

Council agrees to energy studies, hears committee reports

At its 26 October meeting the APS Council attended to a number of matters currently of interest to Society members. After congratulating councillor-at-large Leo Esaki, who had just been awarded the Nobel Prize, the Council turned its attention to Society business, listening to committee reports and acting on several resolutions.

In effect, the Council gave a green light to a proposal presented by the Energy Study Planning Committee (see *PHYSICS TODAY*, November, page 69). Approving in principle the committee's recommendations that APS sponsor three summer studies—on the technical aspects of nuclear safety, on physics-related problems in energy technology and on technical aspects of energy conservation—the Council asked that detailed, working proposals be prepared for its February meeting.

Member Advisory Committees. Reporting on the activities of the three existing Member Advisory Committees (*PHYSICS TODAY*, September, page 75), Peter Eisenberger of Bell Labs told the Council about some general themes that have emerged from MAC discussions, such as the need for more applied physicists in the APS leadership and for more encouragement of applied physics in general, perhaps through establishment of awards for applied physics; the need for a more representative cross section of the APS membership on the various committees of the Society, and the need for the Society to direct more effort toward presenting science to the general public. Explaining that the MAC groups fulfill a useful role as ombudsmen (acting as liaison between the Council and the membership), Eisenberger called for suggestions for Society members who might be interested in setting up MAC groups in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Atlanta. He also asked that the APS continue in its efforts to give greater exposure to MAC activities.

Publications Report. The Council also approved the recommendations of the Publications Committee—to publish the proceedings of the Topical Conference on Energy that will be held as a part of the joint APS-AAPT annual meeting in February; to increase page charges for *Physical Review Letters* from \$70 to \$80, beginning on 1 January, and to request that the Soci-

ety's divisions each nominate an associate editor for *Phys. Rev. Letters*.

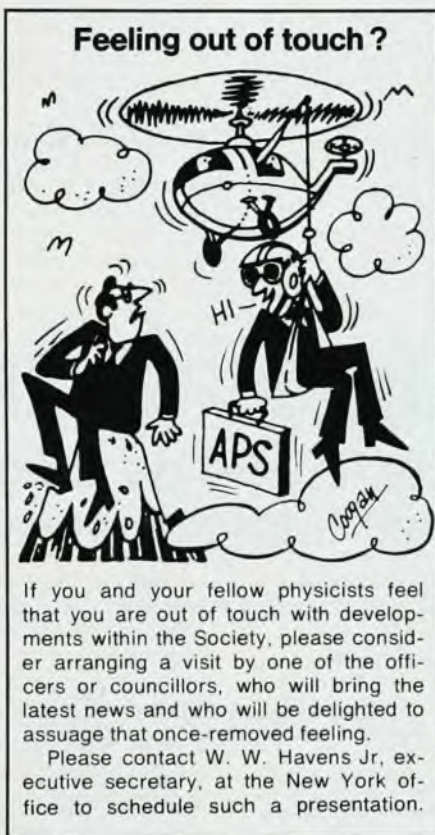
Professional Concerns. Peter Bender of the National Bureau of Standards presented the report of the Committee on Professional Concerns (*PHYSICS TODAY*, September, page 75), which held its first meeting on the day preceding the Council meeting. The committee plans to direct its efforts toward long-range questions of professional concern that affect careers in physics. It also plans to work with

have already been put into effect. The Council also approved Krumhansl's resolution calling for the formation of an ad hoc committee to study the posture of the APS with respect to applied physics.

During the course of the day's proceedings the Council also moved to allocate funds for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Society, and it approved continuation of the Congressional Fellowship program, arranging for the present committee to continue to serve until the next Council meeting; this will provide continuity in the program.

Minorities Report. Joaquin V. Martinez of St John Fisher College gave the report of the Committee on Minorities. He noted that the group is working on a study of minority manpower statistics in physics and hopes to produce a roster of minority physicists by next spring. The committee also expects to examine the role of predominantly black colleges in preparing minority physicists. Martinez appealed to the Council to make a sincere attempt to include qualified minority physicists in the activities of the APS and requested that, in the future, the committee be consulted to authenticate any data having to do with minority physicists that is acquired by the Society or through its support to other organizations. The Council approved resolutions calling for the publication of the full Minority Committee report in the *Bulletin* and encouraging the committee to suggest qualified minority members to serve on other APS committees.

In addition to Martinez, the other members of the Minority Committee are Ronald E. Mickens of Fisk University, Harry L. Morrison of the University of California, Berkeley, Carl Spight of Morehouse College, Betsy Ancker-Johnson, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Science and Technology, Miguel Rios of California State Polytechnic University, Frederick Young of Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, and James E. Young of MIT. Ex-officio members are Joseph A. Burton of Bell Telephone Labs, Joseph E. Mayer of Revelle College, University of California, La Jolla, Wolfgang Panofsky, director of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center and W. W. Havens Jr, APS executive secretary. □



short-range issues such as employment services and manpower studies. According to the report, the committee is continuing to investigate improvement in pension plans, and it expressed support for the pension-reform efforts of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

Future of APS. The Council voted unanimously to publish the report of the Committee on the Future of the APS in the *Bulletin*. James Krumhansl (Cornell University), who presented the report to the Council, noted that many of its recommendations