

Notes and News

Announcements and other items of crystallographic interest will be published under this heading at the discretion of the Editorial Board. Copy should be sent direct to the British Co-editor (R. C. Evans, Crystallographic Laboratory, Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, England).

Nuovo Cimento

The Editor of *Nuovo Cimento* announces that a Supplement to Volume 10 (Series 9) shortly to be published will be devoted to review of work in the U.S.S.R. and Eastern European countries. Among the articles likely to be of interest to crystallographers are the following:

J. TURKEVICH.	<i>Soviet physics.</i>
R. W. CAHN.	<i>Mechanical twinning.</i>
A. L. MACKAY.	<i>Recent Soviet work in the field of crystallography.</i>
A. L. MACKAY.	<i>Crystallography in Eastern Europe.</i>
M. MAGAT.	<i>Theorie de la liaison chimique.</i>
S. ROSENBLUM.	<i>Sur les travaux de magnetisme en U.R.R.S.</i>
W. J. SWIATECKI.	<i>Polish physics.</i>

As the number of copies of the Supplement will be limited, orders should be placed without delay with:

Nicola Zanichelli Editore, Via Irnerio N. 46, Bologna, Italy.

Compilations of Crystallographic Data

In the belief that there are useful compilations of crystallographic data that are not known to all crystallographers, the Crystallographic Data Committee of the American Crystallographic Association, under the chairmanship of Dr Elizabeth A. Wood, has prepared a four-page list of sources of information.

This lists name, author, data, source and a short description of the data given for thirty-seven items ranging from *Strukturbericht* to *X-ray Crystallography and Chemistry of the Steroids*.

The list will be distributed to all members of the American Crystallographic Association. Others interested may obtain a copy from the Chairman of the Data Commission of the International Union of Crystallography, F. W. Matthews, Central Research Laboratory, Canadian Industries Limited, McMasterville, Quebec, Canada.

Forthcoming Meetings

Information has been received of the following meetings to be held during 1954 in addition to those already announced in these columns (*Acta Cryst.* (1953), 6, 751):

Date	Place	Description	Secretariat
31 May-1 June	Teddington, England	Symposium of Flow and Fracture of Metals at High Temperatures, organized by the National Physical Laboratory	Secretary, National Physical Laboratory, Teddington
27 June-3 July	Amsterdam, Holland	Conference on Semi-Conductors and Insulators, organized by the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics	H. J. VINK, Floralaan 142, Eindhoven
16-21 July*	London, England	Meeting of the Joint Commission on Electron Microscopy of the International Council of Scientific Unions	F. W. CUCKOW, Chester Beatty Institute, Royal Cancer Hospital, Fulham Road, London S.W. 3

* Revised dates.

Book Reviews

Works intended for notice in this column should be sent direct to the Editor (P. P. Ewald, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, 99 Livingston Street, Brooklyn 2, N.Y., U.S.A.). As far as practicable books will be reviewed in a country different from that of publication.

General Chemistry. By L. PAULING. Pp. xii+710 with 193 figs. and 2 plates. San Francisco: Freeman. 2nd ed., 1953. Price \$6.00; 51s.

In his preface, after remarking on the congestion arising in a modern course of elementary chemistry from the

ever-growing scope of the science, Prof. Pauling writes 'a smaller amount of time can now be devoted to learning the facts of descriptive chemistry, because many of these facts have been correlated and systematized by new principles'. It was therefore with lively expectation that the reviewer turned first to the chapters (dispersed in a