

all AIP and member-society journals. At the January meeting the publications board and society secretaries and treasurers agreed with the suggestion that the price should be about the same as the existing nonmember subscription price except for *The Physical Review* and the *Journal of Chemi-*

Physical Review Letters Cuts Page Budget 10%

The publishing crunch has caught up with *Physical Review Letters*: Text pages in 1969 will be held to 3000, a 10% drop from 1968 and a 20% drop from what normal growth implied for this year.

In an editorial in the 24 March issue the editors, Samuel A. Goudsmit and George L. Trigg, estimate that the rejection rate will climb from 46.5 to 61.5%, or 1600 out of the 2600 papers they expect to be submitted during the year. They emphasize that rejection does not neces-

cal Physics, where it would be somewhat higher. Purchasers would be permitted to make hard copies for users but would not be allowed to duplicate the microfilm or to resell the hard copy.

The detailed proposal will go to the AIP Executive Committee for AIP-owned journals and to society secretaries for their journals.

sarily reflect upon the quality of the work. In their words:

"It usually means merely that the contribution lacks timeliness or surprise, or is of interest to only a small number of colleagues in a rather static area of research—or even that it is so important that it is essential for all the elaborate details to be presented at the outset."

Goudsmit and Trigg note that in the past they have generally published "borderline" papers—those on which referees' opinions differed. "We can

IN BRIEF

A macromolecular research center has been established at the University of Michigan. Emphasis is on chemical and physical study of synthetic macromolecules. Charles G. Overberger is director.

Harvey Mudd College is offering new concentrations in technological and scientific studies designed to produce "scientifically-oriented generalists." J. P. Frankel, dean of faculty, feels broadly educated non-specialists are critically needed in industry, government, finance and communications media.

New York University is starting a special program for students who majored in engineering, mathematics or chemistry as undergraduates but who wish to pursue graduate physics study. The intensive one-year course covers the upper-division undergraduate sequence.

The *Journal of Quality Technology* has begun publication under the aegis of the American Society for Quality Control. Details are available from the society at 161 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee 53203.

Let's Talk About the Atom, 12 informal interviews on long-playing records produced at Argonne National Laboratory, is being distributed to radio stations in the US and abroad.

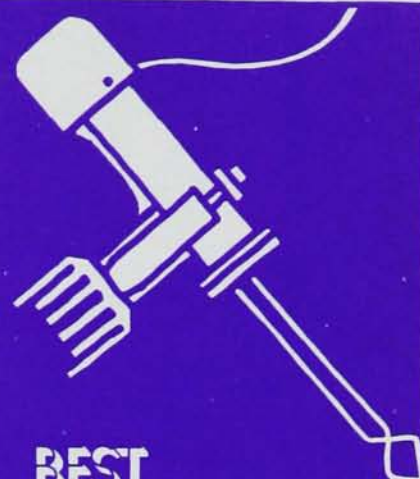
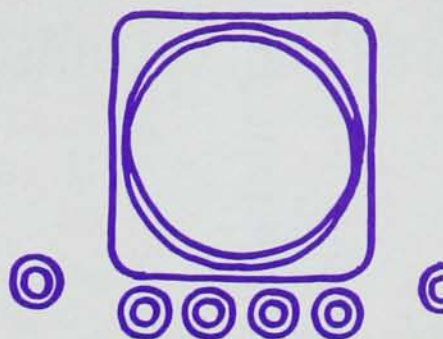
Scientific Information Notes, formerly issued by the National Science Foundation, is now available from Science Associates/International, Inc, 23 East 26th St., New York N. Y. 10010.

A Science and Public Policy Studies Group has been informally established by some 50 universities. The group will organize special symposia, act as a clearing house, facilitate exchange of ideas and develop priorities for research in science and public policy. A secretariat has been established at MIT for an experimental two-year period.

A new Board on Science and Technology for International Development has been created by the National Academy of Sciences. It incorporates the former Latin America and Africa Science Boards.

Twelve nations have signed an agreement establishing the European Molecular Biology Conference. This means government funds for the European Molecular Biology Organization, previously dependent on gifts from private organizations.

Case Western Reserve and the State University of New York at Stony Brook have joined Universities Research Association, the consortium that operates the National Accelerator Laboratory.



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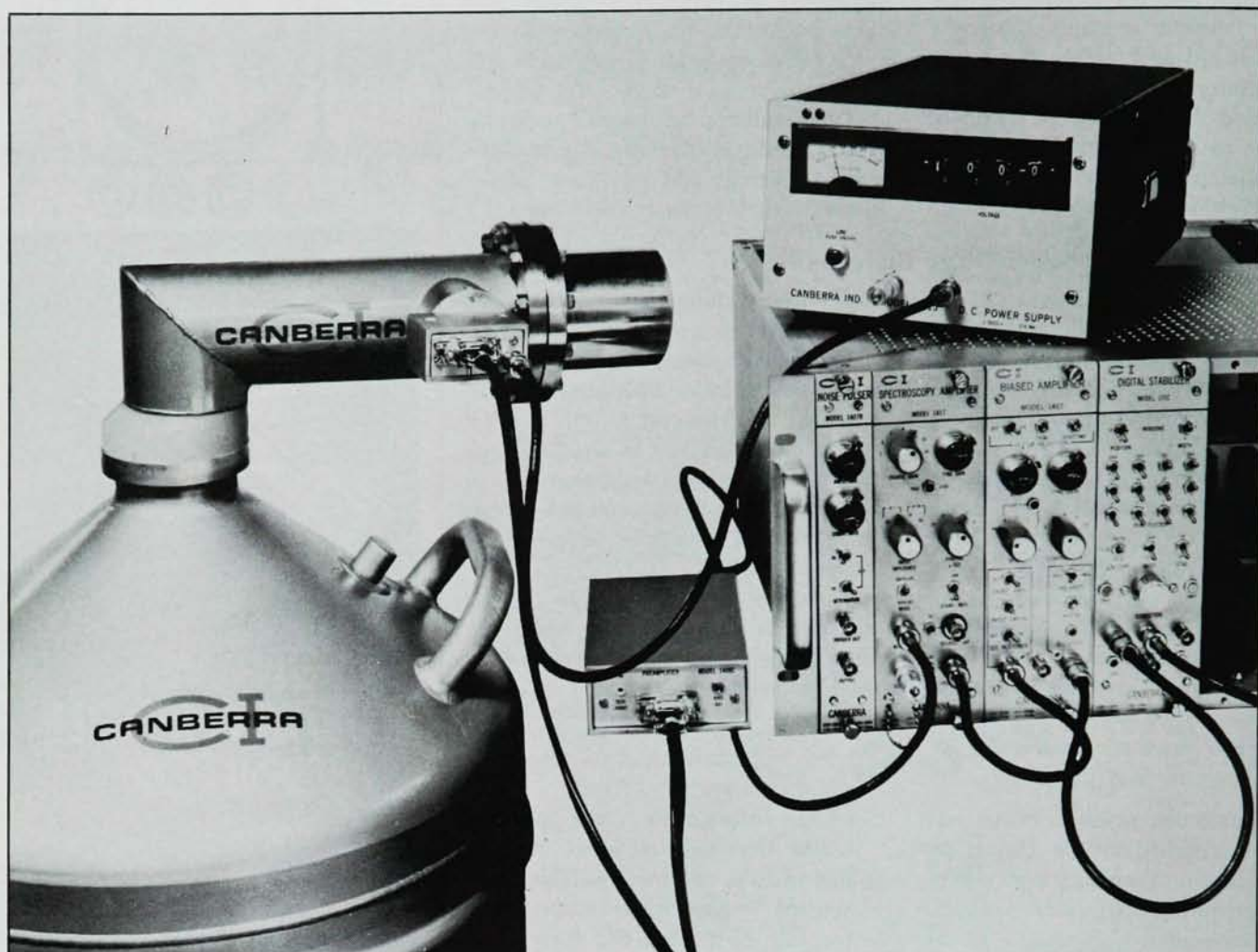
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no longer afford that luxury," they say.

The Council of the American Physical Society gave two reasons for directing the editors to limit the page budget. The council wants to prevent the journal from growing so large as to be unwieldy; and it wants to reduce deficits caused in part by a reluctance of some authors' institutions to honor page charges.

Society of Physics Students: 7500 Members in 365 Chapters

Students across the country appear to have responded favorably to the new Society of Physics Students (PHYSICS TODAY, September, 1968, page 59). By the end of March, the society counted more than 7500 members in 365 chapters, making it the third largest physics organization in the US.

(The American Physical Society is first with about 25 000 members; the American Association of Physics Teachers is second with about 13 000.)

According to Cecil Shugart, SPS director, new SPS chapters total 35, including five former AIP student sections that had been dormant. 29 new chapters of Sigma Pi Sigma, the honorary division, have been installed, bringing the total to about 170.

Maryland Plans to Train 23 Negro College Teachers

A summer institute aimed at upgrading physics teaching in Negro colleges is planned at the University of Maryland. The National Science Foundation has provided \$35 000 for 23 college teachers to participate in modern physics classes and laboratories and seminars on teaching problems.

The new program is part of Maryland's effort to prepare more Negro faculty members and help bring up to date those already teaching. The predominantly black colleges, which still educate most Negro college students, have few physics teachers. This shortage means few Negro students are exposed to physics and fewer still go on to graduate work.

The university physics and astronomy department already sponsors a summer research program for ten college teachers and an academic-year institute for five teachers. Those interested in the new program should contact Richard Mead. □

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