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April 22, 1971, Freshwater Biology and Electrical Power Generation, Leatherhead (D. S. Wilson, Central Electricity Research Laboratories, Kelvin Avenue, Leatherhead, Surrey).

June 27, 1971, Improving the Utilization of Energy, with Special Reference to Complex Uses, Bucharest (The Secretary, British National Committee, World Energy Conference, 5 Bury Street, St James's, London SW1).

July 7–9, 1971, Science and the Arts, Edinburgh (Dr Eric G. Forbes, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, 12 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH8 9LW).

July 7-9, 1971, The Structure of Matter, Christehurch (B. G. Wybourne, Department of Physics, University of Canterbury, Christehurch, New Zealand).

September 5-12, 1971, Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists, Turin (Dr A. E. Amour, Corso Vinzaglio 14, 10121 Torino, Italy).

September 6-9, 1971, Physics and Chemistry of Asbestos Minerals, Louvain (Mr B. Lincoln, Turner and Newall Asbestos Fibre Laboratory, c/o TAC Construction Materials Ltd, PO Box 22, Trafford Park, Manchester M17 1RU).

September 6-10, 1971, Atomic Masses and Fundamental Constants, Teddington (Dr B. W. Petley, Division of Quantum Metrology, National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, Middlesex).

September 6-11, 1971, Metal-Insulator Transition and the Development of Narrow Energy Bands, Assois (Dr A. D. Yoffe, Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge).

September 7-9, 1971, Computers for Analysis and Control in Medical and Biological Research, Sheffield (Manager, Conference Department, IEE, Savoy Place, London WC2R OBL).

September 7-16, 1971, Mycological Congress, Exeter (John Webster, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Exeter, Devon).

September 8-10, 1971, Oral Biology, Zurich-Horgen (The Secretary, ICOB, Dental Institute, CH-8028 Zurich, PO Box 138, Switzerland).

September 8–11, 1971, Drugs Affecting Lipid Metabolism, Philadelphia (Dr William L. Holmes, Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19151, USA).

September 13-16, 1971, Cell Differentiation, Nice (Dr Harris, Department of Medical Genetics, The Royal Infirmary, Manchester M13 9WL).

September 13-18, 1971, Phenomena in Ionized Gases, Oxford (Meetings Officer, The Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).

September 14–17, 1971, European Biophysics Congress, Baden (Mrs E. Weidenhaus, Wiener Medizinische Akademie, Stadiongasse 6–8, A 1010 Vienna, Austria).

September 20-24, 1971, The Urgency of Decision, Lancaster (Conference Committee, Operational Research Society, 64 Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AD).

September 21-23, 1971, Infrared Techniques, Reading (Joint Conference Secretariat, IERE, 8-9 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3RG).

September 21-24, 1971, Pneumatic Transport of Solids in Pipes, London (H. S. Stephens, Pneumotransport I, BHRA, Cranfield, Bedford).

September 22–24, 1971, Nuclear and Particle Physics, Oxford (Meetings Officer, The Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).

September 27-October 1, 1971, Biomechanics, Rome (Professor Sergio Cerquiglini, Istituto di Fisiologia Umana, Università degli Studi, Rome, Italy).

## **British Diary**

## Monday, December 28

Man has a Very Short Neck and no Tail (3 p.m.) Dr. John Napie, Royal Institution, 21 Albemarle Street, London WI. (First of Six C ristmas Lectures for young people on "Monkeys Without Tails": A iraffe's Eye View of Man. Further Lectures on December 30, Januar 1, 4, 6 and 8.)

Tuesday, December 29

Holography and Lasers-Uses for Laser Light (2.30 p.m.) Dr W. R. Bradford, Institution of Electrical Engineers, at Savoy Place, Loudon WC2. (Christmas Holiday Lecture. To be repeated on December 30.)

Monday, January 4

Computational Techniques as an Aid in Physical Metallurgy (two day meeting). Iron and Steel Institute, at the University of Leeds.

- Thames Estuary: Restoration and Preservation of its Quality (6.30 p.m.) Dr D. Train, Society of Chemical Industry, jointly with the Industrial Water and Effluents Group, in the Scientific Societies Lecture Theatre, 23 Savile Row, London W1.
- The Preservation and Waterproofing of Joinery Timber Prior to Palating (7 p.m.) Mr R. R. Hill, Oil and Colour Chemists' Association, at Hull College of Technology.
- The Selection and Training of Engineers Abroad (5.30 p.m.) Mr F. H. Woodrow, Institution of Civil Engineers, at Great George Street, London SW1.

Winter Meeting, British Society for the History of Science, at Chelsea College, University of London, Manresa Road, London SW3.

## **Reports and Publications**

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Diamond Information L25: An Appraisal of Diamond as a Steel Grinding Abrasive. Dr Henry B. Dyer. Pp. 11. (London: De Beers Industrial Diamond Division, 7 Rolls Buildings, Fetter Lane, 1970.) *Gratis.* [1611

Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London. A: Mathematical and Physical Sciences. Vol. 268, No. 1185 (12 November 1970): Scattering and Information. Pp. 177-200. 138; \$1.70. Vol. 268, No. 1185, (12 November 1970): Barcoclinic Waves in a Rotating Fluid Subject to Internal Heating. By R. Hide and P. J. Mason. Pp. 201-232, 178; \$2,20. (London: Royal Society, 1970.) [161]

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The Training of Psychiatrist: Proceedings of the Conference on Postgraduate Psychiatric Education, 6-8 March 1969, held at The Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London, 8E5. (British Journal of Psychiatry, Special Publication No. 5.) Edited by G. F. M. Russell and H. J. Walton. Pp. 156. (Ashford, Kent and Headley Brothers Ltd, 1970. Published by authority of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, 1970.) 36s; \$5.25. [161]

General Electric Company Ltd. Hirst Research Centre—Descriptive Brochure. Pp. 20. (Wembley, Middx.: GEC, Hirst Research Centre, 1970.) [1611

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