

Industry—Empiric Regularities in its Production, Distribution, Competition, and Product Distribution" by George Kingsley Zipf of Harvard.

CYBERNETICS

The French National Center of Scientific Research is to sponsor an international colloquium on calculating machines and human thought from January 8th to 12th in Paris. A number of Americans interested in the subject have been invited to attend. These include H. H. Aiken of Harvard, E. W. Cannon of the National Bureau of Standards, Norbert Wiener of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and E. C. Berkeley of New York City.

HIGH FREQUENCY MEASUREMENTS

The second conference on high frequency measurements, to be held under the joint sponsorship of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Institute of Radio Engineers, and the Bureau of Standards January 10-12, will have its headquarters at the Hotel Statler in Washington. Technical sessions will be held in the auditorium of the Department of the Interior.

ELECTRON EMISSION

A second symposium on electron emission is to be held at New York University next January 30 and 31 under the joint sponsorship of the American Physical Society's division of electron physics and the panel on electron tubes of the Research and Development Board of the Military Services. The first such symposium was held in January 1950 and was devoted exclusively to thermionics. For the forthcoming meeting, papers will be accepted on all types of emission, such as thermionic, field, photoelectric, and secondary emission. Those interested in contributing papers or attending should communicate with R. L. Sproull, Department of Physics, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. for further information.

DATES CHANGED

The 1951 Pittsburgh conference on analytical chemistry and applied spectroscopy, sponsored jointly by the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh section of the Chemical Society, will be held from March 5th to 7th, instead of in February as previously announced. The conference will be held at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh and will feature an exposition of modern laboratory equipment.

BUILDING RESEARCH CONGRESS

Plans have been announced for a congress on building research to be held from September 11th to 20th, 1951 in London. Sponsored by a number of professional institutions and learned societies of Great Britain, including the Physical Society, the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and the Illuminating Engineering Society, the Congress is intended to review all aspects of building science. The program will include a session on room acoustics with papers to be given by L. L. Beranek, F. Canac, W. Furrer, C. W. Kosten, F. Ingerslev, E. Meyer, and others. Additional sessions will deal with structural research, soil mechanics and foundations, building materials, and problems in lighting and temperature control. The Congress will take place during the period of the Festival of Britain, 1951, and visitors attending the Congress will therefore be able to attend the various exhibits planned in connection with the Festival. Correspondence should be directed to the Organizing Secretary, Building Research Congress 1951, Building Research Station, Watford, Herts., England.

Calendar of events

December

- 5 Society for Applied Spectroscopy, New York City
- 5-7 American Meteorological Society, Tallahassee, Florida
- 7-9 American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 16 Institute of Aeronautical Sciences' 14th Wright Brothers Lecture, Washington, D. C.
- 16-19 American Academy of Optometry, Chicago, Illinois
- 26-30 American Association for the Advancement of Science, Cleveland, Ohio
- 27-31 American Astronomical Society, Haverford, Pennsylvania
- 28-30 National Convention of Sigma Pi Sigma, Berea College, Berea, Kentucky
- 28-30 American Physical Society, Los Angeles, California
- 30 Mathematical Association of America (34th Annual Meeting), Gainesville, Florida

January

- 8-12 French National Center of Scientific Research International Colloquium on Calculating Machines and Human Thought, Paris, France
- 8-12 Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc. (Annual Meeting), Detroit, Michigan
- 9 Society for Applied Spectroscopy, New York City
- 10 Sectional Meeting of World Power Conference, New Delhi, India
- 10-12 High Frequency Measurements Conference (Sponsored by American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Institute of Radio Engineers, and National Bureau of Standards, NBS Semiconductors), Washington, D. C.
- 18-20 Society of Plastics Engineers, Inc., New York City
- 22-26 American Institute of Electrical Engineers (Winter Meeting), New York City
- 29-1 Institute of Aeronautical Sciences (19th Annual Meeting), New York City
- 30-31 Division of Electron Physics of American Physical Society and the Panel on Electron Tubes of Research and Development Board Electron Emission Symposium, New York University, New York City

February

- 1-3 American Physical Society, New York City
- 1-3 American Association of Physics Teachers, New York City
- 6 Society for Applied Spectroscopy, New York City
- 28 Inter-Society Color Council, Washington, D. C.

March

- 1-3 Optical Society of America, Washington, D. C.
- 5-7 Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 5-9 American Society of Testing Materials, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 8-10 American Physical Society, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 13-16 National Association of Corrosion Engineers, New York City

April

- 2-5 American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Atlanta, Georgia
- 5-7 Southeastern Section, American Physical Society, Chattanooga, Tennessee
- 26-28 American Physical Society, Washington, D. C.
- 26-28 Division of High Polymer Physics, American Physical Society, Washington, D. C.

May

- 10-12 Acoustical Society of America, Washington, D. C.
- 13-16 American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Kansas City, Missouri
- 23-24 American Society for Quality Control, Cleveland, Ohio
- 28-6 Third World Petroleum Congress, The Hague, Netherlands

June

- 11-15 American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Toronto, Canada
- 14-16 American Physical Society, Schenectady, New York
- 18-22 American Society for Testing Materials, Atlantic City, New Jersey
- 25-26 American Society for Engineering Education and Mathematical Association of America (Joint Meeting), Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan
- 25-28 American Physical Society, Vancouver, Canada
- 25-29 American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Toronto, Canada
- 27-3 International Union of Crystallography, Stockholm, Sweden

July

- 16-21 Conference on Automatic Control (Sponsored by Department of Scientific and Industrial Research), London, England

August

- 21-1 International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, Brussels, Belgium