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DR. N. BEKKEDAHL, deputy chief of the Polymers Division, Institute for Materials Research, National Bureau of Standards, has been awarded the 1967 Charles Goodyear Medal by the Division of Rubber Chemistry of the American Chemical Society.

THE Ministry of Technology has produced a new booklet, *Register of Research in Machine Tools 1966-67*, which records briefly research work on machine tools and associated topics being carried out by the Ministry's research stations, and by research associations, universities and similar organizations. Copies can be obtained free from Publications Section, Ministry of Technology, Abell House, John Islip Street, London, S.W.1.

A NEW publication entitled *Journal of Molecular Structure* is to be published by Elsevier Publishing Company. Further information can be obtained from Elsevier Publishing Company, P.O. Box 211, Jan van Galenstraat 335, Amsterdam.

THE first issue of a new journal entitled *Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology* is scheduled to be published by the North-Holland Publishing Company in June 1967. The publication will be devoted to all aspects of the biology of living organisms in the marine environment.

MR. ROBERT FROMAN, P.O. Box 322, Garnerville, N.Y. 10923, is compiling a list of ways in which amateurs can make meaningful contributions to scientific work. He would welcome suggestions, which should be sent to him at his address.

THE Endeavour Essay Competition has once again been arranged by Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. in conjunction with the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Prizes totalling over £200 are to be awarded by Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., and the prizewinners will also receive invitations to attend the whole of the British Association meeting at Leeds in 1967. Further information about this competition can be obtained from the Deputy Secretary, British Association for the Advancement of Science, 3 Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1, and the envelope should be marked Endeavour Prize Essay.

A SHORT course on "The Safe Use of Electricity in Industry" will be held in the University of Bradford during March 9-11. Further information can be obtained from the Registrar, University of Bradford, Bradford 7.

AN Anglo-German welding conference is to be held in Düsseldorf during April 4-7. Further information can be obtained from Mr. L. W. Booth, The Institute of Welding, 54 Princes Gate, Exhibition Road, London, S.W.7.

A SYMPOSIUM on "Mechanical Design of Diesel Engines" is to be held at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers during March 1-2. Further information can be obtained from the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 1 Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London, S.W.1.

A SHORT course on "Modern Developments in Bridge Design" will be held in the University of Bradford on Tuesday evenings between March 7-May 9. It is intended for practising engineers interested in the analysis and design of bridges. Further information can be obtained from the Registrar, University of Bradford, Bradford 7.

AN international symposium on "Modern Optics", organized by the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, will be held in New York City during March 22-24. Further information can be obtained from Mr. Jerome Fox, MRI Symposium Committee, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, 333 Jay Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201.

A CONFERENCE on "Underwater Archaeology", sponsored by the University of Miami Division of Continuing Education and the Council of Underwater Archaeology, will be held in Miami during March 23-25. Further information can be obtained from Mr. Sanford Schmier, University of Miami News Bureau, Coral Gables, Florida.

A CONFERENCE designed to stimulate research and development of electrical power systems for automobiles, trucks and buses as a major step in reducing air pollution will be held in the University of Columbia during April 6-8. Further information can be obtained from Professor H. P. Gregor, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, 333 Jay Street, Brooklyn 1, New York.

CORRIGENDUM. In the article entitled "Structure of Ribonuclease" by Dr. C. H. Carlisle *et al.* (*Nature*, 213, 557; 1967), the table of approximate cystine positions on p. 561 should be deleted and the following substituted:

I-VI	$x = 0.83, y = 0.85, z = 0.1$
II-VII	$x = 0.02, y = 0.25, z = 0.17$
III-VIII	$x = 0.28, y = 0.08, z = 0.43$
IV-V	$x = 0.90, y = 0.95, z = 0.42$

ERRATUM. In the article "Safeguards on Plutonium", by Leonard Beaton (*Nature*, 212, 1517; 1966), in line 14 of the paragraph headed "Options on Bombs" on page 1519 there appears the phrase "the private activity of the United States Atomic Energy Commission and certain politicians in the know". Mr. Beaton had written "the private activity of the A.E.C." and was not intending to refer to any particular public authority.

THE NIGHT SKY IN MARCH

All times are in Universal Time

MOON		CONJUNCTIONS WITH THE MOON	
New Moon	11d 04h	Venus	13d 21h, 1° N.
Full Moon	26d 03h	Mars	27d 22h, 2° N.
		Jupiter	21d 07h, 5° S.
		Saturn	—

PLANETS

Name	Times of rising (R) and setting (S) during the month						D_p (10 ⁸ miles)	Zodiacal position
	R/S	Beginning	Middle	End	Mag.			
Mercury	S	18h 15m	Unfavourable for observation		+1.3	62	Aquarius	
Venus	S	20h 05m	20h 55m	21h 45m	-3.4	129	Pisces	
Mars	R	22h 20m	21h 20m	20h 05m	-0.6	69	Virgo	
Jupiter	S	5h 20m	4h 20m	3h 20m	-2.0	437	Gemini	
Saturn	S	19h 20m	Unfavourable for observation		+1.2	975	Pisces	

D_p is the distance of planet from the Earth on the 15th of the month.

OTHER PHENOMENA

13d 21h	Venus occulted by the Moon, visible in S. America
21d 08h	Equinox
25d 05h	Uranus 3° S. of Moon