



Van Zandt Williams, 1916–1966

IN HIS SHORT TERM as Director of the American Institute of Physics Van Zandt Williams left a lasting impression both on the program of the institute and in the hearts of all who worked with him. He came to the post with a broad experience in industrial research and development, and he threw all his energy into becoming acquainted with the officers and programs of the member societies and with the work of every member of the staff. His vision was on the future, and he worked unremittingly on the problems of securing more and

better high-school physics and helping college physics instruction. He was developing an ambitious program on problems of better communication and information handling in physics. At the same time he had a lively interest in the institute program on the history and philosophy of recent physics. The institute staff will long remember his cheerful disposition, his personal interest in each of them and his devotion to his work. He was with us too short a time, but his personality and his leadership will be long remembered.

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