

Instruction

A series of tuition-free courses at various levels in radiological health will be given in Cincinnati by the U. S. Public Health Service from October, 1953 to May, 1954. Prospective candidates should have a degree in medicine, engineering or in a physical or biological science. The courses are two weeks long, the initial one being the Basic Course, covering basic radiation physics, which is to be given October 5-16, 1953, January 11-22 and May 3-14, 1954. The Intermediate Course emphasizes laboratory assay of radioelements and x-ray survey techniques, and is scheduled for October 19-30, 1953, January 25-February 5, and May 17-28, 1954. The Advanced Course, for professional personnel dealing with occupational health problems, will be presented February 8-19. Details of these courses are available from the Chief, Radiological Health Training Section, Public Health Service, Environmental Health Center, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Cobalt 60 radiography is the subject of a two-week training program to include health physics, the actual manipulation of sources, and other practical and theoretical aspects of industrial radiography which will be offered this fall by Technical Operations, Inc., 6 Schouler Court, Arlington 74, Massachusetts. The course is to be divided almost equally between lectures and pertinent experiments, and applicants are expected to have had previous training and/or experiences in foundry practice, steel fabrication, mechanical engineering, or related fields. The program is designed to provide part of the required basis for AEC approval of cobalt 60 purchase by the student's employer. Further information may be obtained from Technical Operations, Inc.

Samuel R. Spencer, retired chairman of the department of physics of Baylor University, died June 18 at the age of seventy-seven. He attended Decatur College, Baylor University, Chicago University, Yale, and received his PhD degree from the University of Iowa in 1925. Dr. Spencer, dean of Baylor University for eight years, was very active as an advisor on technical matters for the city of Waco, Texas. He was a member of the American Physical Society and the American Chemical Society.

Richard von Mises, recently retired Gordon McKay Professor of Aerodynamics and Applied Mathematics, emeritus, at Harvard University, died on July 14 at the age of seventy. The author, with Gustav Kuerti and William Prager, of *Theory of Flight*, Dr. von Mises made contributions to the knowledge of elasticity and the theory of probability and statistics. He had taught at Harvard since his arrival in this country in 1939. He was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences, and of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics.

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