

terested in the application of electronic computers to problems in astrophysics, helped found the Research Computing Center at Indiana University in 1955 and served as its first director for three years. During 1958-59 he was a National Science Foundation senior post-doctoral fellow at the Max Planck In-

stitute for Physics and Astrophysics.

Wrubel wrote *A Primer for Digital Computers*, an important early work in the computing field, and contributed numerous papers on stellar atmospheres, stellar interiors and hydro-magnetics to scientific journals.

Active in professional organizations, he served as a councillor of the American Astronomical Society and on the

editorial boards of the *Astrophysical Journal* and *Journal of Computational Physics*. He was a member and past officer of two commissions of the International Astronomical Union. Wrubel was also a member of the NSF astronomy panel for three years and its chairman the last year.

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Chen Ning Yang has been appointed distinguished visiting professor at the University of Utah. He is currently Einstein Professor and director of the Institute for Theoretical Physics at the

State University of New York at Stony Brook. Yang received the Nobel Prize in 1957 jointly with T. D. Lee for their research into the laws of parity.

Appointed director of the process and material research laboratory at RCA Laboratories is **Paul Rappaport**.

Newly elected vice-president of the American Astronomical Society is **W. W. Morgan**; elected as councilors are **Geoffrey Burbidge**, **George Wallerstein** and **Lodewyk Woltjer**.

G. King Walters, professor of physics and space science at Rice University, was named to the new position of associate dean of engineering and science.

At a party celebrating his 61st birthday, **Josef Meixner**, a professor at the Technical University in Aachen, Germany, was awarded an honorary degree by the mathematics and natural sciences faculty of the University of Cologne for his research work in theoretical physics and thermodynamics of irreversible processes.

Robert A. Young has become treasurer of the American Crystallographic Association succeeding **Robinson D. Burbank**.

Brooklyn College of the City University of New York has appointed **Vincent deLany** and **Louis Celenza** assistant professors.

The Fiber Society has elected as president **George M. Bryant**, assistant director of the research and development department of Union Carbide Corp.

John M. Kelso is vice-president and director of research of ITT Electro-Physics Laboratories.

The University of Massachusetts at Boston has appointed **D. Rao**, formerly of Master Optics and Harvard, as associate professor. **Leonard Catz** of MIT and **John Shane** of Sperry Rand Research have been appointed assistant professors.

Eric A. Sheldon, of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, has joined the University of Virginia as visiting professor for the academic year.

Elected president of the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy is **W. Albert Hiltner**, professor of astrophysics at the University of Chicago. He replaces **Rupert Wild** of Yale.

Gilbert N. Plass, formerly with the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies, was named head of the physics department at Texas A&M University. Named associate professor is **George W. Kattawar** and as assistant professors, **John C. Hill**, **Jurgen K. Kubler** and **Bryan H. Wildenthal**.

Joining Florida Atlantic University College of Science as a visiting professor is **R. K. Asundi**.

Jack A. Soules has joined Cleveland State University as dean of the College of Arts and Science. Appointed associate professor is **Herbert Schlosser**, formerly at Brooklyn Polytechnical Institute, and assistant professor is **Ronald M. Haybron**, of Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Michael S. Moore, **Robert J. Liefeld** and **George A. Keyworth** have joined Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory to work in the physics division. Other divisional appointments include **John J. Busick** and **Robert L. Burman** in medium-energy physics; **Charles E. Morris** in explosives testing; **Robert H. Gattis** and **Robert P. Godwin** in weapons; **Donald A. Neeper** and **Harold H. Rogers** in theoretical; and **Arthur M. Boring** in chemistry and metallurgy.

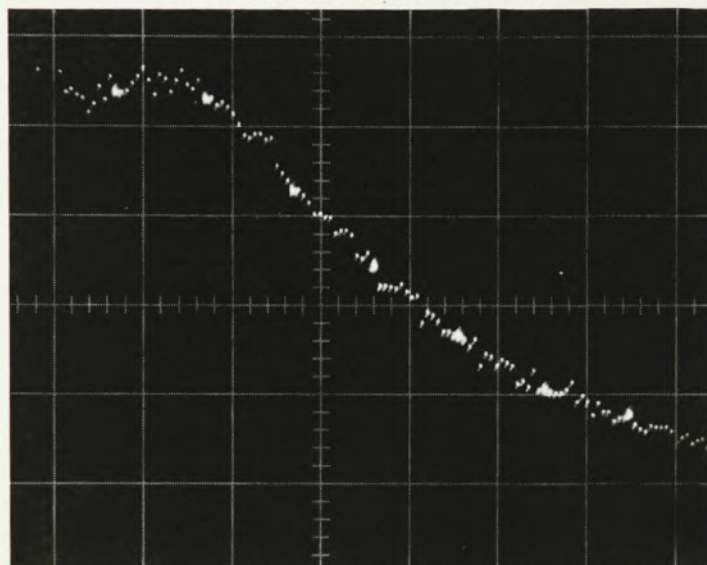
William N. Ellis has joined the Science Policy Division of the United Nations Scientific, Educational and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Ellis was for



LUIS W. ALVAREZ receives the Nobel Prize in physics this month "for his decisive contributions to elementary-particle physics, in particular the discovery of a large number of resonance states" through his development of hydrogen-bubble-chamber technique and data analysis. A professor at the University of California, Berkeley, Alvarez will become president of the American Physical Society at the society's February meeting.

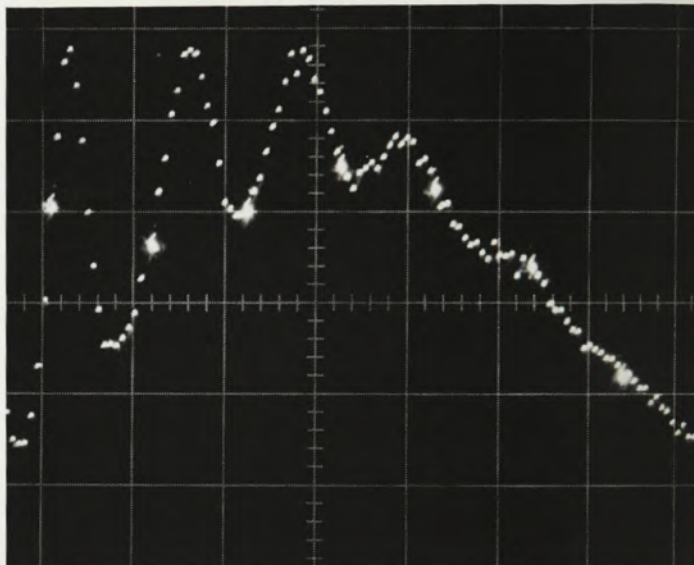
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many years with the physics program at the National Science Foundation and is now on leave from his job with the Commerce Department in Washington.

W. Lewis Hyde, provost of University Heights of New York University, is president-elect of the Optical Society of America, effective 1 Jan. New directors-at-large are **James L. Harris** of the University of California at San Diego, **William L. Wolfe** of Honeywell Radiation Center and **Peter Franken** of the University of Michigan.

Elected vice-president-director of research for General Telephone & Electronics Laboratories is **Paul E. Ritt**.

John W. DeWire has been named associate director of the Cornell University Laboratory of Nuclear Studies. DeWire's emphasis will be on coordination of research activities at Cornell's 10-GeV synchrotron.

At the University of Rochester **Albert Simon** was appointed professor.

Gordon A. Newkirk was appointed associate director of the National Center for Atmospheric Research and director of the NCAR High Altitude Observatory. He is also professor adjunct at the University of Colorado.

H. A. Sandmeier is on a six-month leave from the University of California,

John Wheeler Receives AEC 1968 Enrico Fermi Award

The 1968 Enrico Fermi Award, given by the Atomic Energy Commission, will go this month to **John Archibald Wheeler**. He is the Joseph Henry Professor of Physics at Princeton and is honored for his pioneering contributions to understanding nuclear fission and to developing the technology of plutonium-production reactors and his continuing broad contributions to nuclear science.

The award, which includes \$25 000, a gold medal and a citation, is named

for **Enrico Fermi**, who helped achieve the first sustained controlled nuclear reaction.

Named chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission Advisory Committee on Isotopes and Radiation Development is **John W. Landis**.

The University of Massachusetts, Amherst, dept of physics and astronomy promoted **Leroy F. Cook** and **Phillips R. Jones** to professor. Appointed associate professors are **Dietrich Freytag** and **Gerald A. Peterson**, formerly of CERN and Yale respectively. **Richard G. Huguenin** of Harvard was appointed associate professor of astronomy; **Allan R. Hoffman** of Brown and **James F. Walker** of MIT are assistant professors and **William A. Dent** is assistant professor of astronomy.

Everett M. Hafner, previously with the University of Rochester, has become dean of the School of Natural Science of Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass.

An associate chemist for Argonne National Laboratory, **Donald L. Horrocks**, was named assistant editor of *Applied Spectroscopy*.

Brian J. Thompson has become director of the University of Rochester Institute of Optics and professor of optics. He was formerly general manager of the West Coast branch of Technical Operations, Inc.

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Wheeler served in 1943 as consultant and guide to the du Pont Company in the design and construction of the Hanford reactors. He urged a conservative design to overcome the Xe^{135} poisoning which appeared when reactors began to operate in 1944. He also worked on reactor shielding theory, reactor control and problems of reactor heating. After the war, at Los Alamos and Princeton, he made fundamental contributions to the work on thermal fusion, both explosive and controlled.

In 1946 Wheeler was a pioneer in the theory of positronium and later in the theory of muons and muonic atoms. He was among the first to consider the



R. WALTER CUNNINGHAM, one of the three astronauts on the 11-day Apollo 7 earth-orbital flight, is a physicist. Marsh W. White, Sigma Pi Sigma president, tells us he is a member of that organization and the American Geophysical Union. Cunningham took his bachelor's and master's degrees in physics at UCLA and had nearly completed his doctorate when he entered the space program as a civilian astronaut.

Donald P. Burcham has been promoted to manager of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory space sciences division.

Kuo Wei Chang was appointed senior scientist at Space Sciences Inc.

effects of rotational and vibrational degrees of freedom in accounting for low-lying excited states of nuclei. Wheeler also studied the application of optical dispersion relations to elementary-particle physics.

ASA Honors Hale Sabine For Architectural Acoustics

The Acoustical Society of America has honored **Hale J. Sabine** with its Wallace Clement Sabine Award. The award recognizes Sabine's contributions to the theory and practice of architectural acoustics, his studies of the theory of sound absorbing materials and his leadership in the development of standard procedures for measuring acoustical properties of materials.

The award is given every two years



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