cally with the result that the gyroscope forms an accelerometer measuring changes of equilibrium position in terms of all three directions of the angular-acceleration vector. Ryzhanov would coat the droplets with radioactive cobalt and measure the change in their rotations produced by absorption of electrons emitted by the coating. He presents a derivation to show that the effect would be large enough for measurement.

Chinese restaurant system

Referees for high-energy theoretical papers are now selected by the Chinese restaurant system. The editors of *Physical Review Letters* select one referee from Group A and one from Group B. The groups were established when one theorist complained that a paper sent to the wrong referee would be automatically rejected. It is still not clear which group any particular theorist belongs to. Perhaps the criterion is simply that first suggested by Richard Feynman: high-energy physicists fall into two categories—either they group or they disperse.

Reactor landmark

The X-10 reactor at Oak Ridge National Laboratory was designated a Registered National Landmark in ceremonies held on 13 Sept. Such status is conferred by the National Park Service on historic sites, objects and buildings as part of a program for their preservation that began in 1935.

The X-10 reactor, which was originally called the "Clinton pile," went into operation on 4 Nov. 1943. Its construction had started on 2 Feb. 1943, two months after Enrico Fermi had demonstrated the world's first successful controlled nuclear chain reaction in his laboratory at the University of Chicago.

X-10's first task was the production of plutonium-239 in gram quantities for use in the nuclear weapons program then under way. After World War II, the reactor became a prime source of commercial radioisotopes, which it continued to supply until the late 1950's. X-10 was retired from service in November 1963. □