## Sabbatical Itinerants

In the hope of providing some practical assistance in the good cause of mobility between laboratories, *Nature* advertises the needs for housing of families about to take up periods of sabbatical leave. To begin with, no charge will be made for advertisements like this. it is hoped that a period of experiment will show what form these advertisements could most usefully take and whether they are effective.

Wanted: Furnished, centrally heated house or flat in Hampstead or vicinity for medical sociologist, wife and three children, for one year beginning September 1970. Please contact Dr Robert S. Weiss, Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School 58 Fenwood Road, Boston, Massachusetts 02115,

Wanted: Partially or fully furnished house or flat with 3 bedrooms and central heating in north central London, for a period of 10 months to 1 year beginning August 15 to September 1, 1970. Please contact Professor James A. Olson, c/o The Rockefeller Foundation, GPO Box 2453, Bangkok, Thailand.

Wanted: 3- or 4-bedroomed, furnished house with a small garden for an Oxford botanist and family, near the University of Berkeley, California, from January 12 to the end of August 1971. Please contact Dr B. E. Juniper, Botany School, Oxford University, South Parks Road, Oxford, OXI 3RA.

4- or 5-bedroomed detached modern house, fully automatic central heating, fully furnished, with double garage and large garden, 4 miles from centre of Oxford. Available December 15, 1970, to the end of August 1971. Please contact Dr B. E. Juniper, Botany School, Oxford University, South Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3RA.

Vacant: Centrally heated house, near Harpenden, Hertfordshire. Good rail service (30 minutes) to London. 3 bedrooms, study (or fourth bedroom), living room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, double garage and easily maintained garden. Available from end of September 1970, for one year. Please contact J. C. Gower, Department of Statistics, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Vacant: From mid-June to mid-September, 2bedroomed house in Cambridge; fully furnished, central heating, garage. Please contact Dr N. L. Malcolm, 255 Campkin Road, Cambridge.

Vacant: From early July to early September 1970, 5-roomed groundfloor flat in London, WC1. Central heating, key to private garden with tennis Please contact Dr J. A. Edgington, 19 Mecklenburgh Square, London WC1 (telephone 01-837 7800).

Vacant: 3-bedroomed furnished house in Bethesda. Maryland, within walking distance of the National Institutes of Health. Available June to September 1970. Central air-conditioning. Please contact Dr Gerald Ehrenstein, Biophysics Laboratory, NIH, Bethesda, Maryland, 20014, USA.

Vacant: From July 23, 1970, until end of August 1971, furnished, centrally heated detached house with 4 bedrooms, garage and garden. 32 minutes by rail from London; close to country. Please contact Dr Robert Spence, Department of Electrical Engineering, Imperial College, Exhibition Road, London SW7.

# **British Diary**

Monday, March 30

Rubber Blank Preparation (6.45 p.m.) Mr P. D. Lanham, Institution of the Rubber Industry, at the Waldorf Hotel, Cooper Street, Manchester 2.

Yield, Deformation and Fracture of Polymers (four-day symposium) Society of Chemical Industry; jointly with the British Polymer Physics Group, British Society of Rheology; Institution of the Rubber Industry; Plastics Institute; Materials Science Club; Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, at Churchill College, Cambridge.

# Wednesday, April I

Chemical Engineering in the Pharmaceutical Industry (2 p.m. symposium) Institution of Chemical Engineers, at Heriot-Watt University, The Grassmarket, Edinburgh.

Direct Digital Measurement of Physical Quantities (6 p.m. discussion)
Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers, at 9 Bedford Square,
London WC1.

Electrical Measurement on Acoustic Surface Wave Devices (5.30 p.m. discussion) Institution of Electrical Engineers, at Savoy Place, London WC2.

The Interaction of Pesticides and Herbicides with Biochemical Systems; and Scientific Papers (two-day meeting) Biochemical Society, at the University College of Wales, Penglais, Aberystwyth.

The Use of Aluminium Cables in Industry (5.30 p.m. discussion) Institution of Electrical Engineers, at Savoy Place, London WC2.

Thermodynamics (four-day international conference) Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, at University College, Cardiff.

X-ray Analysis—Past, Present and Future (three-day Bragg symposium) Royal Society's National Committee for Crystallography; Institute of Physics and the Physical Society; and the International Union of Crystallography, at the Royal Institution, 21 Albemarle Street, London W1.

#### Thursday, April 2

Can Economic Control Models ever Work in Real Life? (5.30 p.m. discussion) Institution of Electrical Engineers, jointly with the Institute of Measurement and Control; and the Automatic Control Group of the I.Mech.E., at Savoy Place, London WC2.

Measurement Audits (Laboratory Inter-comparisons) (5.30 p.m. discussion) Institution of Electrical Engineers, at Savoy Place, London WC2.

Moulding to Tolerance (6.30 p.m.) Mr T. R. Weal, Plastics Institute, at Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., Britannia House, 50 Great Charles Street Birmingham 3.

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### Friday, April 3

Accurate Methods of Analysis for Major Constituents (two-day meeting)
Society for Analytical Chemistry; and the Analytical Chemistry
Section of the Koninklijke Nederlandse Chemische Vereniging (Royal
Dutch Chemical Society), at Imperial College, London SW7.

Aeronautical Communication by Satellite (5.30 p.m. discussion) Institution of Electrical Engineers, at Savoy Place, London WC2.

Cultured Human Cells and the Biology of Senescence (4.30 p.m.) Professor Leonard Hayflick, National Institute for Medical Research, at Mill Hill, London NW7.

Implementation of Digital Filters (5.30 p.m.) Professor R. Boite, Institution of Electrical Engineers, at Savoy Place, London WC2.
 The Engineer and His Development in Society (9.30 a.m. symposium), Society of Engineers, on board the M.V. Suerita, Westminster Pier, London SWI.

## Monday, April 6

Blo-Engineering 1970 (six-day conference) Biological Engineering Society, at the University of Oxford.

Modern Electronic Instrumentation (five-day vacation school) Institution of Electrical Engineers, at the University College of North Wales, Bangor, North Wales.

North Wales.

Multi-Element Phased Arrays (5.30 p.m. discussion) Institution of Electrical Engineers, at Savoy Place, London WC2.

Operational Research in the Chemical Industry (6.30 p.m.) Society of Chemical Industry, at 14 Belgrave Square, London SW1.

Post-graduate School on Absorption, Distribution and Metabolism of Drugs (5 days) Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, at Chelsea College (University of London), Manresa Road, London SW3.

Scientific Papers on Aspects of Mammalian Development (two-day meeting) British Society for Developmental Biology, in the Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge.

Spring Conference (three days) Association for High Speed Photography.

Spring Conference (three days) Association for High Speed Photography, jointly with the Shock Tube Liaison Group, at the University of Liverpool.

The Chemistry and Mineralogy of Meteorites and Extraterrestrial
Matter (three-day symposium) Mineralogical Society of Great Britain
and Ireland; the Meteorological Society and the International Association of Geochemistry and Cosmochemistry, at the British Museum
(Natural History), London SW7.

# **Reports and Publications**

(not included in the monthly Books Supplement)

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University Grants Committee. Non-recurrent Grants—Notes on Procedure, 1969. Pp. iii+56. (London: HM Stationery Office, 1970.) 10s [181] (50p) net. II81 Educational Publications Limited. Wallcharts, C 1043: Bees (Hymenop-tera). 30 in. × 40 in. 15s. C 1044: The Honey Bee (Apis Mellifera).