

shev's brilliant teaching always emphasized the link between basic research and practical problems of public health.

The highest U.S.S.R. State prize for scientific work was given to Beklemishev twice: the first time for his study of comparative anatomy of invertebrates; the second time for his entomological work in the field of malaria eradication in the U.S.S.R., so ably led by Prof. Sergiev, his friend and colleague. He was a consultant on entomology and vector control to the Ministry of Health, U.S.S.R., and co-editor of the journal *Meditsinskaya Parasitologia i Parazitarnye Bolezni*. He was also a member of the Expert

Advisory Panel on Malaria of the World Health Organization.

Boklemishev had an immense fund of knowledge in the field of entomology, hydrobiology, geomorphology and biostatistics and was always ready and eager to place his experience at the disposal of those who consulted him. His lectures were a model of clarity in presentation and often enlivened by delightful humorous asides. His main outside interest was the history of art and he was a keen student of painting and sculpture. He was a kind and a wise man and his absence will be sadly felt by his many friends and admirers everywhere.

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NEWS and VIEWS

The Royal Society of Edinburgh

THE following have been elected officers and members of Council of the Royal Society of Edinburgh for the Session 1962-63: *President*, Prof. E. L. Hirst; *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. A. W. Greenwood, Prof. R. A. Rankin, Dr. C. E. Lucas, Prof. J. A. Macdonald, Dr. H. R. Fletcher and Prof. G. L. Montgomery; *General Secretary*, Prof. Norman Feather; *Secretaries to ordinary meetings*, Dr. Mowbray Ritchie and Prof. A. E. Ritchie; *Treasurer*, Dr. J. R. Peddie; *Curator of Library and Museum*, Dr. R. Schlapp; *Councillors*, Prof. J. H. Burnett, Prof. C. F. Davidson, Prof. D. C. Pack, Dr. A. B. Stewart, Prof. Jack Allen, Dr. S. C. Curran, Dr. G. H. Mitchell, Dr. Magnus Pyke, Prof. R. B. Fisher, The Rev. Dr. A. M. Gillespie, Prof. A. Robertson and Prof. P. A. Sweet.

The Smithsonian Institution, Washington: New Appointments

ON October 31, Dr. Remington Kellogg retired from the posts of assistant secretary of the Smithsonian Institution and director of the United States National Museum, Washington, after forty-two years in Government service. Dr. Kellogg, one of America's leading biologists, will continue his research at the Smithsonian as an honorary research associate of the Institution.

Dr. Albert C. Smith, who has been director of the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History since 1958, becomes an assistant secretary of the Institution. Dr. Smith, well known for his work in phanerogamic botany, is a native of Springfield, Mass. He received his Ph.D. in 1933 from Columbia University. Thereafter he was associated with the New York Botanical Garden, the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, and the National Herbarium of the Smithsonian. In addition to study and research in England, France, Switzerland, Germany, Holland and the Scandinavian countries, he has participated in several botanical expeditions to Colombia, Peru, Brazil, Fiji, British Guiana, and the Lesser Antilles.

Mr. Frank A. Taylor has been appointed director of the United States National Museum (composed of two Smithsonian museums—the Museum of Natural History and the Museum of History and Technology). He has served in various curatorial and administrative positions at the Smithsonian Institution since 1922. Since 1958 he has been director of the Museum of History and Technology, the new building of which is now nearing completion on Constitution Avenue. He will continue to hold the latter position in addition

to his new post. Mr. Taylor is a native of Washington, D.C. He holds an engineering degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a degree of law from Georgetown University.

Dr. T. Dale Stewart has been appointed director of the Museum of Natural History. Dr. Stewart's service at the Smithsonian dates from 1927. In 1942 he succeeded the late Dr. Aleš Hrdlička as curator of the Museum's Division of Physical Anthropology, a position he held until early 1961, when he was made head curator of the Department of Anthropology. He will also continue in the latter position. Dr. Stewart, a native Pennsylvanian, is a graduate of George Washington University and holds an M.D. degree from Johns Hopkins Medical School. His research work has been principally concerned with bone structure and pathology, dental caries, anthropometry of Eskimos and Indians, and cranial deformities. He is frequently called on by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as an expert on the identification of skeletal remains. He is the author of many scientific papers, has been on numerous scientific expeditions in many parts of the world, and is the recipient of many professional honours, including the Viking Medal and award for outstanding anthropological research. He was recently elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences.

Botany at the University of the Witwatersrand : Prof. E. R. Roux

DR. E. R. Roux, senior lecturer in the Department of Botany at the University of the Witwatersrand, has been appointed to the chair of botany in succession to Prof. N. P. Badenhuizen, who resigned some time ago to go to Canada. After matriculating at Jeppe High School, Dr. Roux went to the University of the Witwatersrand. He obtained his M.Sc. degree in 1926 and was then appointed junior lecturer in the Department of Botany. Soon afterwards he was awarded a scholarship of the Exhibition of 1851 and went to the University of Cambridge, where he obtained his Ph.D. degree for a thesis on plant physiology in 1929. On his return to South Africa he was employed for a time in the Government Low Temperature Research Laboratory. Later, as the holder of a Carnegie grant and the Thomas Smartt scholarship, he conducted investigations on fruit storage problems in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Cape Town. During the Second World War he conducted investigations on fish oils and various marine biology problems, and played an