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effect on Congressional decisionmaking," Gibbons told us, "but I'm not unhappy with the level of influence we have now. We have started to become a significant part of the process."

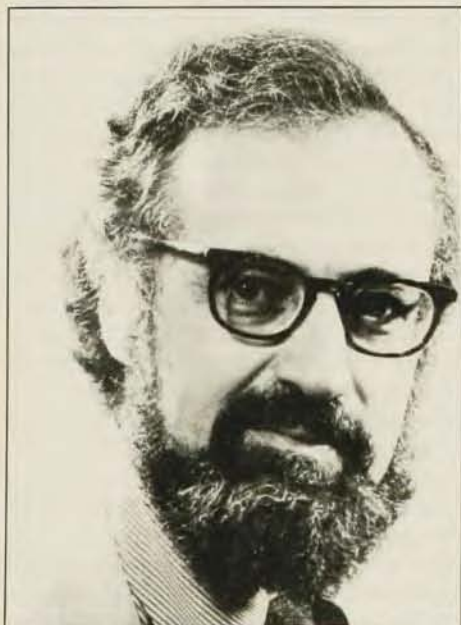
Does the new makeup of the Senate and the new Administration mean any changes are in store for OTA? "I think the new Senate will focus more on trying to take advantage of technology to solve the nation's problems," Gibbons said. That may mean a fuller docket for the Office. OTA may also take on another role now that a Democratic House of Representatives faces a Republican President. As Charles Mosher, first vice-chairman of the Technology Assessment Board, said in 1974, OTA gives Congress a means of getting technical advice to balance the expertise of the Executive branch. —MEJ

Furth heads Princeton Plasma Physics Lab

Harold Furth has succeeded Melvin Gottlieb as director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory. Furth has been at the Plasma Lab since 1967, most recently directing the technical program and serving as professor of astrophysical sciences. He earned his AB (1951) and PhD (1960) from Harvard University and joined the staff of Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in 1956. He has also served as an associate editor of *Reviews of Modern Physics* since 1975.

Gottlieb has been with the lab since 1954 (it was then known as Project Matterhorn), first as associate director and then, in 1961, when the lab was renamed, as director. He has also been associate chairman of the department

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of astrophysical sciences at Princeton since 1974. Gottlieb received his BS in 1940 and his PhD in 1950, both from the University of Chicago.

Government grantees keep patent rights

A bill that gives universities, nonprofit organizations and small businesses the right to retain title to inventions they make while working under a government contract has been passed by Congress and signed into law by President Carter. The bill is intended to encourage commercialization of new ideas by giving businesses and universities 17-year monopoly rights to their inventions. In the past, Federal agencies usually held on to patents arising from their grants and contracts, letting anyone exploit them on a nonexclusive basis. But this has led to almost no commercial application of Federal inventions. Carter supported the new patent policy in his industrial innovation statement last year.

in brief

Research and Development in Industry 1977, a National Science Foundation report containing an analysis of industrial R&D spending during 1977, historical tables depicting trends for key R&D funding variables as well as



Maurice Goldhaber (left) and his brother **Gerson Goldhaber** (Berkeley), together for the former's Festschrift celebration. Hundreds of Goldhaber's friends and colleagues gathered at Brookhaven National Laboratory in October to present him with the Festschrift. Goldhaber is AUI Distinguished Scientist at Brookhaven, and was director of the Laboratory between 1961 and 1973. He is also president-elect of the APS.

information about industry-employed R&D scientists and engineers, is now available. Copies may be obtained by sending \$3.50 to Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C. (stock number 038-000-00437-9).

The National Academy of Sciences has recently made available *Women Scientists in Industry and in Government: How much Progress in the 1970's*. The report may be ordered from the Office of Publications, NAS, 2101 Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20418.

The *International Journal of Thermophysics* is a new quarterly journal edited by Ared Cezairliyan (National Bureau of Standards). A year's subscription costs \$58.00 and is available from Plenum Publishing Co, 227 West 17th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011.

Space Solar Power Review, a quarterly journal edited by John Freeman of Rice University, has recently begun publication. Subscriptions may be ordered for \$65.00 from Pergamon Press, Maxwell House, Fairview Park, Elmsford, N.Y. 10523.

Pergamon Press Ltd has begun publishing a new journal, *Fundamenta Scientiae*, which will publish papers in English and French on "the 'foundations' of science in the broadest sense of the term." Institutional subscriptions are \$55 per year from Pergamon Press, Maxwell House, Fairview Park, Elmsford, N.Y. 10523. □