

ties." Since a division was proposed in April, two other alternatives have been suggested. The first is an amendment to the APS constitution that would allow for "Common Interest Groups," which would be formed by petitions from the members. The first such group would be on physics and society. The second is a "Physics and Society Forum" that would be created by the council. These proposals are to be discussed at the 17 August council meeting; its decision may be voted on by the membership during the fall.

Other members of the Committee on Economic Concerns are Milan Fiske, General Electric Research and Development Center; Charles C. Foster, Princeton University; Ronald F. Peierls, Brookhaven National Laboratory; J. C. Zorn, University of Michigan; George Masek, University of California, San Diego, and G. King Walters, William Marsh Rice University. —rj

EPS Elects Rudberg President; New Divisions and Journal

The European Physical Society elected Erik Rudberg as president, created two new divisions, one on high-energy and elementary-particle physics and the other on nuclear physics, and began planning a new, monthly periodical.

Rudberg, professor and secretary at the Royal Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, succeeds Gilberto Bernardini of Italy who now assumes Rudberg's former position as EPS vice-president. The other officers and members of the executive committee were re-elected for another term by the council (see *PHYSICS TODAY*, November, page 63).



RUDBERG

Hiroshima 25 Years Ago

The AIP Committee on Physics and Society recently issued the following statement noting that 6 August 1970 is the 25th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima: "Mankind will always regret that the large-scale use of nuclear energy began in warfare. But the welfare of mankind can be advanced through peaceful application of nuclear energy as well as through many other applications of fundamental science. We are gratified that a large number of American physicists are devoting themselves consciously to activities that use their knowledge for public good."

The council also established the two new divisions, bringing the total number of EPS divisions to seven, and approved a computational-physics group, which is interdivisional. Although the details for all three are presently being worked out by interim committees, each plans to develop its respective field by improving and promoting European conferences and by encouraging greater collaboration with different research centers.

The periodical, scheduled for early 1971, will be a monthly publication written in English and will concentrate on technical and nontechnical news. EPS is presently soliciting opinions on the journal from interested persons and is looking into the feasibility of creating a new company that would be its publisher.

W. V. Johnson, PNACP Director, New AAPT Executive Officer

Wilbur V. Johnson was appointed to the newly created post of executive officer of the American Association of Physics Teachers at its summer meeting. This full-time position was created by AAPT early last spring to help form a stronger central office (see *PHYSICS TODAY*, April, page 63). It replaces the part-time office of executive secretary, which will still be held by Mark Zemansky until Johnson begins his job around 1 October; Johnson will probably be located in Washington, D.C.

Johnson, who received his PhD in physical chemistry from Oregon State University in 1960, has been associate professor and physics chairman at Central Washington College since 1965 and was one of the founders in 1966 of Pacific Northwest Association for College Physics (PNACP). Since his appointment as its first director in 1967, PNACP has grown

from a membership of 35 physics departments to 60; Johnson is also the editor and publisher of its monthly newsletter.

As AAPT executive officer, he will initially be involved with the transition of some activities from the Commission on College Physics to AAPT. When CCP programs end in summer 1971, these activities will be taken over by the AAPT planned Council on Physics Education. After the transition, Johnson will function as the coordinator and administrator of all AAPT activities.

Physics Survey Adds Four Panels, Appoints Chairmen

The physics-survey committee, headed by D. Allan Bromley of Yale University, has added four new panels and named chairmen for three of them. The panels and their chairmen are: Optics, W. Lewis Hyde, provost of New York University; Acoustics, Robert Beyer, chairman and professor at Brown University, and Education, Ronald Geballe, chairman and professor at the University of Washington. The chairman for the fourth panel, which covers physics in chemistry and in high-polymer science, has not yet been named. These new additions bring the total number of panels to 15 (see *PHYSICS TODAY*, February, page 65).

New Canadian Organization, SCITEC, to Speak for Science

A new national organization, named SCITEC, was formed early this year to represent the entire Canadian scientific, engineering and technological communities. SCITEC, says Norman Grace, its president, plans "to speak for the science community, to advise government of science policy in the national interest and to explain science and technology to the general public."

Grace, general manager of the Dunlop Research Centre and president of the Chemical Institute of Canada, will serve with two vice-presidents, Louis Berlinguet, president of L'Association Canadienne-Francaise pour l'Avancement des Sciences, and Donald Betts, a theoretical physicist at the University of Alberta and president of the Canadian Association of Physicists. SCITEC has also created an interim secretariat located in Ottawa and headed by T. H. Glynn Michael, acting executive secretary and general manager of the Chemical Institute of Canada. Membership is open to scientists, engineers, technologists and interested members of the public. □