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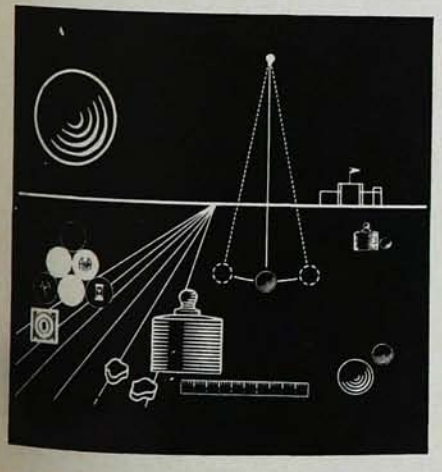
Interim director

The AIP executive committee has named Ralph A. Sawyer acting director of the institute. Sawyer, who is chairman of AIP's governing board, will be in charge of the organization's administrative affairs until a successor to the late Van Zandt Williams can be appointed. Sawyer will also serve as acting director of the AIP education and manpower division until 1 Sept. when Arnold A. Strassenburg will become the division head (see below). Meanwhile, a committee headed by R. Bruce Lindsay has been formed to seek a new director. The committee welcomes suggestions from the physics community as to possible candidates for the post.

Education, manpower head

Arnold A. Strassenburg of the University of Kansas has been named director of the institute's education and manpower division starting 1 Sept. Strassenburg will devote half of his time to his new post and during the other half will serve as professor of physics at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, where he will participate in SUNY's intercollege collaboration in physics.

In coming to AIP Strassenburg brings extensive experience as a physics researcher, professor and leader in physics education. He was educated at Illinois Institute of Technology and California Institute of Technology, getting his PhD from the latter in 1955 with a thesis on the lifetimes of neutral unstable particles. Then he went to the University of Kansas as an assistant professor. He continued his fundamental-particle research and was responsible for the organization and operation of all introductory physics courses. Concurrently he taught both undergraduate and graduate courses and directed summer institutes for college physics teachers. He was named associate professor of physics in 1961. During 1963-65 Strassenburg was on leave from Kansas serving with the Commission on College Physics, and he has organized several CCP conferences and written many reports of commission activities. Recently he was appointed chairman of the American Association of Physics Teachers advisory committee for the regional-counselor program (PHYSICS TODAY, April, page 9).



The AIP education and manpower division, which Strassenburg will head, engages in a broad range of activities devoted to strengthening physics teaching and encouraging students to study physics. These activities include the precollege-physics and manpower-studies projects, placement and apparatus-information services, the national register of scientific and technical personnel, the visiting-scientists program in physics-for-colleges (with AAPT) and the regional-counselor (with AAPT) and student-sections programs. From its inception in 1958 until 1965 the division was directed by William C. Kelly, now with the National Academy of Sciences. During the past year the acting director was the late Van Zandt Williams.

Miles Libbey joins staff

Miles A. Libbey of the Mitre Corp. has joined the institute's technical-information program to work in current communications. Libbey will deal with information exchange before distribution in archival form, including new patterns of initial distribution of published literature. The