

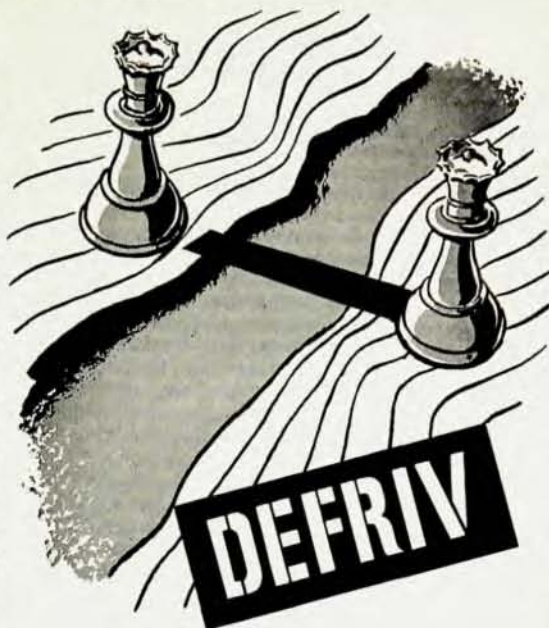
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Publications

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Volume 1, Numbers 1 and 2 of *The International Journal of Applied Radiation and Isotopes* was issued in July by Pergamon Press, London and New York. Editors of the new journal are: P. C. Aebersold (Atomic Energy Commission), A. H. W. Aten, Jr. (Institut voor Kernfysisch Onderzoek, Amsterdam, Holland), J. C. Bugher (The Rockefeller Foundation), J. Coursaget (CEA, Paris, France), V. N. Kondratiev (The Academy of Sciences of the USSR), M. Magat (Laboratoire de Chimie Physique, Paris), H. R. Nelson (Battelle Memorial Institute), and J. L. Putman and H. Seligman (Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, England). An additional 32-member editorial advisory board includes representatives from 14 countries and Unesco. Papers will be published in either English, French, German, or Russian, and abstracts appear in all four languages. The annual subscription rate per volume is \$17, or for individual subscribers certifying that the journal is for their private use, \$9.80.

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