

group of this crystal. A trial structure has been obtained by S. Geller and work on the refinement is going on.

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Notes and News

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International Union of Crystallography

Fourth General Assembly and International Congress, Montreal, Canada, 10–17 July 1957

By kind invitation of the Canadian National Research Council, the Fourth General Assembly and International Congress of the Union will be held in Montreal from 10 to 17 July 1957. The Congress will be followed by two Symposia on 18 and 19 July.

For the organization of the meeting a Local and a Programme Committee have been established. The Chairmen of these Committees are respectively Dr W. H. Barnes (Division of Pure Physics, National Research Council, Ottawa 2, Ontario, Canada) and Dr W. N. Lipscomb (University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A.).

The headquarters' site and most of the sessions of the General Assembly, the International Congress, and the Symposia will be in the Physical Sciences Centre of McGill University. A special evening session during the Congress will be held at the University of Montreal.

An information booklet, which will contain the necessary registration forms for the use of the Local Committee, the Programme Committee, and the American Express Company (official travel agents), is now in preparation. Copies of this booklet should be in the hands of the Secretaries of the National Committees early in September 1956 for distribution among crystallographers in their countries. If any interested individual has not received a copy by 1 November 1956 he should write to the Secretary of the National Committee in his country (for names and addresses, see *Acta Cryst.* (1955), **8**, 858, but for U.S.A. read Dr G. A. Jeffrey, Department of Chemistry, The University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania). Residents of countries which at present do not adhere to the Union may obtain copies of the

booklet and registration forms by writing to the Chairman of the Local Committee (Dr Barnes, envelope to be clearly marked 'Personal') after 1 October 1956.

Second World Metallurgical Congress

The above Congress, sponsored by the American Society for Metals, will be held simultaneously with the 39th annual National Metal Congress and Exposition and the Second World Congress on Nondestructive Testing, at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., during the period 2–8 November 1957.

Requests for further information should be addressed to: W. H. Eisenman, Secretary, American Society for Metals, 7301 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 3, Ohio, U.S.A.

Pittsburgh Diffraction Conference

The fourteenth annual Pittsburgh Diffraction Conference will be held from 31 October to 2 November 1956, at the Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

This year it is the desire of the Conference Committee to emphasize

1. Small-angle scattering
2. High- and low-temperature diffraction studies
3. Structural aspects of solid-state physics
4. Instrumentation and methods
5. Neutron diffraction

and papers on these subjects will be particularly welcome.

Titles of contributed papers should be sent to the Program Chairman, Dr A. Taylor, Westinghouse Research Laboratories, Beulah Road, Pittsburgh 35, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., before 1 September 1956. Abstracts should be submitted by 20 September.