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An electrical engineering laboratory to be used for education and research dealing with the detailed and advanced study of electrical power systems has been donated to Carnegie Institute of Technology by Westinghouse Electric Corporation. Formerly a part of the research and development facilities at the company's East Pittsburgh manufacturing plant, the laboratory is valued at \$100 000 and is expected to stimulate student interest in power engineering.

Czeslaw Bialobrzewski, professor at the University of Warsaw and director of its Institute of Theoretical Physics for over thirty years, died on October 12th. He was seventy-five years old. Before World War II Professor Bialobrzewski was Mme. Curie's successor as Poland's representative on the Committee of Intellectual Cooperation of the League of Nations, and after the war he served as a vice-president of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics. Known for his early work in the field of astrophysics, he was the first to recognize the role of radiation pressure for the interior of stars and to derive the equations for the polytropic equilibrium. More recently he had been concerned with the philosophical interpretation of quantum mechanical principles.

Albert S. Eisenstein, visiting professor of physics at Cornell University during the present academic year, suffered a fatal heart attack at his home in Ithaca, N. Y., on December 16th. He was thirty-five at the time of his death. Educated at the University of Missouri, Dr. Eisenstein had been a member of the physics department faculty there since 1946 and previously, during the war-years, had been on the staff of the Radiation Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A specialist in electronics and in x-ray and electron diffraction, he came to Cornell last year to teach and to carry on research in solid state physics. He was a member of the American Physical Society.

Reinhard A. Wetzel, former supervisor of secondary physics at Townsend Harris High School, the preparatory school of City College in New York, died December 23rd at his home in Mount Vernon, New York. He was eighty years old. A native of Germany, he was educated in this country and after several years of teaching in secondary schools and at Wisconsin and Columbia he joined the faculty at City College in 1910. He was named chairman of the physics department at Townsend Harris in 1916, a post which he held until 1942, when the school was discontinued by the New York City Board of Estimate as an economy measure. A fellow of the American Physical Society, he was also a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Optical Society, and the Mathematical Society, and was a former president of the New York Microscopical Society.

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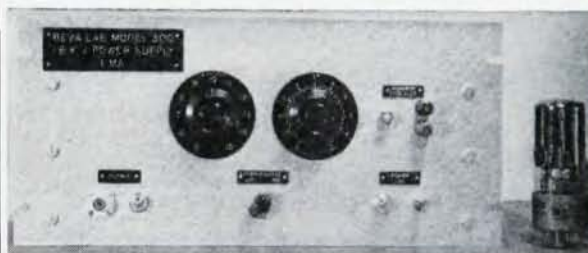
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