

Books Received

The following books have been received by the Editor. Brief and generally uncritical notices are given of works of marginal crystallographic interest; occasionally a book of fundamental interest is included under this heading because of difficulty in finding a suitable reviewer without great delay.

Izvještaj Jugoslavenskog Centra za Kristalografiju.

Vol. 1. Pp. 71. Zagreb: Jugoslavenska Akademija Znanosti i Umjetnosti, 1966. No price stated.

In the hundredth year of the Yugoslav Academy of Science and Arts the Yugoslav Centre for Crystallography and its Proceedings were initiated. The first volume contains the text of four plenary lectures and abstracts of twenty-two communications given at a conference arranged by the Yugoslav Centre for Crystallography at Zagreb on 19 and 20 December 1966. The lectures are accompanied by abstracts in English, and the titles of the communications are given in English also. At the end of the volume there is some formal matter: an account of a conference on computers in crystallography, of the activities of the Yugoslav Centre for Crystallography during 1966, its statutes and membership.

The first two papers, The development of crystallography in the Southern-Slav countries, by Lj. Barić, and The modern crystallography, by D. Grdenić, are historical reviews. The other two are The crystallography of the serpentine minerals, by I. Krstanović, and The study of imperfections in layer structures by electron diffraction and micro-

scopy, by V. Marinković. The twenty-two communications cover a variety of metals, inorganic compounds and organic compounds.

The second law. An introduction to classical and statistical thermodynamics. BY HENRY A. BENT. Pp. [xii] + 429. New York and London: Oxford University Press, 1967. Price 30 s.

This paperback is the second printing of a book first published in 1965. Its scope is well described by the sub-title. A notable feature is the emphasis upon problems; the answers alone occupy 89 pages.

An analysis of time-shared computer systems. BY ALLAN L. SCHERR. Pp. xxvii + 115. Cambridge, Massachusetts: The M.I.T. Press, 1967. No price stated.

This is M.I.T. Research Monograph no. 36, and deals essentially with the interaction between computers and their users. It is a revised doctoral thesis, and is well reproduced from justified typescript.