Optimism High on CFC Drive Here Despite Initial Lag

Figures on the first collection report of the Combined Federal Campaign reveal that NIH has raised $36,968.60 or 18.6 percent of its 1966-67 quota of $199,043. Employee participation was only 17.9 percent.

Dr. G. Donald Whedon, NIAMD

The Folk Singers, Specialists E5 Lee Gaffney (left) and Ron Ware of the Soldiers of Song, U.S. Army Field Band, scored a hit at the CFC rally.

By Tony Anastasi

Medical investigators of the National Cancer Institute and biomedical engineers of the Division of Research Services are combining efforts in a project to study the feasibility of high-powered laser beams for clinical surgery.

Presently, the laser (short for light amplification by the stimulated emission of radiation) is being used only in studies on experimental animals.

"The laser will most certainly play a significant role in biomedical research, but at the moment our reaction is best expressed in terms of suppressed enthusiasm," says Dr. Alfred S. Ketcham, Chief of the NCI Surgery Branch.

No Clinical Applications

"Although it may well become a useful tool in the treatment of certain types of cancer, at present the laser is not being used in clinical applications at NIH," he said.

Current NIH experimental research is concentrated on determining the effect of laser energy on the biological behavior of tumors and normal tissue.

Originally developed in 1960 by the Bell Laboratories and Hughes Aircraft, lasers are finding wide application by military, industrial and medical scientists.

Laser rays are created when certain media, such as ruby or gas, are stimulated by absorbed energy at one frequency, and emit a portion of the absorbed energy at a second frequency within the visual spectrum.

The emitted light is unique because of its narrow band width and directionality.

The individual rays travel coherently and produce a parallel beam of intense light that can be easily directed and focused by lenses, prisms and glass tubes.

Power carried by the waves can be as great as one million times the intensity of light energy received on earth from the sun.

Tests Described

In a recent sequence of research tests, NCI scientists have implanted certain types of tumors into selected experimental animals. When the tumor reaches a certain size the laser beam is used to attempt destruction of the growth.

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Dr. Cole Is Honored by University of Brazil

Dr. Kenneth S. Cole, of the Laboratory of Biophysics, National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, was awarded the National Order of the Southern Cross in recognition of his work at the Instituto de Biophysica of the University of Brazil. The award, presented to Dr. Cole by the Minister of Health of Brazil on Sept. 27 at the embassy, includes the degree of "Oficial" and is presented exclusively to foreigners who have rendered outstanding service to Brazil.

Much of the success in research in the biomedical sciences in Brazil has been attributed to the early help and inspiration given by Dr. Cole.

Invited to Brazil

In 1947, while Dr. Cole was Professor of Biophysics and Physiology at the University of Chicago, he was invited to be a Visiting Professor at the newly established Instituto de Biophysica.

In addition to lectures and consultations, Dr. Cole collaborated with the Instituto staff on problems of spreading depression of Leao, and the electrophysiology of the electric eel of the Amazon. His lectures, entitled Four Lectures on Biophysics, were published as the first of a series of monographs by the Instituto.

University Is Renowned

At the time of Dr. Cole's visit, the Instituto already was a leader in pure science research in South America. At the Instituto continued to advance in the field of biophysics and expand into other areas, it came to play an increasingly important part in the scientific world. It is now one of the leading institutions for basic research in the biomedical sciences.

The National Order of the Southern Cross originally was created in 1822. It was suspended in 1898 by the first Constitution of the Republic of Brazil and was re-established in 1932. Candidates for this honor are selected by a committee headed by the Minister for Foreign Relations. The award is presented by decree of the President of Brazil, Grand Master of the Order.

Latin American Visitors Begin Cancer Course by NIH Tour and Lectures

Forty physicians and professors from 12 Latin American countries visited the National Institutes of Health Sept. 12 as guests of the National Cancer Institute. A tour of Institute facilities, with lectures by Institute staff members, marked for the visitors the beginning of an intensive short-term graduate course in cancer therapy and control sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

After a brief explanation of operations of the Clinical Center, the group heard lectures by Dr. Harold L. Stewart, Chief, Laboratory of Pathology; Dr. Robert C. Hoye, Surgery Branch, and Dr. Murray J. Shear, Special Advisor for the Institute and Secretary-General of the International Union Against Cancer. Their day here closed with a visit to the National Library of Medicine.

On the following day the Latin American visitors toured the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology where they heard papers on a number of aspects of cancer pathology. From Sept. 24 to 28 the doctors attended lectures at the national offices of the ACS in New York City and at the Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases and the American Cancer Hospital. Later they visited the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, in Houston.

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'Hooked!' Booklet by NIMH Depicts Danger of Drugs

The story of the results of narcotic drug addiction, told in the language of an addict, has been published in comic book form by the National Institute of Mental Health.

Titled "Hooked!" the 4-color comic narrative, one young drug man's gradual degeneration and his wife's death as a result of the narcotic habit.

In announcing the publication, Dr. Stanley F. Yolles, NIMH Director, said, "We are hopeful this publication can help young people who might be tempted to experiment with drugs to see the danger. This booklet depicts accurately the path to heroin addiction."

"Hooked!" is designed for use in schools and for distribution by local public health departments, especially those in high-risk neighborhoods.

Copies are available from the Public Inquiries Branch, Public Health Service, Washington, D.C. 20201.

Dr. Armstrong Is Cited by the President And Honored by Former NIH Colleagues

A letter of congratulation from President Johnson and a luncheon attended by friends and former colleagues featured the recent 80th birthday celebration for Dr. Charles Armstrong, eminent NIH virologist and a PHS officer from 1916 to 1956. Honoring Dr. Armstrong for his accomplishments, especially in research on infectious diseases, Dr. James A. Shannon, NIH Director, and a number of Dr. Armstrong's former co-workers at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases attended the luncheon at the Naval Medical Center Officers' Club Sept. 27. The group gave him an album of photographs demonstrating scientists with whom he had worked.

The letter from the President said:

"I would like to join your many friends in extending to you my best wishes and congratulations."

"As you celebrate both your 80th birthday and the 50th anniversary of your entrance into the U.S. Public Health Service, your fellow Americans look to you with gratitude for your important contributions to the medical advances of our times."

"You have earned abiding recognition from the generations of Americans who may be assured of better health and longer lives through your own dedication. On their behalf, I salute you."

Background Cited

Dr. Armstrong's career as a research scientist began in 1921, after he served in World War I as a PHS medical officer in the old Hygienic Laboratory, predecessor of NIH. Until his retirement in 1950, his experimental work produced a continuing series of important discoveries, especially in virology.

Early in his career he solved the problem of tetanus in children after smallpox vaccination.

By basic laboratory investigation, he showed that the celluloïd shield customarily applied to protect the vaccination lesion, as well as other direct dressings, created ideal conditions for multiplication of the tetanus organism which was commonly present on normal skin.

With the abandonment of such dressings, post-vaccination tetanus disappeared.

Dr. Armstrong's laboratory probings were frequently aimed at solving practical health problems. When persons exposed to parrots were dying of a peculiar type of pneumonia during the winter of 1929-30, Dr. Armstrong headed an investigation which discovered the causative agent—the psittacosis virus.

In the process, however, Dr. Armstrong himself and 11 others contracted the disease. One of his co-workers died of psittacosis, but the laboratory truly established the ease with which the virus spread through the air.

When people in St. Louis were dying of encephalitis, or "brain fever," in the 1930's, he was among the investigators who isolated the causative virus, now known as the St. Louis encephalitis virus. He followed that discovery with the isolation in 1934 of the virus of lymphocytic choriomeningitis.

But Dr. Armstrong is probably best known for his pioneering work in poliomylitis. He helped open the modern experimental attack on polio with his adaptation in 1939 of a strain of human polio virus to grow and produce paralysis in mice.

He Advises Foundation

With this new tool there came renewed study of polio which eventually, through support by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, culminated in its present control by vaccine.

Dr. Armstrong was a member of several advisory committees of the Foundation from the time it was established and was among the first scientists named to its Hall of Fame in Warm Springs, Ga., in 1957. He was also among the first NIH staff members elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

Despite his formal retirement from NIAID in 1956, Dr. Armstrong worked daily in his laboratory until only a few years ago.
Dr. Corfman Appointed To FDA Advisory Post

Dr. Philip A. Corfman, Acting Director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's Reproduction Program, has been appointed to the FDA Advisory Committee on Obstetrics and Gynecology. The appointment is for the period ending June 30, 1967. Dr. Corfman, a Consultant to the Committee since last fall, was also named a Consultant to the FDA's Bureau of Medicine by the FDA Commissioner, Dr. James L. Goddard.

The Advisory Committee on Obstetrics and Gynecology has been prominent recently for its continuing study of the safety and efficacy of oral contraceptives.

Expanded Studies Requested

In a report made public in mid-August the Committee reported no firm evidence that oral contraceptives are unsafe. However, the Committee called for expanded studies to investigate long-term effects of oral contraceptive usage.

In the memorandum announcing the appointment, Dr. Goddard commented Dr. Corfman on his willingness "to give us the benefit of your wide experience in dealing with the many complex problems involving the use of drugs."

Dr. Laki Returns From Meetings in Budapest

Dr. Koloman Laki, Chief of the Laboratory for Biophysical Chemistry, National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases, recently returned to NIH after a 2-week visit to Hungary.

Dr. Laki, a former university professor in Budapest who left Hungary in 1948, was a guest and main speaker at an anniversary meeting of the Hungarian Chemical Society.

In his talk on fibrinogen, which was well received, Dr. Laki described his recent experiments connecting fibrin formation to tumor growth.

Following the Chemical Society meeting, Dr. Laki attended an International Symposium on Muscle in Budapest. Dr. Laki was joined at this meeting by two of his staff members: Dra. W. J. Bowen and J. A. Gladner, and a former staff member, Dr. D. R. Kominz, now Chief of the NIH Pacific Office of the Office of International Research.

October 23-28 will be observed as Cleaner-Air-Week.

Dr. Kalberer Is Named NIH Grants Associate

Dr. John T. Kalberer Jr., recently joined the Grants Associate program at the National Institutes of Health for a year of specialized training as a Public Health Service Scientist-Administrator.

In June Dr. Kalberer received the Ph.D. degree from New York University, where he was formerly a physicist with the Department of Biology.

He has become established in the field of medical-biological research, assisting with the planning and designing of research laboratories at the Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City.

Lealon E. Martin Named Communications Program Officer of the NIMH

Appointment of Lealon E. Martin, formerly Director of the Heart Information Center of NIH, as Communications Program Officer of the National Institute of Mental Health was announced recently by Dr. Stanley F. Yolles, Director of the Institute.

Mr. Martin will serve as principal staff advisor to the Director for Scientific and Public Communications. He will coordinate and develop plans for management of the Institute's activities in this field, including its current programs for scientific information carried out through the National Clearinghouse for Mental Health Information and for public information through the Institute's Office of Public Information.

Prior Positions Listed

In addition to establishing and serving as first chief of the Heart Information Center, Mr. Martin was once Assistant Chief of the National Institutes of Health's Office of Research Information.

He also served, on special assignment, in planning for national and international scientific meetings, on the staff of the White House Conference on Heart Disease and Cancer, and on the staff of the President's Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer, and Stroke.

He is a member of the National Association of Science Writers, American College Public Relations Association, Committee on Public Education of the American Heart Association, and Omicron Delta Kappa, Eta Sigma, and Sigma Upsilon honorary fraternities.

A native of Natchez, Miss., Mr. Martin is a graduate of Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss. He and Mrs. Martin, who have two daughters, live at 4721 Cumberland Ave. Somerset, Md.

Dr. William N. Valentine Is on Advisory Council

Dr. William N. Valentine, an authority on hematology, and Chairman of the Department of Medicine and School of Medicine, University of California at Los Angeles, has been appointed to serve on the National Advisory Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases Council. The 4-year appointment, announced by Surg. Gen. William H. Stewart, was effective Oct. 1, 1966.

At present Dr. Valentine is a member of NIAMD's Research Career Award Committee.
3 From DBS Invited to Intl. Cancer Congress

Three scientists from the Division of Biologics Standards have been invited to participate in the Ninth International Cancer Congress to be held in Tokyo, Japan, Oct. 23-29.

They are Dr. Bernice Eddy, Chief, Section on General Virology; Dr. C. P. Li, Chief, Virus Biology Section, Laboratory of Virology and Rickettsiology, and Dr. Paul Gerber, Chief, Viral Genetics Section, Laboratory of Viral Immunology.

Dr. Eddy plans to extend her travel in Japan to include a visit to the Institute for Virus Research of the Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan.

From Japan Dr. Eddy will depart on an around-the-world tour from Taiwan to London, visiting the National Heart Institute effective Oct. 9. The announcement was made by Philip M. Holland, Director of Campus Environmental Studies for USNSA, who will direct the grant-supported studies.

Dr. Holland admits the program is not expected to perform miracles.

James Gardner Named NHI Personnel Officer

James Charles Gardner was named Personnel Officer for the National Heart Institute effective Oct. 9. The announcement was made by Dr. Robert W. Berliner, Acting Director, National Heart Institute, and John M. Sanger, Chief, Personnel Management Branch.

Mr. Gardner replaces Floyd Swanson who is now Personnel Officer of the Clinical Center.

Since his entrance on duty at the NIH a year ago, Mr. Gardner has served as Personnel Management Specialist of the Personnel Management Branch.

His previous positions include Position Classification Specialist and Employee Relations Officer, General Services Administration; Personnel Management Assistant, National Training School for Boys, and Personnel Management Assistant, U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kans.

Mr. Gardner received his B.A. degree from State University of Iowa in 1961.

Mrs. Rankin’s Career Spans 30 Yrs. at PHS; Receives Award at Farewell Party

Lillian M. Rankin, whose 30-year Public Health Service career spanned an entire era of development in the NIH research grants program, retired Sept. 15 as Head of the Operations Section, Research Fellowships Branch, National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

Succeeding Mrs. Rankin is Ethel B. Keister, former Head of the Research Training and Fellowships Unit, Extramural and Contract Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Mrs. Keister was Mrs. Rankin’s assistant from 1962-64.

Mrs. Rankin began her PHS career March 26, 1936, as a clerk-stenographer in the Division of Scientific Reports and Statistics. She was transferred to the Division of Venerable Diseases in 1958 and served eight years there.

Comes to NIH in ’46

She shifted to NIH in 1946 as Administrative Assistant to Dr. C. J. Van Slyke, then Chief of the Division of Research Grants and often recognized as “the father of the NIH Research Grants Program.” Mrs. Rankin headed the Administrative Services Section in DRG until 1953 when she moved to the NIH Research Fellowships Branch.

In 1958, when the Division of General Medical Sciences was organized, Mrs. Rankin was assigned to the DGMS fellowship program. She remained with DGMS until it achieved institute status in 1963, and with NIGMS until her recent retirement.

Mrs. Rankin witnessed spectacular changes in both emphases and growth during her two decades in the research grants and fellowships programs.

“When I joined DRG in 1946 the accents were on such problems of malaria and typhus control. That was a long way from today when the emphases are in such complex new fields as pharmacology and biomedical engineering.”

See NIGMS Grow

Mrs. Rankin saw the NIGMS fellowship program grow just as spectacularly during her tenure as operations section chief.

When she joined the program, DGMS supported only 55 fellows, the grants totaling $260,000. This compares with the figures in FY 1966 when the fellowship program spent some $18.5 million to support 2,547 predoctoral, postdoctoral and special fellows and career development awardees.

Mrs. Rankin also recalls that office equipment in 1946 was not quite what it is today.

“We don’t use our bodies enough—we let them rust, and that seems to be the fastest way to age. The human body can absorb a tremendous amount of abuse; years of it, in fact. Yet a week in bed will enfeeble even the strongest man.”—Dr. A. Wilmot Jacobsen.
Addressing the CFC rally audience, Dr. G. Donald Whedon, NIAMD Director and Chairman of the NIH CFC drive, noted the increase in the NIH quota and the rising cost of services, but reminded employees to use the payroll deduction plan "to spread a generous single contribution over the entire year."—Photos by Ralph Fernandez.

Reporting period in both percent of quota and employee participation, DRMP employees pledged $1,213 of their $1,394 quota for 73.1 percent of quota, and employee participation of 100 percent. As a result of increases in the number of employees since July, the percentage of employee participation has exceeded 100 percent in some instances.

"The quality of a culture is measured by its reverence for all life."—Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

Dr. William P. Herbst
To Join NIAMD Council

Dr. William P. Herbst, a specialist in urology, has been appointed to serve on the National Advisory Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases Council. The 4-year appointment, announced by Dr. William H. Stewart, Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, was effective Oct. 1.

Dr. Bondurant Appointed
Branch Chief at NHI

Dr. Stuart Bondurant was appointed Chief of the Medical Branch of the National Heart Institute's Artificial Heart-Myocardial Infarction Program, Dr. Robert Berliner, Acting Director of the Institute, announced recently.

On leave of absence from Indiana University School of Medicine, Dr. Bondurant will supervise the planning, initiation and coordination of research related to the cause, treatment and prevention of heart attacks and other serious complications of coronary heart disease.

Among the responsibilities of the Medical Branch is the study of the role that circulatory-assist devices can play in the management of myocardial infarction and other heart disorders.

Background Described

Dr. Bondurant attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University Medical School, receiving his M.D. in 1953. After completing his internship and residency at Duke, he studied for an additional year under a PHS Postdoctoral Fellowship.

From 1956 to 1958, he served as Research Internist and Chief Medical Officer, Acceleration Section, Aeromedical Laboratory, Wright Patterson Air Force Base. In 1959, after a year as Senior Resident in the Department of Medicine of Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Mass., he joined the staff of the Indiana University School of Medicine, where he is Professor of Medicine and Associate Director of the Cardiovascular Research Center.

National Authorities on Mental Health to Meet

More than 200 mental health professionals and laymen from all parts of the nation will convene in a series of meetings this month to help shape future programs of the National Institute of Mental Health.

The group will comprise the membership of 13 ad hoc committees that will discuss problem areas in mental health at the NIMH in Chevy Chase, Md.

The committees are designed to help the Institute develop its programs in research, and training and delivery of services under the new administrative reorganization —the first major realignment of program responsibility since the Institute was established in 1949. The reorganization was announced earlier this year.

Dr. Stanley F. Yolles, Director of NIMH, has invited individuals from academic and scientific communities, State mental health officials, and representatives of private and voluntary organizations to attend the meetings.

The meetings are designed to provide widest possible citizen participation in planning and developing the expanded mental health program, Dr. Yolles said.

Each committee will have from 12 to 22 members representing appropriate disciplines and interests.
Dr. Shock President of Internatl. Assn. in 1969

Dr. Nathan W. Shock, Chief of the Gerontology Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, was named President-elect of the International Association for Gerontology at the Seventh International Congress of Gerontology in Vienna, Austria. He will serve in that office for three years before assuming the presidency.

Dr. Shock has been the recipient of numerous honors for his research in the field of aging, including the Gerontological Society's first Annual Research Award for his Meritorious Contributions.

He is Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Gerontology, a member of the Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Gerontology, and Past President of the Gerontological Society.

Dr. Shock will preside at the Eighth International Congress of Gerontology, scheduled to meet in the United States in 1969.

African Foods, Nutrition Bibliography Published

International cooperation was a significant aid in compiling a Selected Bibliography on African Foods and Nutrition and African Botanical Nomenclature.

The recently issued bibliography was published jointly by the Nutrition Section of the Office of International Research and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Compiled by Dr. Woot-Teu Wu Leung, OIR, the publication contains appended references collected in Washington, Rome, London, Nairobi and in various African institutions concerned with food and nutrition research programs.

Obtain Date

In addition to information sent by individual international contributors, Dr. Leung and Dr. F. Busson, FAO consultant, obtained additional data during visits to Africa in the fall of 1965 (see NIH Record, Jan. 25, 1966).

The joint research project to develop a Food Composition Table for Africa was initiated in July 1964, and is supported by the Advanced Research Project Agency. It is monitored by the Nutrition Section which is continuing to assemble information on African foods.

Copies of this bibliography may be obtained by writing to: Nutrition Section, Office of International Research, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. 20014.

Environment, the Coordination of Science Policy Within the Executive Branch, Federal Research and Development Programs: the Rationality of Economic Choice, the Congress and Science Policy, and the University-Government Relationship. Eighteen NIH scientists participated in the seminar.

Dr. Raymond D. Zinn

Dr. Raymond D. Zinn was recently appointed Chief of the Laboratory Aids Branch, Division of Research Services. The appointment was announced by Chris A. Hansen, Chief of the Division.

Dr. Zinn, formerly Head of Laboratory Animal Unit and Liaison Officer for the NIH Animal Center (NIHAC), succeeds Dr. Robert R. Byrne who transferred to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

As Chief of LAB, Dr. Zinn will administer the Branch's varied program of research-oriented services for NIH Institutes and Divisions.

Services Varied

These include production of genetically characterized rodents and rabbits, quarantine and conditioning of dogs, cats and primates, and administration of the NIHAC at Poolesville, Md.

Also animal surgery and recovery and animal disease control are included. Other services are bacteriologic and tissue-culture media production and sterile glassware preparation.

Dr. Zinn joined the PHS Commissioned Corps in 1959, serving first as Epidemiology Intelligence Service Officer with the Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta, Ga.

Since 1961 he has held various positions at NIH, both with NIH and DRS. He received his B.S. degree from West Virginia University and his D.V.M. degree summa cum laude from Ohio State.
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point of cell economy that there be no excessive breakdown or synthesis of cell constituents and that these processes be carefully controlled to produce only as much energy and cellular building or repair material as needed, but no more.

It was a group of biochemists at Carnegie Institution of Washington, working with Escherichia coli bacteria, who discovered in the mid-fifties that cellular synthesis of a particular amino acid from glucose was halted when extra amino acid was poured into the growth medium from an outside source.

Evidence Found

Here was evidence that the organism was able to discontinue producing new compounds, if those compounds were adequately supplied in the diet.

It also proved that whenever such dietary constituents are adequately supplied, a stimulus is provided for the cessation of synthesizing any more such material.

Later it was demonstrated by others that whenever an end-product of a biosynthetic process reaches a certain concentration it prevents further synthesis.

Two independent mechanisms were found to be involved. The first, referred to as “repression,” was demonstrated by Drs. G. N. Cohen and J. Monod at Pasteur Institute in Paris. They showed that when the concentration of an end-product becomes excessive, there is automatic curtailment in the synthesis of one or more of the enzymes that catalyze steps in the biosynthetic pathway.

“Feedback Inhibition” Described

The second type of control mechanism, called “feedback inhibition” by its discoverer, Dr. H. E. Umbarger, causes inhibition of the catalytic activity of an enzyme already present in the cell—usually one that catalyzes the first step in the biosynthetic pathway.

In 1961, Dr. Cohen and Dr. Stadtman reported on joint studies in which they investigated the mechanisms by which organisms regulate branched metabolic pathways.

A potential problem is that inhibition or repression of the first enzymatic step by an overproduction of one end metabolite might cause a deficiency in the production of a compound intermediates that is required also for the synthesis of a second metabolite.

Together they unraveled a mechanism in which the first enzymatic step involved in the production of 3 separate enzymes is regulated by the elaboration of 3 separate enzymes, each sensitive to a different end-product.

Most recently, Dr. Stadtman and his associates in the Heart Insti-

The variety of nursing schools represented at the Clinical Center are illustrated by these contrasting caps at the nurses’ annual reception recently, Louise Anderson, Nursing Department Chief (center), wears cap of Massachusetts General Hospital. Others were awarded by both Israel Hospital, Jewish Hospital, Ohio Valley General Hospital, Mercy Hospital, University of Maryland, Shady Side Hospital, A., and T. College, Genesee Hospital, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital. Nursing schools from every state in the Union except Alaska are represented at the Clinical Center.

Dr. Haurowitz Is 6th Jules Freund Lecturer

Dr. Felix Haurowitz, Distinguished Service Professor of Chemistry at Indiana University, was guest lecturer for the 6th Annual Jules Freund Memorial Seminar, Oct. 15 in the Clinical Center auditorium.

The lecture on “Problems of Antibody Biosynthesis” opened the season of Immunology seminars sponsored by the immunologists of the various institutes at NIH.

NIAID Virologists Attend 2 International Meetings

Virologists of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases will report on developments in the study of tumor-causing viruses at two international meetings in Japan this month.

Four Institute scientists will take part in the 9th International Cancer Congress in Tokyo Oct. 23-29. Three of them will also attend a symposium on tumor viruses at the Laboratory of Viral Oncology, Aichi Cancer Center in Nagoya Oct. 28-Nov. 1.

In Tokyo, Dr. Karl Habel, Chief of NIAID’s Laboratory of Biology of Viruses, is to present a paper on “Complement-Fixation in the Study of Virus Tumor Antigens.”

Reports Listed

Dr. Kenneth K. Takemoto of the same laboratory will report on a recent study which showed that hamster cells transformed, or made tumorous, by SV40 (a simian virus) can be transformed again by polyoma virus (also tumor causing), and that these doubly transformed cells have distinct properties induced by both viruses.

A third scientist from the Laboratory of Biology of Viruses, Dr. David Axelrod, is to report on his research into the structural features and biologic significance of the DNA of Papova viruses.

Dr. Paul H. Black of the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, will attend the congress as an observer.

At the symposium in Nagoya, Dr. Axelrod will discuss “Nucleic Acid Homology and Oncogenesis,” and Dr. Habel is to present a paper on “The Relation of Polyoma T Antigen Production to Virus Replication.” Dr. Takemoto will attend as an observer.

Dr. Richard Feinberg Joins NINDB Staff

Dr. Richard Feinberg has joined the staff of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness as Special Programs Analyst for Vision and Diseases of the Eye, Office of Program Analysis. He formerly was Chief of the Visual and Auditory Laboratory, Georgetown Clinical Research Institute of the Federal Aviation Agency.

In this newly established position, Dr. Feinberg will serve as the Institute’s principal resource for scientific program information concerning both intramural vision research and research activities being supported at grantee institutions.

Through knowledge of current Institute programs and responsibilities in this area, he will aid the Office of the Director in assessing future research needs and program directions.

Background Cited

A native of New York State, Dr. Feinberg received a B.S. degree in 1933 from the University of Rochester, majoring in optometry. In 1948, he received the Ph.D. degree in applied psychology from Purdue University with a dissertation on physiological optics.

Before joining FAA in 1960, Dr. Feinberg was director of the Applied Visual Science Division, Timms Optical Company, Petersburg, Va.; President of the Northern Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago; and Dean of the College of Optometry, Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore.

Dr. Carl G. Baker (left), Associate Director for Program, NCI, receives from Dr. Kenneth M. Endicott, Director, NCI, the Public Health Service Meritorious Service Medal. The award cited Dr. Baker’s “outstanding achievements in the development and utilization of research planning systems in the complex research and development programs of the NCI.”—Photo by Ralph Fernandez.