

Adair named to top post at PRL

Robert K. Adair (Yale University) has accepted the top editorial post at *Physical Review Letters*, that of Editor and Chairman of the Divisional Associate Editors, succeeding James A. Krumhansl, who had resigned to become Assistant Director for Mathematical and Physical Sciences and Engineering at the National



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Science Foundation. Adair will serve for four years on a part-time basis.

The Search Committee, headed by David Lazarus (University of Illinois), was charged by the APS Council to find a distinguished physicist of broad background able and willing to sustain the quality and integrity of the journal. The Editor-Chairman is expected to set overall policy for *Physical Review Letters* in collaboration with the APS Publications Committee and to serve as the principal spokesman for *Physical Review Letters* with the members of the Society, with authors, and the general public.

Other members of the Search Committee were Krumhansl, Francis M. Pipkin (Harvard University), George A. Snow (University of Maryland), George H. Trilling (University of California, Berkeley), G. King Walters (Rice University), and Joseph Weneser (Brookhaven National Laboratory).

Adair received his PhD from the University of Wisconsin in 1951 and, after a year as a Guggenheim Fellow, joined the staff of the Brookhaven National Laboratory in 1953. In 1958, he accepted an

appointment to the faculty at Yale where he is now Eugene Higgins Professor of Physics and director of the division of physical sciences. He has held both Ford and Sloan Foundation Fellowships.

Adair is a Fellow of The American Physical Society, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, and a past chairman of the Division of Particles and Fields. He served as associate editor of *Physical Review* from 1963 to 1966, as associate editor of *Physical Review Letters* for the Division of Particles and Fields from 1974 to 1977, and as a member of the APS Publications Committee from 1975 to 1978.

Bederson is new editor of Physical Review A

Benjamin Bederson (New York University) has been appointed Editor of *Physical Review A* to succeed Robert Tucker (Brookhaven National Laboratory), who resigned effective 1 January 1978. Bederson will serve as editor for a four-year term with possible reappointment. Journal editors are appointed by the President of the Society upon the recommendation of the *Physical Review* managing editor with the advice and consent of the APS publications committee.

Bederson received his PhD from New York University in 1950 and joined its faculty in 1952. He will continue as Professor of Physics at NYU and main-



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tain an active research program. Bederson has published about 75 papers in the fields of gaseous electronics, nuclear structure, atomic collisions and structure, and plasma physics. He has served in the University Senate and headed the physics department from 1973-76.

Bederson's "Physics and Society" course, which he has taught annually since 1971, was presented this Spring on "Sunrise Semester," a nationally televised program cosponsored by NYU and CBS.

He is co-editor of *Advances in Atomic and Molecular Physics*, associate editor of *Atomic Data and Nuclear Data Tables*, and a correspondent of *Comments on Atomic and Molecular Physics*.

Bederson was the first chairman and is now a member of the NAS-NRC committee on atomic and molecular science. He is a Fellow of The American Physical Society and a past chairman of the Division of Electron and Atomic Physics.

IRS rules APS a tax-exempt organization

The Internal Revenue Service has affirmed that The American Physical Society is a tax-exempt scientific and educational organization. The North Atlantic Regional Office, in a report just issued, has reversed the Manhattan District Office decision of 1 December 1977 that the Society should be assigned the tax status of a business league.

The IRS report discusses the points made in the Society's protest filed in February 1978 and at a conference with Society officers and legal counsel in July 1978. The report concludes that "Based on all facts, law, and argument in the case filed, the exemption granted The American Physical Society under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code should not be disturbed."

APS President Norman F. Ramsey (Harvard University), Executive Secretary William W. Havens Jr (Columbia University), Treasurer Joseph A. Burton (Bell Laboratories, retired) and APS legal counsel, William A. Boylan and Alfred C. Jones III (Windels, Marx, Davies, and Ives, New York) represented the Society during the appeal. □