

Metzner Named Assistant Director of AIP Publications

A. W. K. Metzner was named to the new position of assistant director of publications for the American Institute of Physics, where he shares responsibility for all operations with Hugh C. Wolfe, director of publications. Metzner will explore new composition techniques, particularly computer-aided photocomposition and



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typewriter composition. He and the editorial staff for *The Physical Review* are located at the institute's newly acquired 3000 square feet of space at 300 East 42nd Street, New York. Metzner was formerly an editor of *The Physical Review* and involved in the typewriter composition of Section I at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

David Howell was also recently appointed as manager of the AIP editorial section, within the publication division, and replaces David Biesel. Howell was formerly with the technical-information division at the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Fund of Abdus Salam Has First Recipient

A Fund for Physics in Developing Countries has been set up by Abdus

Salam, director of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (PHYSICS TODAY, Sept., page 77, 1968), with the \$30 000 he received as winner of the 1968 Atoms for Peace Award. The first fellowship recipient is A. Q. Sarker, an East Pakistani physicist who specializes in dispersion theory and high-energy physics.

In an effort to thwart the brain drain, the fund will help research physicists, particularly theoretical physicists, from the developing countries. First priority will be the awarding of fellowships to senior physicists, permitting them to participate in the Centre activities; preference will be given to theorists from Pakistan. The board of trustees consists of Paolo Budini, deputy director of the Centre; P. T. Matthews of Imperial College, London; I. H. Usmani, chairman of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission; and Salam.

Support funds, which are invested at 5.5% interest with the Italian bank, Cassa di Disparmio di Trieste, have come from the firms Messrs Piaggio and Co, Genoa; Pirelli S.p.A., Rome; SNAM Progetti S.p.A., Milan; and Tarbela Joint Venture, Milan—in addition to the bank itself, which made the first donation and agreed to pay interest on its donation at 11%. The appeal for donations was made by N.A.M. Raza, former Pakistani ambassador to Italy.

Dart, Moravcsik to Evaluate Foreign Graduate Candidates

How can universities evaluate a prospective foreign graduate student without seeing him? Francis Dart and Michael Moravcsik, Univ. of Oregon, aim to do something about the problem. With support from the universities of Oregon, Michigan, Pittsburgh and California at Los Angeles they are writing evaluations based on interviews in Korea, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, India and Pakistan. Their month-long trip was designed to include interviews with about 150 students who want to study advanced physics in the US. The visit dates were 11 Oct.–19 Nov.

Each report will be available to any school in which the student is inter-

ested and any interested in him. The four universities sponsoring the Physics Interviewing Project get the evaluations first; two months later it becomes generally available. Dart and Moravcsik only evaluate; they are not involved in recruitment, admission, scholarships and the like.

The two-man committee and their sponsors view the project as an experiment. Students admitted through it will be surveyed during 1970–71 to see whether personal interviews improve selection.

JILA Has Fellowships and Associateships for 1970–71

The Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics is soliciting applicants for 1970–71 visiting fellows and research associates. "Joint" means Bureau of Standards plus University of Colorado, and the institute is housed on the university campus at Boulder. Its subjects are theoretical astrophysics, low-energy atomic physics and related topics.

About ten stipends exist in each category (associates get \$11 000 plus expenses), and other visitors are invited to come with their own support. One more fellowship is shared between JILA and the university Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics. Fellows are expected to come with extensive postdoctoral research and have no obligations. Associates are new PhDs and are appointed simultaneously to a university department and JILA.

AIP Publishes Guide to Undergraduate Departments

A guide to the physics departments at 622 US colleges and universities offering undergraduate majors has been published by the American Institute of Physics. Another 207 schools that offer majors but did not respond to the AIP questionnaire are listed. The 176-page book includes information on faculty, students, equipment, and physics-major programs. Copies of *Student's Guide to Undergraduate Physics Departments* can be ordered from AIP, 335 E. 45th St., New York, N. Y. 10017. Price is \$2.00 per copy