government advisory group headed by **Spiro Agnew.** Dessler has been chairman of the Rice University space-science department since 1963.

AEC Cites Three Men for Outstanding Contributions

The Atomic Energy Commission has awarded Lauriston S. Taylor, George B. Darling and Paul M. Gross citations for outstanding service to the national atomic energy program. Taylor, special assistant to the president of the National Academy of Sciences, is honored for his work in radiation protection; Darling's award is for his studies on the delayed effects of radiation on men (he is director of the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima); Gross, who helped organize the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies and is president of Oak Ridge Associated Universities, is being honored for his work at Oak Ridge.

Visiting professor at the University of California, Riverside, this fall is **Richard J. Eden** of Cambridge University.

Kenneth C. Clark is the new program director for aeronomy in the atmospheric sciences section, division of environmental sciences of the National Science Foundation. Clark, a geophysicist, is on leave from the University of Washington.

William S. Porter has been promoted to professor at Southern Connecticut State College. **John W. Snyder** of Ohio State University and **Lee T. Matthews** of the University of Vermont are new assistant professors.

L. Eric Cross, professor of electrical engineering, and **Heinz K. Henisch,** professor of physics, have been appointed associate directors of the Materials Research Laboratory at Pennsylvania State University.

Craig J. W. Gunsul, formerly at the University of Delaware, has joined the physics department at Whitman College as assistant professor. **James G. Pengra,** of Whitman, is currently visiting at the Nuclear Research Center, Georgia Institute of Technology.

Joseph W. Weinberg has been named Kenan Professor of Physics at Syracuse University. The Kenan professorships, named for William R. Kenan Jr, were established at five New York universities to improve the quality of undergraduate teaching. Weinberg, a theoretical physicist, was at Case–Western Reserve University before he came to Syracuse.

Dame Kathleen Lonsdale, past president of the International Union of Crystallographers, is visiting professor at the Ohio State University department of mineralogy this fall. Lonsdale is professor of chemistry at the University of London.

DeShalit of Weizmann Institute Dies at 42

It is our sad task to report that Amos deShalit died of acute pancreatitis on 2 Sept. at the age of 42. His untimely passing is a great loss to his family, to the world of physics, to his institute and country and to the entire world. A brilliant physicist, deShalit was one of the very few who are at home with both experiment and theory. He was a brilliant administrator; while he was head (1954–66), the nuclear physics department at the Weizmann Institute, Rehovoth (Israel) developed into a leading center for the study of nuclear and particle physics, rivaled in its impact by only a handful of other institutions. He was a brilliant educator; since 1963 he had been actively involved in improving science education in Israel, particularly in the

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