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Negotiations are currently under way between representatives of AIP Student Sections and Sigma Pi Sigma, the physics honor society, to decide on a new combined organization. Sigma Pi Sigma took the lead in proposing the merger, and according to its executive secretary, Marsh W. White, the hope is to reach agreement on a single society that would retain most advantages of the two separate groups. An AIP subcommittee is currently working up a set of bylaws for the organization, which it will announce in the near future.

APS Nuclear Division Approves New Bylaws and Elects Officers

The American Physical Society Division of Nuclear Physics has voted overwhelmingly in favor of proposed bylaws and has elected the following officers: *chairman* Leonard I. Schiff (Stanford), *vice chairman* Henry H. Barschall (Wisconsin), *secretary-treasurer* John A. Harvey (ORNL), *divisional councillor* D. Allan Bromley (Yale), *executive committee, two-year terms*, Joseph L. Fowler (ORNL),

Harry E. Gove (Rochester), Louis Rosen (LASL), *executive committee, one-year terms*, John S. Blair (Washington at Seattle), Herman Feshbach (MIT), Stanley S. Hanna (Stanford), Thomas Lauritsen (Cal Tech). The executive committee met for the first time during the recent APS meeting in New York City.

The division plans to hold its first meeting 23–25 Oct. in Madison, Wis. A standing program committee headed by Barschall was appointed to organize the meeting and to participate in organizing sessions and papers in nuclear physics at regular APS meetings. Members of the APS wishing to join the division should write to the secretary-treasurer of the division.

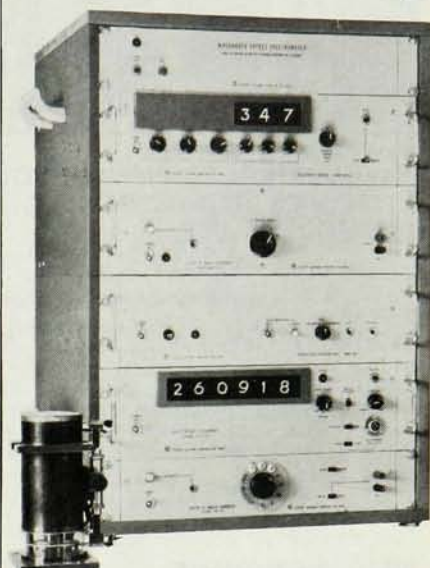
International Group to Study Physics Teaching

An international research group on physics teaching has been organized in Switzerland under the name GIREP (Groupe International de Recherche en Faveur de l'Enseignement de la Physique). Including some 75 members from 20 countries, the group intends "to put into action regularly any efficient means that will assure the best adaptation of physics teaching to present knowledge." Persons wishing to join GIREP can write to professor M. W. Knecht, Chemin de Mallieu 9, 1009 Pully, Lausanne, Switzerland.

AIP Forms Committee to Look For Increased Space

The American Institute of Physics has created a property committee to decide on proposals for future housing of its operations. AIP has already outgrown its present quarters and has rented space outside its own building for its advertising and editorial activities. (Even this additional space will be used up by the end of this year). At its present growth rate, the institute, according to AIP deputy director Wallace Waterfall, will in ten years need more than twice the 35 800 square feet of floor space it now has. The property committee is headed by AIP governing board chairman Ralph A. Sawyer and includes AIP director H. William Koch, William W. Havens Jr of Columbia, Mark Zemansky of AAPT and Waterfall. □

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