

## ANS News

### **1959 Winter Meeting November 4-6, 1959, Washington, D. C.**

The 1959 winter meeting of the Society will be held at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington, D. C. Dr. C. Rogers McCullough, past president of the ANS, is Honorary Chairman. Dr. George Weil, Private Consultant, is General Chairman. Papers for this meeting should be presented on or before July 15, 1959, to Dr. Phillip Wood, Technical Program Chairman, Allis-Chalmers Industries, 508 Kennedy Street, N.W., Washington 6, D. C. The Atomic Industrial Forum will start its meeting at the same place on Monday, November 2. Part of the Program on November 4 will be of mutual interest to members of the American Nuclear Society and the Forum.

### **ANS Calls for Formation of Isotopes Application Division**

All members of the ANS and a number of industry people were asked to express their interest and/or support for the formation of a new Isotopes Application Division. This new Division will encompass several areas: education, health physics, industrial uses, biology and medicine.

Creation of this new Division fulfills the desired objectives of the Society: the advancement of nuclear science, the integration and cooperation of various scientific disciplines, the assembling and dissemination of technical information and the proper promotion of radioisotope applications. Contact the Executive Secretary for more information.

### **Gas Cooled Reactor Symposium February 1960**

The Delaware Valley Section of the American Nuclear Society (Philadelphia) will hold a two day symposium of invited papers in February, 1960. Members of the ANS will receive invitations to attend. Contact: Francis L. Jackson, Technical Director, Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### **Plutonium Information Meeting**

The Society is studying the advisability of holding a Plutonium Information Meeting either in conjunction with one of its national meetings or as a separate meeting within the next 18 months. Your suggestions

about the type of meeting, and information that should be given will be appreciated. Contact: Octave J. Du Temple, Executive Secretary.

### **Sixth Annual Meeting of ANS, June, 1960, Chicago, Illinois**

Papers for this meeting will be due March 1, 1960.

### **Positions Available File**

The Secretary's Office will carry a file on positions available which may be consulted by members.

### **Publications By ANS Members**

Members of the American Nuclear Society are requested to notify periodically the Secretary's Office of publications authored by them.

### **Student Branches**

Student Branches were authorized at the University of California and Newark College of Engineering during the meeting of the Board of Directors, April 9, 1959.

### **Nominated Officers and Directors for 1959-1960**

Alvin M. Weinberg, President; Miles C. Leverett, Vice President; W. Kelly Woods, Treasurer; and John W. Landis and Richard L. Doan for Directors at Large (for term ending in 1960). The following 15 men have been nominated for Directors at Large, 9 to be elected (for term ending in 1962): Henry H. Hausner, Frank K. Pittman, George L. Weil, John E. Gray, Eli I. Goodman, Walter H. Jordan, Irving Kaplan, Herbert M. Parker, Henry Hurwitz, Jr., Alfred Amorosi, Sol Sandhaus, William E. Parkins, Harold R. Nelson, Francis T. Miles, and William Kerr.

### **Local Sections**

*Chicago, Illinois* (J. M. Harrer, Chairman). On June 4th, 350 members and guests heard a panel discussion, moderated by L. Reiffel, Vice-Chairman of the Chicago Section, on the "Hazards of Radiation." Discussed was the current status of knowledge on the biological and genetic hazards of

radiation in relation to nuclear weapons testing and other sources of radiation such as X-ray machines. Panel members were: Dr. John Cooper, Northwestern University Medical School; Dr. Miriam T. Finkel, Argonne National Laboratory; Dr. Clifford W. Gurney, University of Chicago, Argonne Cancer Research Hospital; Dr. Frank R. Hendrickson, University of Illinois Medical School, Presbyterian and St. Luke's Hospitals; and Dr. William T. Norris, Argonne National Laboratory.

*Eastern Idaho* (Sol Sandhaus, Chairman). Mr. Earl S. Grimmett of the Chemical Engineering Development group at CPP, was the featured speaker after a smorgasbord dinner meeting held April 21. Mr. Grimmett's topic was "Fission Product Disposal."

*Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania* (W. H. Esselman, Chairman). On April 21, members of the Pittsburgh Section heard Mr. John J. Kearney, Assistant Managing Technical Editor of the magazine *Electrical World*, present a "nonpartisan" comparison of the economic outlook of the entire power industry, including both conventional and nuclear fuels. Mr. Kearney's pres-

entation entitled "A Critical Examination of the Economic Future of Various Energy Sources," was of great interest to the management and technical personnel of many industries producing conventional fuels as well as to persons connected with the nuclear business. The meeting was selected as an event in the science activities of the Pittsburgh Bicentennial Celebration.

As a service to local section members, and a continuing part of the educational activities of the Section, the Membership and Education Committees of the local section have made arrangements with *Nucleonics* magazine for reduced group rates. An important feature of this plan is that the normal salesman book commission will be made available to the Pittsburgh Section in the form of technical books suitable for high school science teachers and students. The books will be chosen by the Education Committee and be presented to selected high schools in the area served by the Pittsburgh Section. Contact: J. R. Van Horn, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, APD, Bettis Plant, Box 1526, Pittsburgh 30, Pa.