Federal Pay Raise Felt Here at NIH Today, July 26

Approximately 10,500 NIH civilian employees will share in the $505.8 million government pay-and-fringe-benefit bill which received final congressional approval July 12 and was signed by the President July 18.

Nearly 8,800 classified employees here will each receive a 2.9 percent raise, retroactive to the first pay period beginning after July 1.

Staff in the super grades will receive increases averaging approximately 1.9 percent, also retroactive.

Others Affected

Those in Section 208 (g) positions will receive raises comparable to those given to staff in supergrade positions, although the new rate will not be reflected in paychecks as soon as raises for the rest of civilian employees because of the clearances required.

The pay of wage board employees is determined on the basis of prevailing rates. They are therefore excluded from the pay increases contained in the act. The other benefits contained in the act do, however, apply.

Ohio Awarded Grant for Mental Health Centers

The federal construction grants for community mental health centers in the State of Ohio were announced recently by the National Institute of Mental Health.

The centers will be located in Cincinnati and Zanesville. The two awards were made under a nationwide construction aid program to help make mental health services available to all Americans.

Both mental health center programs will provide the range of psychiatric services for children and adults which are considered essential for modern care and prevention of mental and emotional illnesses.

Other awards for construction of community mental health centers have also been announced recently.
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NEWS from PERSONNEL

EMPLOYEE-MANAGEMENT NOTES

The Washington Area Metal Trades Council has been given exclusive recognition for a unit comprised of non-supervisory white-collar employees in the Shops Section, Plant Engineering Branch, Division of Research Services. There are approximately 160 craft employees in this unit.

There are now four units with exclusive recognition at the NIH. In addition to the recently recognized Shops Section, PEB, DRG, the following units have exclusive recognition:

- Ground Maintenance Section, PEB, DRG represented by the WAMTC.
- Nutrition Department, CC represented by Lodge 2419, AFGE.
- Guards & Firefighters, PSB, OD/OAM represented by Lodge 2419, AFGE.

An employee organization with exclusive recognition is entitled to act for and to negotiate agreements covering all the employees in the unit it represents, whether or not the employees are members of the employee organization.

Further, the employee organization is responsible for representing the interests of all employees in the unit without discrimination and without regard to employee organization membership.

NIHM Film to Be Shown in Fall

With completion of the "Bold New Approach"—a 50-minute film concerned with the community mental health program—detailed promotion plans have been developed by the National Institute of Mental Health Information Office to assure widespread showings by fall.

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Marine Band to Present Outdoor Concert Aug. 4

The fourth in this season's series of outdoor band concerts for Clinical Center patients will be presented on Thursday, August 4, at 7:30 p.m. by the United States Marine Band in the driveway adjacent to the Administration Building of the Clinical Center. In event of rain, the concert will be held in the CC auditorium.

NIHM employees, their families and friends are invited to attend, but patients will have priority in seating. Arrangements for this concert were made by the CC Patient Activities Section.
NIAMD Bibliography on Kidneys Is Experimental

A new experimental publication, Kidney Failure and Artificial Kidney Bibliography, has been published for a limited number of interested investigators in this research area by the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases.

It was prepared to explore possible future publication of a recurring quarterly bibliography dealing with research and development in chronic kidney failure and improvement of artificial kidney and dialysis methods.

Such a bibliography may provide a much needed tool to facilitate communication and greater integration of research and clinical effort in this field.

Copies Distributed

About 500 copies of the bibliography were distributed at the April meeting of the American Society for Artificial Internal Organs, the scientific professional group primarily involved in artificial kidney and dialysis work, and to NIAMD grantees and contractors. Response of scientists will help determine future publication policy.

Inquiries concerning the availability of this publication may be addressed to the Scientific Communications Office, Kidney Failure and Artificial Kidney Bibliography, NIAMD, NIH, Bethesda, Md. 20014.

Radio Station K3YGG calling all "hams"!

The NIH Radio Amateur Club is inviting all licensed operators to join, participate in its activities and use its equipment. Other NIH personnel interested in becoming licensed amateur radio operators are also welcome.

With equipment and facilities at the Clinical Center available to members, NIHRAC is eager to recruit individuals able to assist in emergencies.

Using the call letters K3YGG, NIHRAC operates on a standby basis with three units on NIH and HEW channels, and other amateur equipment on most key frequencies. A rotatable antenna enables the station to contact distant areas.

Helps in Emergencies

With the approval and under the control of the Plant Safety Branch, the NIH station is part of an overall network for use in civil defense emergencies and natural disasters. It is hooked up to an emergency power supply if needed.

Several key members of NIHRAC have buzzers in their laboratories or offices at NIH for an immediate alert, in event of emergency, to man the equipment in the Radio Room in Bldg. 10.

Station K3YGG is justifiably proud of its past service in the devastating Alaskan earthquake of 1964 (NIH Record, April 21, 1964) when regular channels of communication were inoperative or overloaded.

A film of the Alaskan earthquake was screened at the Radio Club meeting on July 5 for the NIH Emergency Planning Group, with whom club members work closely. It demonstrated the outstanding service performed by radio amateurs. Arrangements are being made by Employee Health Service and the Plant Safety Branch to show the film to NIH employees in September.

The NIH Station was also responsible for speeded up of essential medical supplies to Ghana in 1963 (NIH Record, Oct. 22, 1963).

Although the primary purpose of the NIHRAC station is to provide standby communications, it has also become a significant morale booster.

Three times a week K3YGG is in contact with the Middle America Research Unit of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Panama.

By means of a telephone "patch," NIH employees in Panama are able to contact their families in the Washington area. The patch enables two individuals in distant places to speak to each other, using their phone in their office at work. Their voices are relayed by a ham operator at each of the distant points.

Contact Maintained

Both Wendell Pugh, an NIAID biologist here, and Dr. Merle Kuns at MARU in Panama, as well as other radio operators, often forego their lunch hour to maintain regular contact between 12 noon and 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

According to Federal Communications Commission regulations, licensed operators must operate the so-called amateur frequencies. However, "amateur" in the radio sense denotes lack of pecuniary interest, not a lack of technical competence. Licensed operators must meet rigid requirements to comply with the regulations.

The NIH Radio Amateur Club provides a pool of licensed operators who use the equipment to gain experience and proficiency. Frequent use of the equipment guarant

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Dr. Alfred Webb Named Head of Newly Created NIAID Planning Office

Dr. Alfred M. Webb has been named Head of the newly created Office of Program Planning and Projection in the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, it was announced recently by Dr. Dorland J. Davis, NIAID Director.

Formerly Chief of the Research Reference Reagents Branch of the Institute's Collaborative Research Program, Dr. Webb will serve as consultant and adviser on program development to the Institute director and staff.

"Dr. Webb's charge will be to provide an objective evaluation of the country's needs in research on infectious and allergic diseases, to coordinate the Institute's efforts, and to project future needs and the program the NIAID should develop to help meet those needs," Dr. Davis said.

Funds Are Scarce

"The scarcity of funds for research in relation to the needs in the field of allergic and infectious diseases is one of the compelling reasons for creating the new office," he explained.

"Identification of the Institute's effort and of the direction in which research must proceed will aid the NIAID advisory council and training grant committees, which make program relevance judgments in awarding research funds."

The new program officer earned his B.A. and M.S. degrees from Lehigh University and his Ph.D. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has held teaching posts at MIT and was a research assistant at Harvard Medical School and a research bacteriologist at Lederle Laboratories.

Background Given

He spent 18 years at Camp Detrick, Md., as Chief of the Laboratory Section of the Aerobiology Division, Assistant to the Chief of the Veterinary Microbiology Division, and then Assistant Chief of the Viral and Rickettsial Division.

Dr. Webb joined the NIAID in 1960 as Assistant to the Chief of Extramural Research Programs, helped set up the Research Reference Reagents Branch in 1961, and became its chief in 1963.

Dr. Webb is a native of Allen-town, Pa., and lives now at Waverley Farms, Frederick, Md. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

NICHID Lets Contract for Study of the Cause of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

A search for what causes the death of approximately 10,000 to 20,000 American babies annually has been launched under the terms of a $165,300 contract let by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to the Children's Hospital Research Foundation in the District of Columbia.

These babies—including an estimated 150 in the Washington Metropolitan Area—die very suddenly and without previous indications of illness or distress. The two circumstances suggested of being sudden-death cases. This work will help to determine whether a lack of immunity to one or more infections may have caused death. Project Director, Dr. James Patrick, feels that there may be a combination of factors involved "that might make certain infants more susceptible than others to sudden-death diseases.

In order to make sure that all factors are taken into consideration, the investigators will study both the baby's and its family's background and medical history.

Because there may be more than one causative factor involved, it is imperative that the stricken baby be examined as soon after death as possible.

Relationships Good

Dr. Patrick feels his team is lucky in this respect because they have established excellent relationships with the D.C. coroner, Dr. Richard Whelton, and the Metropolitan Police Department.

These cooperative arrangements will enable the team to learn of suspected sudden death cases quickly and allow them to conduct post-mortem examinations within three hours or less after a baby dies.

3 New Members Named To Natl. Cancer Council

Three new members have been named to the National Advisory Cancer Council by Surge. Gen. William H. Stewart of the Public Health Service.

The appointees are Dr. Murray M. Copeland, Associate Director for Education, Professor of Surgery (Oncology) and General Surgeon at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston; Dr. Emmanuel Farber, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pathology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and Dr. Hugh R. Butt, Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

NCI Grant Awarded Yale For Cancer Drug Study

A study of how cancer drugs work and how they can be made more effective is being undertaken by the Yale University School of Medicine with a research grant from the National Cancer Institute. The Public Health Service has committed more than $2 million to this research for the next 5 years.

In a coordinated study of laboratory and clinical data, Yale investigators will seek vital new information on the effects of cancer drugs in the body. Detailed observations will be made of cancer patients receiving drug therapy, and highly sensitive biochemical tests will be conducted to define the absorption, excretion and precise mechanism of action of individual drugs.

Project Described

Radioactive tracers and enzyme measurements will help to indicate the metabolic pathways of drugs in the body, and spotlight the tissues and organs where specific drugs tend to localize.

It is anticipated that the research may indicate new ways of using existing drugs more effectively and lead to the development of drugs more useful than those currently available.

Other projects planned or under way include studies of the function in various organs and changes during drug treatment, adjustments of drug dosages to protect bone marrow and white blood cells and extensive investigations of candidate drugs.
Willard Haskins Retires After 30 Years at NIH

Dr. Willard T. Haskins, scientist at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' Rocky Mountain Laboratory, retired June 30 after 30 years with the NIH.

He joined the Chemistry Laboratory of NIH in 1926 and transferred to the Division of Tropical Diseases (later a part of NIAID) in 1947.

Dr. Haskins became a PHS commissioned officer in 1948, undertaking research on tropical diseases, chiefly schistosomiasis and amebiasis.

In 1959 Dr. Haskins transferred to the Rocky Mountain Laboratory at Hamilton, Mont. There he collaborated in research on the biology, chemistry, composition and structure of endotoxins, which are the fever-producing toxins of certain bacteria.

Early Background

A native of Binghamton, N.Y., Dr. Haskins received a B.S. degree from Cornell University and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Maryland. Before joining NIH he was a research chemist for Armstrong Cork Co. and a graduate assistant at the University of Maryland.

Former NIH Scientist Joins Chicago Faculty

A former staff scientist of NIMH and NINDB has been appointed Professor of Physiology at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Constantine S. Spyropoulos, internationally famous neurophysiologist and Co-Director of the Department of Biophysics and Cybernetics at the University of Genoa, Italy, worked here as a Senior Staff Scientist in NINDB and NIMH from 1954-1965.

He is especially noted for his physiology studies with the squid axon, a very large nerve fiber used to demonstrate nerve function.

NIH Scientists' Exhibit Wins 1st Place Award

Drs. Giovanni Di Chiro and Arthur S. Grove of the Section on Neuroradiology, National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, received the first place award of the Society of Nuclear Medicine for their exhibit at the Society's 13th annual meeting in Philadelphia last month.

Entitled "Salivary Gland Scanning with Technetium Perchnelate," the exhibit was chosen from among 15 displays originating at outstanding centers in nuclear medicine both in the United States and abroad.

The exhibit demonstrates the usefulness of technetium scanning in evaluating salivary gland function, determining the anatomical status of the gland, and in differentiating among some of the tumors and masses which occur within or nearby the salivary glands.

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can receive follow-up care.

Once the patient has been identified, every effort will be made to obtain data indicating his need for continued care in the community following hospitalization.

He will then be provided with the names of agencies to contact should he ever feel suicidally inclined. Hopefully, they will help him resolve his problem by some other means than suicide.

Although an earlier pilot study provided care only for those cases listed in the psychiatric emergency room book, the proposed program will include all identified suicide cases admitted to the hospital.

Use of a control group not provided with follow-up care will provide a comparison by which to judge the effectiveness of the program in reducing the number of repeated suicide attempts.

Dr. Samuel P. Oast 3d is the principal investigator for this program. Dr. Oast is Director of Psychiatry, Medical and Health Research Association, Inc., New York City.

Kathryn Knight Cited in CC Ceremony; Other Nursing Dept. Employees Honored

Miss Kathryn R. Knight, Senior Administrative Supervisor in the Clinical Center Nursing Department, recently received a cash award for Superior Performance. Also honored at the ceremony were 57 Nursing Department employees completing 10 and 20 years of service, and 16 who had completed practical nurse advanced training and nursing assistant training.

Dr. Jack Masur, CC Director, made the presentation to Miss Knight. He included in his remarks the following words of Elizabeth Barrett Browning:

"A poor man served by thee shall make thee rich;
A rich man helped by thee shall make thee strong;
Thee shall be served thyself by every sense
Of service, which thou renderest."

Miss Knight has supervised CC nurses on the evening tour of duty for 11 years. In recommending the award, Mrs. Louise C. Anderson, Nursing Department Chief, cited Miss Knight's "leadership, dedication, loyalty, and sound judgment" as contributing to the achievement of the Department's objectives.

Those receiving 20-year length-of-service pins and certificates were Mary D. Bradeson, Office of the Chief; Evelyn G. Brown and Edna L. Hutchinson, Cancer Nursing Service; Eunice Given, Heart Nursing Service; Daisy Morris, Neurology Nursing Service, and Augustine F. Williams, Psychiatric Nursing Service.

Other Awards Given

Ten-year pins and certificates were awarded to Ada Hruska, Dorothy Sleski, Ellen R. Shanley, Liseie M. Mc Cain, Audrey L. F. Bradley, Josephine Braz, Mary L. Morgan and Ruth E. Carter and Vivian B. Williamson.


Also Francena Pye McAfee, Katherine G. Sampson, Eloise M. Mullen, Dorothy Belling, Thomas W. Jones, Viola G. Kelley, Mathilda T. Mayer, Hazel S. Hall, Laverne L. Hill, Mary F. Miller and George A. Johnson.

Dr. Robert M. Farrier, CC Associate Director, participated in the ceremony, as did Mrs. Geraldine S. Ellis, Nursing Department Assistant Chief, and the chiefs of all Nursing Services.

University of Hawaii Gets $116,000 Grant

The University of Hawaii, Honolulu, has been awarded a grant for $116,000 to remodel existing research facilities to house a laboratory for study of the phenomena of the earliest phases of mammalian life, the Public Health Service announced recently.
On Supervisory Methods

18 From DRS and DRG

Holliday, Chief of the Plant Engineering and Instrumentation Branch of DRS, and two supervisors from the DRG attended a 5-day, 40-hour course on "Supervision and Personnel Performance" recently at the National 4H Club in nearby Chevy Chase.

role Amplified

The supervisor is given insights into his role in personnel administration, into methods for motivating the individual and the group, and into factors of leadership, power, authority and influence.

Also stressed are problem-solving methods, learning and training, performance evaluation, the process of change, and the supervisor's position in the organization as a whole.

The course was conducted by George Nixon of the Employee Development Section and Anthony Gaetano of the Plant Engineering Branch. In attendance were Billie Myers, Thomas Burnett, John Saari, John Harrison, Charles Dove, John Coffay, Norman Gettings, Gordon Rice, Samuel Shollemberger, Ralph Desipio, Gerald Duval, E. Warren Finch, Roy Reynolds and Paul Musser, all of PEB.

Course Repeated

Also Coralyn Colladay of LAB, Clarence Sharp of BEIB, both of DRS; and Margaret Halvorsen and Ellen Lowery, both of DRG.

The course will be repeated for additional PEB and other DRS supervisors and a limited number of supervisors from various institutes and divisions. The next session is Aug. 15-19 at Stone House.

Also, the "Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Course" given by Martin L. Jeter, Head of the North Buildings Unit and the NIH Animal Center Group, has graduated from the 1965-66 class:

Dr. Donald E. Kayhoe, center, former Head of the Medical Groups Section, Clinical Branch, Collaborative Research, NCI, receives a PHS citation and commendation medal from Dr. Kenneth M. Endicott, NCI Director. Dr. Dorland J. Davis (left), Director of the NIAID, looks on approvingly as Dr. Kayhoe, now Chief, Transplantation and Immunology Branch, Collaborative Research, NIAID, receives the citation recognizing his contribution to cancer chemotherapy and as a Peace Corps consultant—Photo by Ed Hubbard.

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in Paris July 16-19. There he presented two papers.

Dr. Albert Z. Kapikian, Acting Head of the Epidemiology Section, Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, is attending several World Health Organization meetings in connection with a proposed numbering system for rhinovirus identification.

A system worked out by virus research specialists is to be submitted to the virus subcommittee of the Congress Nomenclature Committee for action this week.

Dr. Kapikian is chairman of an NIAID-sponsored program to identify and test rhinovirus prototype strains.

Dr. Norman B. McCullough, Chief of the Laboratory of Bacterial Diseases, attended a meeting last week of the subcommittee on taxonomy of the genus Brucella. He is a member of that subcommittee of the International Committee on Bacterial Nomenclature. This week he is attending Congress sessions.

Dr. Noel H. Gross, Training Grants Officer and Chief of the Institute's Extramural Bacteriology and Mycology Branch, attended a pre-Congress symposium on botulism and is an observer at the Congress this week. He will also visit laboratories in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway.

Dr. Fredrickson Elected Secretary of the ASCI

Dr. Donald S. Fredrickson, Clinical Director of the National Heart Institute's Intramural Research Program, has been elected to a 3-year term as Secretary of the American Society for Clinical Investigation.

Known for his studies on lipids—fatty substances implicated in the causes of heart and blood vessel diseases—Dr. Fredrickson came to the National Heart Institute in 1953 as a Clinical Associate and three years later became a senior research staff member of NIH's Laboratory of Cellular Physiology and Metabolism.

He assumed his present position in 1961. Since 1962 he has also been Head of the Section on Molecular Disease, Laboratory of Metabolism.
PHS Supports Inquiry Into Research on Humans And Revises Procedures

The Public Health Service has awarded a grant of approximately $100,000 to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Boston, Mass., to support an Academy inquiry into the moral and ethical basis for research involving human subjects, Surg. Gen. William H. Stewart announced recently.

The study will involve a series of descriptive demonstrations, based on analyses of various aspects of the subject. Participating will be physicians, medical scientists, lawyers, sociologists and other professional groups whose talents are required for a considered and continuing inquiry into the use of humans in research projects.

The considerations and conclusions of these groups will be published in a special issue of Daedalus, journal of the Academy.

At the same time, the Surgeon General announced the issuance of a new directive in a continuing effort to assure adequate safeguards in clinical research throughout the Service's grant program of nearly 20,000 grants.

Policy Extended

The new directive extends the policy enunciated by the Surgeon General on this subject February 8 but modifies the operational procedure.

For all research involving human beings, the earlier procedure required that grantee institutions indicate in their applications for PHS support adequate assurance of protection of the rights and welfare of the individual; of the appropriateness of methods used to secure patient consent and of the risks and potential medical benefits of the investigation.

The revised procedure was effective July 1. It applies to all applications for PHS funds for the support of research, training or demonstration projects.

The new procedure requires that grantee institutions' review be conducted prior to the use of human beings as subjects, but encourages the institutions to make this review before application is made for PHS support.

Eva E. Johnson Dies; With CC Since 1955

Mrs. Eva E. Johnson, of the Clinical Center's Department of Environmental Sanitation, died recently of a heart condition.

Mrs. Johnson had 21 years of Federal service. She was first employed by the Treasury Department during World War II, worked for 2½ years at Suburban and Emergency Hospitals before joining the Clinical Center in 1955.

She is survived by two daugh-

Kidney Work by NIAMD Revealed in New Exhibit


Featuring large color transparencies housed in a Y-shaped design, the exhibit was shown at meetings of the American Urological Association and the American Medical Association.

It illustrates the Institute's activities and interest in research into research on humans.

A side view of two panels of NIAMD's newest exhibit on the Institute's Artificial Kidney—Chronic Uremia Program.

and development of improvements in artificial kidney machine and system design, as well as in development of new approaches for treating patients with chronic kidney failure.

The NIAMD recently initiated a direct, targeted and planned program of research and development aimed at obtaining, via the shortest possible route, a lowering of cost and improvements in efficiency of current methods of dialysis (blood purification with the aid of an artificial kidney).

A 55-page booklet has been prepared describing the Institute's program, the state of the art in the artificial kidney field, and the opportunities for relevant research and development.

It accompanies the exhibit to help stimulate participation on the part of those now involved in the Institute's artificial kidney program.

Those eligible for contracts and/or grants include universities, hospitals, industrial firms, research organizations and individual scientists.

Assisted by the NIAMD Office of Program Analysis and Scientific Communication, an NIAMD information staff member in cooperation with the NIH Medical Arts Section developed the exhibit.

Howard Metz (left) presses the button to start the system of the renal dialysis unit at the VA Hospital in Washington, D.C. All the dialysis for the artificial kidneys is prepared here and pumped to patient areas.

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matic cleaning and sterilizing.

These features permit safe dialysis of 10 patients with only nurses in attendance. Since dialysis is initiated and terminated by nurses, both required physician attention and technician time are substantially decreased.

"Patients suffering from chronic serious kidney disorders depend on this treatment to save their lives," Mr. Metz said. "They come to the
Manfred Massa Named DRFR Consultant for Construction Contracts

Mr. Massa was appointed recently as engineering consultant on construction problems in the Office of Architecture and Engineering, Division of Research Facilities and Resources. In this position Mr. Massa will evaluate construction grant applications with particular emphasis on the problems faced by contractors in the final design and construction of health research facilities.

Prior to joining the Division, Mr. Massa was Chief Engineer of Massa Brothers, a private contracting firm operating in the Pittsburgh-Youngstown area.

In this capacity he was responsible for construction-contract management and engineering design in all contracts.

115 High School Students Participate in Eight-Week Science Research Program

One hundred and fifteen high school students, most of them from the Washington Metropolitan Area but several from as far away as California and Washington State, are currently engaged as junior research participants in American University's seventh summer science research program for high-ability secondary school students.

Co-sponsor of the program with American is the Joint Board on Science Education of the Washington Academy of Sciences and the D. C. Council of Engineering and Architectural Studies.

At least 10 disciplines are represented in the program, including astronomy, the biological sciences, biochemistry, chemistry, electronics, the engineering sciences, mathematics, pharmacology, physics and psychology.

Ninety-nine of the 115 participating students are juniors in high school.

Students Excel

This summer's program includes 56 students from Maryland, 38 from Virginia, 11 from the District of Columbia and 10 from other states.

All are high-ability students of superior educational backgrounds with strong interests in and good potentials for achievement in science and mathematics.

Participating laboratories are located at the National Institutes of Health; the Division of Basic Research at Fort Belvoir, Va.; the Naval Medical Research Institute; Walter Reed Army Institute of Research; the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Center at Beltsville, Md.; Goddard Space Flight Center at Greenbelt, Md.; the National Bureau of Standards; Melpar, Inc., and American and Georgetown Universities.

James Peters Back at NIH After 3 1/2 Years in OIR Pacific Office

James Peters has been named Project Implementation Officer of the Nutrition Section, Office of International Research.

In his new position Mr. Peters will assist the OIR scientific staff with contract negotiations and will implement the contracts once they are closed.

For the past 3 1/2 years Mr. Peters was assigned as Program Officer of the OIR Pacific Office in Tokyo where he helped maintain liaison between NIH and Japanese biomedical activities, collected and reported biomedical information in the Far East and participated in negotiating contracts for use of PL 480 moneys by Japanese scientists.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind., Mr. Peters joined NIH in 1960 as a management trainee.

Kalamazoo, Mich. Area To Expand Its Facilities

Approval of a $900,000 Federal grant for construction and expansion of comprehensive community mental health facilities in the Kalamazoo, Mich., area was announced recently by the National Institute of Mental Health.

The grant will partially finance construction of a new, $2.9 million wing to Borgess Hospital.

175 Physicians Join NIH As 2-Year Associates

One hundred seventy-five physicians who are members of the PHS Commissioned Officers Corps reported to NIH in early July for active duty as Research, Clinical and Staff Associates.

Most of the physicians were named 2 years ago and have continued their residency training in the interim. They will serve under preceptors, generally for 2 years.

NCI welcomed the largest group—46; NIMH received 25, NINDS, 22; NIAMD, 21, and NHL, 20. Also NICHD, 14; NIAID, 13; OIR, 5; NIDR, 4; DBS, 3, and CC, 3.

Grants Totaling Almost $3 Million Given Under Program of the GCRC

The second largest award ever given under the General Clinical Research Center program of the National Institutes of Health provides $1,092,700 to establish a general clinical research center in the Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, N. Y., the U. S. Public Health Service announced recently.

The award is one of eight GCRC grants totaling $2,954,297 to provide five new general clinical research centers and to expand or improve three existing centers.

Program Described

Authorized by the Congress in 1960, the general clinical research center program, administered by the Division of Research Facilities and Resources, provides a research unit in which scientists from many biomedical disciplines can conduct exacting clinical studies on selected patients.

The centers, essentially small research hospitals, usually within a larger hospital complex, provide the controlled environment essential for clinical research. Each center has its own research beds, staff, laboratories and other facilities to make it a complete research entity.

Program Now Developed On Rural Mental Health

A mental health program for rural areas is being developed and evaluated by the University of North Carolina as the result of a previous study indicating the lack of special services.

The university has been awarded a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health for the first year of a 5-year study of $85,783.

Need for special services for rural areas was emphasized by a survey of mental health needs and resources conducted under a planning grant from NIMH to the North Carolina Department of Mental Health. Similar planning grants were made available to all States and territories.

Recommendations Made

The State planning staff recommended that rural mental health programs focus first on services to families and children rather than on establishment of a traditional mental health clinic.

The grantees intend to develop greater community understanding and support for comprehensive services. Their proposed program is expected to meet clinical needs of the community while helping develop local leadership and resources.

NIH was recently host to 75 students in the Widening Horizons program. Here two 15-year-olds, Alta Starr and Lance Weaver, both of McKinley High, Washington, D.C., observe enzyme analysis at the Clinical Center. Annie R. Collins, NCI Biochemist (left) and Dr. Alan Waxman, NCI Clinical Associate (right), explain the process. Widening Horizons, sponsored by the D.C. public schools in cooperation with the United Planning Organization, introduces students to career opportunities.—Photo by Tom Joy.