

# We hear that..

**Robert F. Bacher**, head of the Physics Department at the California Institute of Technology and former member of the Atomic Energy Commission, has been appointed chairman of the Committee on Atomic Energy in the Department of Defense Research and Development Board.

The Royal Society of London has elected **C. S. Beals**, Dominion astronomer and geophysicist with the department of mines and technical surveys in Ottawa, and **Gerhard Herzberg**, director of the physics division of the National Research Council of Canada, as Fellows of the Society.

**John S. Boyers**, chief engineer and assistant treasurer of Magnecord, Inc. since 1946, has been elected president of the corporation. Before coming to Magnecord, Mr. Boyers had been connected with the Armour Foundation as associate physicist.

**Horace H. Coburn** of the University of Illinois has joined the faculty of Moravian College as associate professor of physics.

**Charles S. Draper** has been named head of the department of aeronautical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he will continue to direct the instrumentation laboratory. Dr. Draper succeeds **Jerome C. Hunsaker**, who will resume full teaching duties until his retirement next year.

The Applied Physics Laboratory of the Johns Hopkins University has appointed the following physicists to its staff: **Ernest P. Gray** from Cornell, **Lee M. Spetner** from MIT, and **Lawrence J. Viernstein** from Oklahoma A. & M.

The Office of Naval Research in London reports that **Werner Heisenberg** of the University of Göttingen has been named president of the newly created Forschungsrat (Research Council) of the German Federal Republic. The Council acts in an advisory capacity to the government on scientific matters and also represents Germany in its scientific foreign relations.

**Paul M. Marcus**, who spent the last two years with the London branch office of the ONR engaged in liaison activities with European science, has become research assistant professor of physics at the University of Illinois.

**John C. Hostetter** has received the fourth Albert Victor Bleining award of the American Ceramic Society "for distinguished achievement in the field of ceramics". Dr. Hostetter has been associated with the National Bureau of Standards, the Geophysical Laboratory of Carnegie Institute, and the Bausch and Lomb Optical Company. While director of development and research at Corning Glass Works, he was awarded the Howard N. Potts medal by Franklin Institute for having supervised work on the reflecting disc of the 200-inch telescope for the Mt. Palomar Observatory in California.

**Richard C. Keen**, professor of physics at Louisiana State University, has returned to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory staff as a research fellow to do radioisotope research. The Laboratory has also announced that **William J. Sturm**, physicist from the Argonne National Laboratory, has joined the ORNS metallurgy division, and that **Stephen S. Malaker**, a candidate for the PhD degree in physics at the Catholic University of America, has completed his thesis

research in low temperature physics at Oak Ridge and will continue his work in this field as a research associate at Ohio State University.

**Jean Lecomte** of the Sorbonne, Paris, is planning a visit to the United States during May and June, 1951 and will visit laboratories engaged in infra-red research.

**John H. Manley** has been named to head the Physics Department at the University of Washington. Dr. Manley, who has been with the technical staff of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory since 1943 as a research physicist and senior administrator, assumed his duties at Seattle April 1st. From 1946 to 1948 Dr. Manley acted as senior responsible reviewer for the AEC's declassification program. From 1947 to 1951 he was secretary of the Commission's General Advisory Committee. He resigned his post in January and was succeeded by **Richard W. Dodson** of the Brookhaven National Laboratory.

**Brian O'Brien**, research professor of physics and optics and director of the Institute of Optics, University of Rochester, has been named vice-chairman of the Division of Physical Sciences of the National Research Council. Dr. O'Brien recently was awarded the Frederic Ives Medal of the Optical Society of America for outstanding work in physiological optics.

**Axel H. Peterson** has been appointed head of the new Department of Instrumentation at Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa. In that position Mr. Peterson will serve as an expert adviser to members of the research staff of the organization and also will conduct investigational work on his own.

**Santiago Ramos Polo**, postdoctoral research fellow in the physics department's spectroscopy laboratory at Illinois Institute of Technology, has received the annual research award of the Spanish Royal Academy of Sciences.

**Bruno Rossi** of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and **Emilio Segre** of the University of California are both lecturing in Italy under the Fulbright program at the University of Rome. Other physicists who were granted Fulbright awards in 1950 are: **Leon Trilling**, instructor in applied mathematics, California Institute of Technology, doing research at the University of Paris; **Victor Weisskopf**, professor of physics, MIT, lecturing at the University of Bordeaux; **Philip L. Bouret**, S. J., assistant to the dean of engineering, Loyola University, lecturing at the Ateneo de Manila; **Eugene Crittenden**, professor of physics, Case Institute of Technology, doing research at the University of Bristol; **Josef M. Jauch**, associate professor of physics, State University of Iowa, doing research at the University of Cambridge; and **Robert V. Pound**, assistant professor of physics, Howard University, doing research at Oxford University.

**Bernice W. Sargent** has been appointed assistant director at the atomic energy project of the National Research Council in Canada. Formerly in charge of the project's nuclear physics research branch, Dr. Sargent succeeds **W. H. Watson**, who last year was appointed head of the physics department at the University of Toronto.

**Gian-Carlo Wick**, theoretical physicist from the University of California at Berkeley, has joined the physics staff at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, filling a new professorship supported by the Buhl Foundation of Pittsburgh. Dr. Wick, who came to the United States from Italy in 1946 to teach at Notre Dame University, has been a member of the faculties of the Universities of Palermo, Padua, and Rome.