperation with scientific societies and other organizations, it will provide greater services to the scholarly community and encourage the study of the history and philosophy of physics.

New projects already under way at the Center include the establishment of oral history archives, provision of quick-response services to aid in the preservation of historically significant materials in danger of destruction, ad-

vice and assistance in the initial stages of programs to document the history of physics at specific academic and industrial organizations, and cataloging and microfilming of unpublished materials at locations relatively inaccessible to scholars. These new activities are supported in part by a new grant from the National Science Foundation. The NSF had previously supported the AIP's Project on the History of Recent Physics.

New AIP affiliates

During a recent meeting of the AIP Governing Board, the Society for Applied Spectroscopy and the Physics Club of New York were elected Affiliated Societies of the American Institute of Physics.

The Society for Applied Spectroscopy, now numbering some 2600 members in twenty-three local sections, was organized in November of 1958 in New York City. Two years later, the organization was incorporated in the state of Pennsylvania, with its legal residence at the Mellon Institute, 4400 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. In advancing and disseminating knowledge concerning spectroscopy and allied sciences, the Society issues its bimonthly journal *Applied Spectroscopy* and supports other publications of its local sections, sponsors national and local meetings, conducts annual seminars on spectroscopy, and recognizes achievements in the field with honors and awards. The current officers of the Society include John R. Ferraro, *president*; Marvin W. Skougstad, *president elect*; Jan Hurwitz, *secretary*; Walthew T. Barnes, *treasurer*; and Charles E. Pepper, *immediate past president*.

The Physics Club of New York, whose origins go back before the turn of the century, has a long tradition of service to the physics teachers of Greater New York. Currently numbering about 135 members, the group most recently has been concerned with

campaigning for more realistic goals for projected courses of study, establishing a laboratory materials center for teachers, mutual classroom observations between high schools and colleges, and the re-evaluation of science contests for pupils. Besides holding meetings to discuss these and other matters relevant to physics education, the Club invites prominent scientists to speak on their specialties and pays visits to industrial research laboratories in the area. The present officers are William Naison, *president*; Philip Stein, *vice president*; Jack Goor, *secretary*; and Thomas J. Touhey, *treasurer*.

Kelly to join National Academy

The National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council has announced the appointment of William C. Kelly as associate director of the Academy's Office of Scientific Personnel and director of its Fellowship Office, effective September 1. Dr. Kelly, who has headed the Education and Manpower Department at the American Institute of Physics since its inception in 1958, will, in his new post, have staff responsibility for the services provided by NAS to federal agencies in evaluating applications for government-supported science fellowships. The retiring director, Claude J. Labb, will continue to work with some of the postdoctoral research associate programs that have been established un-



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