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N. P. Allen, superintendent of metallurgy at the National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, England, has been a recent visitor to American laboratories and universities at the invitation of the National Bureau of Standards.

J. W. Beams, chairman of the school of physics of the University of Virginia, and **E. C. Stakman**, chief of the division of plant pathology and botany of the University of Minnesota, were elected members of the Council of the National Academy of Sciences at its recent meeting in Washington. **D. C. Alexander Wetmore**, Smithsonian Institution secretary, was elected home secretary of the Academy, succeeding **Fred E. Wright**, research physicist with Carnegie Institution of Washington, who has served as home secretary for the past twenty years.

Stanley Corssin, assistant professor of aeronautics at The Johns Hopkins University, and research specialist in turbulent flow, has been appointed associate professor.

Among seventeen University of Minnesota alumni to be awarded medals and certificates for outstanding achievement by the University's board of regents were the following: **Farrington Daniels**, professor of chemistry at the University of Wisconsin; **E. W. Engstrom**, vice president in charge of research at the RCA laboratories in Princeton; **Francis C. Frary**, director of research at the Aluminum Company of America, Pittsburgh; **Lawrence R. Hafstad**, director of reactor development for the AEC; **Paul E. Klopsteg**, director of research at Northwestern University's Technological Institute; and **Merle A. Tuve**, director of the Carnegie Institution's Department of Terrestrial Magnetism.

Homer L. Dodge, president emeritus of Norwich University and former head of the department of physics of the University of Oklahoma, will spend July and August in Japan as a member of a commission organized by the American Society for Engineering Education at the request of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. The commission, composed of fifteen Americans, representing the principal areas of engineering education, will leave for the Orient on July 1 to consult with the ministry of education of the Japanese government and with professors and administrators of engineering colleges in Japan. The proposed itinerary includes Tokyo, Hiroshima, Osaka, Kyoto, Fukuoka, Sendai, and Sapporo.

Lee A. DuBridge, president of California Institute of Technology, has been named to serve as a member of the National Manpower Council recently established at Columbia University under a grant from the

Ford Foundation. The Council's aim is to appraise the nation's manpower resources and to make recommendations for the development of existing potential resources.

F. C. Frank, solid-state physicist from Bristol University, England, is visiting the General Electric Laboratories in Schenectady for the summer.

George Gamow, professor of theoretical physics at George Washington University, has been invited to discuss "The Origin and Evolution of the Universe" as a Sigma Xi national lecturer. Fourteen Sigma Xi chapters and clubs are included in his lecture itinerary.

The Institute of Physics in London elected the following new Fellows on May 17: **J. A. Hall** (London); **M. Ishaq** (Pakistan); **P. Parker** (London); **S. Rajaraman** (India); **C. S. Rao** (India); and **J. F. Stirling** (Sunderland). Associates who were elected at the same time are **N. C. Bagchi** (India), **W. B. Chivers** (Birmingham), **S. I. Evans** (Sheffield), **J. A. Farnham** (London), **P. Garwood** (South Africa), **T. H. L. Graff** (London), **J. C. Hawkes** (Llangollen, Denbighs), **E. S. Hutchinson** (Widnes, Lancs.), **A. J. Kennedy** (London), **A. A. R. L. M. Morris** (Doncaster, Yorks.), **N. J. Rumsey** (New Zealand), **E. W. Saker** (Reading, Berks.), **G. G. Schaefer** (Australia), **J. H. Schackley** (Stockport), **O. H. Turner** (Oxford), **E. L. P. de Valence** (South Africa), **R. J. Wakelin** (Wolverhampton), and **F. J. B. Wall** (Woodford Green, Essex).

The University of Washington, Seattle, has named **Koji Hidaka** of Tokyo University and **Robert R. Williams**, professor of physics and director of the Laboratory of Nuclear Studies at Cornell University, as Walker-Ames professors for the summer of 1951. Dr. Hidaka will teach physical oceanography at the oceanographic laboratory at Friday Harbor, and Dr. Wilson will conduct a seminar in problems of nuclear physics.

Leslie E. Howlett, co-director of the division of physics of the National Research Council in Ottawa, has been appointed Canadian delegate to the Brisbane meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science, held this year in connection with the Jubilee of the founding of the Commonwealth of Australia. During his two months' absence, Dr. Howlett will visit scientific institutions in New Zealand, Australia, India, Pakistan, Italy, Denmark, and the United Kingdom.

Edwin H. Land, president and director of research of the Polaroid Corporation, has been elected president of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. **Jerome C. Hunsaker**, professor of aeronautical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been elected vice president of the section of the Academy representing the mathematical and physical sciences.