

sciences at Caltech, and he will continue to serve as project scientist for the proposed Mars Geoscience/Climatology Observer mission scheduled for launch in 1990.

Gerd Rosenblatt is new deputy director at Lawrence Berkeley

Gerd M. Rosenblatt, former head of the chemistry division at Los Alamos, has been made a deputy director at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory. He is responsible for applied science in biology and medicine, chemical biodynamics, Earth sciences, and materials and molecular research. Hermann Grunder, the other deputy director, manages LBL's activities in high-energy and nuclear physics, accelerator physics, fusion research, and related programs. Rosenblatt's research has involved the behavior, properties and interactions of gases and solids at high temperatures, with particular emphasis on the interrelationships between molecular and atomic properties, thermodynamics and reaction rates at interfaces.

in brief

A pioneering program to identify and reward good schools has been launched in Florida. Last June, the state legislature appropriated \$20 million for a "merit school" program, in which bonuses are to be paid to teachers, administrators and other staff at schools deemed especially meritorious. The guidelines for selection of schools are complex, and the state affiliate of the National Education Association opposes the program while the Florida Federation of Teachers supports it.

Georgia's Education Department, experimenting with another kind of innovative program, went to West Germany last year to recruit high-school science and mathematics teachers. Eight Germans started to teach in Georgia high-schools last fall, and if their efforts are generally successful, a larger number may be recruited for 1985-86.

The Columbia University Law School has established a new and apparently unique professorship in law, science and technology. Benno C. Schmidt Jr, dean of the law school, hopes this will be the first step toward establishing a research center in the field that could cover protection of computer data, space exploitation, the ethics of genetic engineering, nuclear issues and biomedicine. Julius Silver, a New York attorney,

Niels Bohr photos available ... and desired



Because 1985 is the Niels Bohr Centennial Year, photographs of Bohr are much in demand for special publications, commemorations, celebrations and so on. The AIP Niels Bohr Library has issued a catalog of photographs containing photocopies of more than 200 prints that are available from AIP, the Bohr Institute in Copenhagen and other sources. The catalog is available only on loan and can be borrowed by arrangement with the AIP Center for the History of Physics.

The Center for the History of Physics is

seeking photographs of Bohr to add to its collection. The Center is especially interested in hearing from persons who have a photograph or know of a photograph that is not already widely published. A candid snapshot is the kind of photograph that the Center is particularly eager to acquire.

Persons with interesting photographs of Niels Bohr or other noted physicists and astronomers are asked to contact the AIP Center for the History of Physics, 335 East 45th Street, New York, New York 10017.

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A center for research in engineering tribology is being established at Northwestern University with financial support from the National Science Foundation as part of the NSF Industry-University Cooperative Research Centers Program. The multidisciplinary tribology center will be directed by H. S. Cheng, a member of the mechanical and nuclear engineering department, and its objectives will be to enhance understanding of the processes controlling lubrication and friction wear, and to develop charts and computer codes to predict major failures in tribological components.

Stanford University has released a comparative study of male and female graduate students in science, engineering and medicine. The major findings are that the women feel less well-prepared, are less self-confident and less assertive, even though they do better (on average) than men as incoming students on some of the Graduate Record Examinations.

A new chair in geophysics has been

established at Columbia University's Aldridge Laboratory, the Maurice Ewing and J. Lamar Worzel Professorship of Geophysics. The Palisades Geophysics Institute Inc, in Nyack, New York, provided \$500,000 for the fellowship, and matching funds have come from several companies, the university, and friends of Ewing and Worzel. (Ewing founded Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Geological Laboratory; and Worzel, who worked with Ewing for many years, is current president of the Palisades Geophysical Institute.)

In a surprise upset, physics teacher Manuel Esquivel was elected Prime Minister of Belize on 14 December, defeating George Price, who had been the leading political figure of the small Central American country for some 20 years. Esquivel earned his BA in physics at Loyola University in New Orleans and his physics teaching certificate at Bristol University in England. Until early last year, he taught at St. John's Junior College, a Jesuit institution in Belize City. □