

Advice on helping oppressed physicists

The Committee on the International Freedom of Scientists has compiled an information packet for individuals or groups interested in helping politically oppressed physicists in the Soviet Union and Argentina. The report recommends such actions as writing letters to the physicist in question, writing letters to his or her superiors and government, soliciting support from scientific bodies and human rights organizations and, when appropriate, soliciting publicity. The report includes two case histories, illustrating how the emigration process can be made to work, a list of various agencies, committees and government officials to contact, a bibliography on human rights and scientific freedom, sample letters in support of oppressed scientists and some tips on how to make such efforts more effective. Copies of the report are available free of charge from Kurt Gottfried, Newman Laboratory of Nuclear Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. 14853.

Schawlow offers instant fame and (small) fortune

Arthur L. Schawlow, President of the American Physical Society for 1981, is sponsoring a contest for the Society's members. Prizes will be awarded to those who submit the best methods of publicizing their own contributed papers at general or divisional meetings. Methods might include such things as handbills, T shirts or balloons imprinted with experimental data or equations. Any expenditure required should be modest. Entrants are encouraged to try out their schemes at a meeting, but that is not required.

First prize will be \$10, and second prize \$5. Third prize will be a copy of Schawlow's latest paper, and fourth prize his two latest papers.

Entries must include details with drawings or photographs. They should be sent to Schawlow at the Department of Physics, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305, not later than 31 December 1981. A distinguished panel

of graduate students and secretaries will select the winners, who will receive their prizes at the time of the January 1982 Meeting.

New meeting on applications in Fall

Starting this year, four general meetings of APS will be held each year. The fourth meeting, an addition to the Annual Meeting, the March meeting and the Spring Meeting, will be held in the Fall and will focus on applications from all areas of physics. Impetus for an applications-oriented meeting was provided by recommendations of the Committee on Applications of Physics.

The first of these meetings will be a joint meeting with the Southeastern Section of APS, to be held in New Orleans, 23-25 November 1981. The meeting will have a special emphasis on applied mechanics and microstructure in materials. A Topical Conference entitled "Theory and Applications of Deformation, Fracture, Wear and Nondestructive Evaluation" will be held concurrently.

Other Fall meetings emphasizing applications are scheduled for Philadelphia in 1982 and San Francisco in 1983.

Conference honoring Sakharov scheduled

APS will cosponsor an International Conference in honor of Andrei Sakharov on 1 and 2 May at Rockefeller University. Other cosponsors are the New York Academy of Sciences and the American Institute of Physics. The conference will be organized as three sessions: Andrei Sakharov and His Contributions to Physics, Andrei Sakharov and Issues of War and Peace, and Andrei Sakharov and Issues of Human Rights and Justice. The symposium also celebrates Sakharov's 60th birthday.

Sidney Drell (Stanford University), chairman of the conference, has announced a partial list of speakers, including Val Fitch, Harold Furth, Philip Handler, Sir Karl Popper, Stanislaw Ulam, John Wheeler, Jerome Wiesner



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and Herbert York.

For program and reservation information, contact the Conference Department, The New York Academy of Sciences, 2 East 63rd Street, New York, N. Y. 10021.

Nominations for committees sought

The Nominating Committee will meet during the Spring Meeting at the Baltimore Convention Center to develop slates of candidates for the following committees: Panel on Public Affairs; Nominating Committee; Committee on the Applications of Physics; Committee on Education, and Committee on Opportunities in Physics. Candidates will also be selected for the positions of councilors-at-large and vice-president.

The Nominating Committee will have an open hour during its meeting at which members of the Society will have the opportunity to make oral recommendations for the above positions. The time and place for such recommendations will be posted on the information board in the Convention Center. □