

and should be returned before December 1, 1953 for the following meetings: International Union of Pure and Applied Physics, London, July 6-10, 1954; World Power Conference, Rio de Janeiro, July 25-August 8, 1954; International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Brussels, July 28-August 2, 1954.

Applications are due before January 1, 1954 for these meetings: International Mathematical Congress and International Mathematical Union, Amsterdam and The Hague, August 30-September 9, 1954; International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, Rome, September, 1954; International Scientific Radio Union, Amsterdam, September, 1954.

The Foundation has also announced its final group of awards for the fiscal year 1953, the total amounting to \$208,000 distributed among 34 research awards and grants for the support of scientific conferences, travel expenses of scientists attending meetings, and related activities. This latest series of grants brings the year's total to 292 awards involving \$2,151,000. The following conferences have received NSF support: Amherst College, Conference on Physics Research in Colleges; Duke University, Conference on Cosmic Rays; Lowell Observatory, Colloquium of Astronomers; University of Rochester, Fourth Annual Conference on High Energy Nuclear Physics; and University of Wisconsin, Symposium on Utilization of Solar Energy. The Foundation also provided an award to G. T. Reynolds of the Palmer Physical Laboratory, Princeton University, for the purpose of attending the Colloquium on Cosmic Rays of the Commission on Cosmic Rays of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics, held last July at Bagneres de Bigorre, France.

Infrared Spectroscopy

New Committee Organized

A Committee on Infrared Spectroscopy was elected at the annual Symposium on Molecular Structure and Spectroscopy held this past June at Ohio State University. The committee, consisting of R. A. Oetjen, chairman, Bryce L. Crawford, Jr., E. J. Rosenbaum, V. Z. Williams, and Norman Wright, is to serve as spokesman for the field of infrared spectroscopy in pertinent matters. Specific functions undertaken by the committee will be: to present to the editors of various journals the spectroscopists' views on the subject of publication of infrared spectra; to cooperate with existing committees such as the National Research Council Subcommittee on Molecular Structure and Spectroscopy and the ASTM Committee E-13 on Absorption Spectroscopy; to ascertain the wishes of the group's membership regarding frequency and type of meetings, and to serve as a clearing house for suggestions from individual members relative to the mutual interests of infrared spectroscopists; and to aid the staff of Ohio State University's Department of Physics and Astronomy in the work of the annual symposia in this field. The chairman is R. A. Oetjen, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

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