

M. Sitterly of the Bureau of Standards. A panel discussion is scheduled for the same afternoon as part 3 of the radio astronomy symposium. Speakers will include M. A. Tuve, C. G. Little, and others to be announced. Sections B and D, together with Section E (Geology and Geography), meet in a joint symposium on the 30th, arranged by H. H. Uhlig of MIT and F. L. Whipple of Harvard Observatory. A total of 17 papers will be presented (on the general topic of the origin of meteorites) during the three sessions of the symposium, to be followed by a round table discussion on the same subject.

Among other events relevant to physics will be the meetings of the American Meteorological Society, the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, and the American Geophysical Union, each of which offers an interesting program, and a joint session on the 28th of the AAAS sections for psychology, engineering, and medicine, concerned with communication aids for the blind. Particular mention should also be made of a general symposium of the AAAS with the stimulating title "The Sea Frontier", to be held in Paul Revere Hall, Mechanics Building, on the 29th. The symposium is arranged by A. C. Redfield of Woods Hole and J. C. Hunsaker of MIT, and speakers will include W. W. Rubey, W. M. Ewing, L. A. Walford, Rachel L. Carson, H. C. Stetson, R. V. Kleinschmidt, F. K. Morris, and A. M. Gaudin. The subject matter to be discussed is as far-ranging as the title would suggest. A related symposium on the chemistry of the sea and food problems is to be held the following afternoon by Section C (Chemistry). At 8 PM in the evening of the 29th, also in Paul Revere Hall, a symposium on "The Scientist in American Society" will include addresses by H. C. Urey, G. Piel, M. D. Howe, and E. C. Kemble. The symposium is arranged by a subcommittee of the AAAS Symposium Committee consisting of C. D. Coryell, P. M. Morse, V. F. Weisskopf, and B. J. Bok, and will be under the chairmanship of E. U. Condon.

The AAAS Annual Exposition of Science and Industry and the AAAS Science Theatre, with its showing of the latest foreign and domestic films, again will be prominent features of the meetings. Coupons for hotel reservations and advance registration will be found in *Science* and *The Scientific Monthly*.

Joint Computer Conference

"Information Processing Systems—Reliability and Requirements" is the general theme of the Eastern Joint Computer Conference and Exhibition sponsored by the Institute of Radio Engineers, the Association for Computing Machinery, and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, being held December 8–10 at the Statler Hotel, Washington, D. C. Twenty-six papers are listed in the advance program, including reports on the performance of several existing electronic computers, descriptions of specialized computer applications, and discussions of computer design and components. An attendance of 1600 has been predicted.

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