7 Disease Centers Funded by NIAID Focus on Allergy

Allergy will soon become the focus of an intensified research effort by NIH—through the establishment of seven Allergic Disease Centers.

In announcing the new centers, on June 3, Dr. Dorland J. Davis, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, described the new program as "an important step in translating fundamental knowledge of immunology into improved clinical allergy practice."

Allergy is a serious health problem for more than 31 million Americans.

The seven centers—to function with NIAID grant funds—are: Robert Breck Brigham Hospital, Boston, Mass.; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.; Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.; University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.; also, the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, La Jolla, Calif.; Children's Asthma Research Institute and Hospital, and the National Jewish Hospital and Research Center. The last two are in Denver, Colo.

All of the institutions already have laboratory research programs in immunology. The new grants will permit establishment of related work.

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Dr. Marvin Dunn Named DPHPE Asso. Director

Dr. Marvin R. Dunn has been named associate director of the Division of Physician and Health Professions Education, BHME.

He will participate in the Division's policy, planning, and operational decisions.

Dr. Dunn will also serve as acting chief of the Physician Education Branch, working closely with the 12 Associate Regional Health Directors for Manpower throughout the country.

Dr. Dunn received his B.A. degree from Hardin-Simmons University, and his M.D. degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

Dr. Brodie Honored Near and Far; Gets Degrees, Presides at Internal'l Meeting

Dr. Bernard B. Brodie, who retired from the National Heart and Lung Institute—he is now an NHLI consultant—delivered the Paul Lamsen Lecture on May 13, at the Vanderbilt University Medical School. It is considered the school's major lecture in Pharmacology.

Dr. Brodie, who was chief of the Laboratory of Chemical Pharmacology, has pioneered in studies of a new area of drug metabolism. He addressed the Vanderbilt medical faculty on that subject.

His topic was: On Biochemical Mechanisms of Drug-Induced Tissue Lesions.

The eminent scientist received additional honors from universities in Belgium and Scotland and he also presided and delivered an address at an international symposium in Sweden.

Receives Honorary Degree

On May 24, Dr. Brodie received an honorary doctoral degree from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Louvain, Belgium, for his pioneer research in chemical pharmacology which led to the opening of new frontiers in drug metabolism.

There, he spoke on Biochemical Mechanisms of Drug-Induced Lesions. He also delivered other talks concerning drug oxidizing microsomal enzyme systems.

Audiovisual Aids Office Created by 2 NIH Units

An office for the development and use of new audiovisual techniques in the education of health professionals was created by two NIH components—the Bureau of Health Manpower Education and the National Library of Medicine.

Dr. Kenneth M. Endicott, BHME Director, and Dr. Martin A. Cummings, NLM Director, announced the agreement which created the Office of Audiovisual Educational Development.

It is located within NLM's National Medical Audiovisual Center in Atlanta, and is part of BHME's field activities.

Dr. George E. Mitchell was named chief of the new office. He assumed his duties on June 1.

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Dr. Rolla E. Dyer, Former Director, Dies in Atlanta

Dr. Rolla Eugene Dyer, Director of the NIH from Feb. 1, 1942, to Sept. 30, 1956, died Wednesday, June 2, of a heart attack at his home in Atlanta, Ga.

When Dr. Dyer was appointed Director in 1942 the middle initial in NIH was singular—Dr. Rolla—the initial turned to plural when the National Institutes of Health were established.

During his tenure at NIH Dr. Dyer helped establish three new Institutes—National Heart Institute, National Institute of Dental Research, and National Institute of Mental Health—organized the Division of Research Grants and assisted in planning the Clinical Center.

Dr. Dyer served as Director for 8 years—in 1950, the year he retired, the R. E. Dyer Lectureship was established at NIH in his honor by his friends.

Dr. Dyer was born in Delaware County, Ohio, Nov. 4, 1886. He graduated from Kenyon College in 1907, and taught for 4 years before entering medical school. He enrolled in the University of Texas Medical School and received his M.D. degree in 1911.
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Dr. Allen Rovick Named Acting Chief, Cardiac Disease Branch, NHLI

Dr. Rovick served for 2 years in Thailand as an advisor to the faculty of the Department of Physiology at the new medical school in Chiang Mai.

Dr. Allen A. Rovick has been appointed acting chief of the Cardiac Disease Branch, National Heart and Lung Institute’s Extramural Research and Training Program. He will succeed Dr. Jane Wilcox who retires on July 1.

Dr. Rovick will be responsible for planning, developing, and conducting the Institute's grant programs.

These include research into the etiology and pathogenesis, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiac arrhythmias, and cardiac diseases such as congenital and rheumatic heart disease, heart failure, and shock.

Education Listed

Dr. Rovick did his undergraduate work at Roosevelt University. He then served as a research assistant and a teaching assistant in the Department of Physiology, University of Illinois College of Medicine, where he received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees.

In 1957, Dr. Rovick joined the Department of Physiology as an instructor at Loyola University Medical School, where he received the Preclinical Teaching Honor Award. He remained at Loyola until 1967, as an associate professor.

From 1967 to 1969, under the auspices of the University of Illinois, Dr. Rovick served in Thailand as an advisor to the faculty of the Department of Physiology in the newly established medical school in Chiang Mai.

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Dr. Rovick joined NIH in 1970 as a health scientist administrator, Division of Research Grants.

He was executive secretary of the Cardiovascular A Study Section prior to accepting his present position.

NIH Television, Radio Program Schedule

Radio

DISCUSSION: NIH

WGN, AM-570—FM Stereo 103.5—Friday, about 9:15 p.m.

June 11

Dr. G. Burroughs Mider, Deputy Director, NLM

Subject: Function of the National Library of Medicine

Health Delivery

June 18

Dr. Roscoe O. Brady, Jr., Laboratory of Neurochemistry, NINDS

Subject: Prenatal Detection of Mental Retardation

Interview takes place during intermission of the Library of Congress concert.

Television

WTOP-TV, Channel 9

11:30 a.m.

June 13

"Early Recognition of Learning Disabilities" (NINDS Film)

June 20

"The Miraculous Pool" (NIAID Film)

Subject: Function of the NIH Medical Library.

Subject: Prenatal Detection of Mental Retardation

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Before the meeting, Spencer Logan (l) discusses Council activities with Dr. John F. Sherman (c), Deputy Director of NIH, and Dr. Colin L. Gibson, EEO Director. Mr. Logan is Deputy EEO Officer for NIH. He has worked with youth organizations and church groups.
Communications Meeting Stresses Health Fields

A national conference on multimedia communications—"Media 70's"—stressing education techniques for the health sciences, will be held on July 18 through the 24th, at the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati.

The conference, co-sponsored by Bureau of Health Manpower Education, National Library of Medicine, and the University of Cincinnati under a contract with the Education Communications Foundation, will have Ralph Nader as its principal speaker.

Mr. Nader will address the gathering on Sunday evening, July 18.

This meeting will coincide with the annual meeting of the National Audio-Visual Association.

Utilizing health professions schools to increase the numbers of students, shorten the curriculum time, and reduce the costs of health professions education, will be featured conference topics.

Bureau of Health Manpower Education is especially interested in these objectives, according to the Bureau, may be accomplished through the use of television, computers, programmed instruction, and other devices.
Visitors Tour New Primate Facility

Aerial photo courtesy U.S. Navy
Other photos by Tom Joy

The new primate facility's white roof stands out in this bird's eye view of the NIH Animal Center, Poolesville, Md.

The May 20 dedication ceremonies of the primate building in Poolesville were followed by a tour covering all the facilities.

The Division of Research Services is responsible for operation of the Center. Its Laboratory Aids Branch supplies most of the animals used in NIH research.

Dr. Thomas P. Cameron, NCI,examines cages in the Primate Quarantine with Robert Eaton, DRS animal caretaker.

Leonard Stuart, DRS animal husbandman, shows sheep pens during tour.

Mr. Stuart explains how X-ray unit techniques are applied in animal research.
clinical studies of allergic individuals primarily on an out-patient basis.

Funds—totalling $473,635—are being reallocated from other Institute programs including transplantation immunology centers, where activities have gradually progressed from research to established clinical practice.

Provides Bulk of Support

Since the beginning of the NIH grants program in 1955, NIAID has provided the bulk of Government-financed support for research and training in clinical allergy and immunology.

According to Dr. Davis, scientists have now achieved a better understanding of how the body's immune apparatus works and what causes allergic and immunologic disorders.

"By implementing this new program," Dr. Davis said, "we believe we will be in a stronger position to help people with asthma, drug allergies, hay fever and related ailments."

Some of the areas to be studied include:

- Chemical substances (mediators) that induce activity in reactive tissues and cause allergic symptoms in the case of immediate hypersensitivity
- Slow-reacting substance of anaphylaxis (SRS-A) in biological fluids

Use of Allergoids

- Therapeutic approaches to allergies and asthma, such as use of allergoids (formaldehyde-treated, i.e., modified, allergens) in desensitization, corticosteroids prosta
glandins and several new drugs
- Analysis of immunologic, pharmacologic, environmental, and psychologic variables as they contribute to the symptoms of asthma
- The role of respiratory infections in the development of asthma
- Changes in airway resistance in asthmatic patients using various medications, and
- The role of a key cell enzyme (adenyl cyclase) system in allergic disease, especially in asthma and allergic eczema.

R&W Sailing Association Sponsors Picnic, June 19

The R&W Sailing Association will sponsor a picnic, Saturday, June 19 (rain date, June 26), from noon until dark at Truxtun Park on Spa Creek in Annapolis, Md.

The three Flying Scots will be available for sailing, and the bunker may be ready. Guests are welcome.

Admission for adults will be one dollar—children admitted free.

Register at the R&W Office, Bldg. 31, Room 1A-18.

Fellow Workers Will Miss Wayne Bard; He Plans a 'Busy' Retirement in Hawaii

"No matter what, he keeps his cool, and he's always ready to help, a remarkable person—we're really going to miss him."

A fellow worker's comments echoed in numerous BHME offices.

The popular Visual Information Officer was honored recently by more than 75 friends and associates at a dinner party marking his retirement after 30 years of Government service.

Mr. Bard began his Government career as an art assistant at the Veterans Administration in 1957.

Following a 2½ year hitch in the Army Air Force, he returned to the VA's Art Unit, where he rose to the position of supervisor of all art produced for visual aids, publications, exhibits motion pictures, and film strips.

In 1955 he resigned to open his own art supply stores and studies in Full Church and Culmore, Va.

Two years later, in 1957, he joined the Bureau of State Services, FIS, where for the next 10 years, as a visual expert, he was concerned with water pollution, sanitation, migrant health, environmental health, heart disease, cancer, stroke, and accident prevention.

During this period, several exhibits designed by Mr. Bard won first place awards at national meetings.

He was appointed Visual Information Officer to the newly formed Bureau of Health Manpower in January 1967, and that same year his exhibit on health careers won second place at the California State Fair in Sacramento.

His hobbies include photography

Wayne Bard's lei is a potent of things to come—he and Mrs. Bard will be residing in Hawaii.—Photo by Wayne Bard.

Herbert G. Fredericks Named Deputy Director, Contracts and Grants

Herbert G. Fredericks has been named deputy director of Contracts and Grants. Before coming to NIH he was acting director of Procurement and Production Directorate, Edgewood Arsenal, Md. He had held that post since 1964.

Mr. Fredericks received a B.S. degree in Social Science from the City College of New York, and in 1939, graduated from the Brooklyn Law School of St. Lawrence University. He was also editor of the Brooklyn Law Review.

During World War II, Mr. Fredericks served in the European Theater of operations as judge advocate in the Army Air Corps.

From 1935 to 1971 he held various posts relating to legal matters in the United States Army Chemical Corps Materiel Command.

Mr. Fredericks is the author of several papers on government contracting, and is an honorary member of the staff and faculty of the Chemical Corps School, Ft. McClellan, Ala.
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Five NIMH Intramural Employees Get Awards

Five members of the National Institute of Mental Health Intramural Research Program received Superior Service Awards at the HSMHA Annual Awards Ceremony held May 28, at the Parklawn Building.

Cited were: Dr. William E. Bunney, Jr., William T. Burriss, Dr. Harold A. Greenberg, Dr. Marian W. Kies, and Nathaniel E. Singletary.

Dr. Burris, chief of the Section on Psychiatry, Laboratory of Clinical Sciences, was cited for his research on the correlation of biochemical and behavioral aspects of manic-depressive disorders and the pharmacological approach to their treatment.

Mr. Burriss, in the same laboratory, won his award for contributions to electrode fabrication and design of equipment used in neurological studies of animal behavior.

Dr. Greenberg, chief of Clinical Care for the NIMH Intramural Research Studies, was cited for maintenance of the highest standards of care and treatment in the Institute's complex psychiatric research program.

The award to Dr. Kies recognized her major contributions to understanding the problem of autoimmune disease of the nervous system, especially allergic encephalomyelitis.

Dr. Kies is chief of the Section on Myelin Chemistry, Laboratory of Cerebral Metabolism.

Nathaniel Singletary, now with the National Center for Planning Services, HSMHA, won his award for effective contributions to the NIMH EEO Program while working in the Laboratory of General and Comparative Biochemistry, Division of Biological and Biochemical Research.

3 New Members Named To DRR National Council

Dr. James Boggs, Victor A. McKusiek, and John C. Sheehan have been appointed to the National Advisory Research Resources Council.

Dr. Boggs, vice president for Academic Affairs and research coordinator at Oklahoma State University, is co-author of an engineering textbook, Introduction to Fluid Mechanics and Heat Transfer.

Dr. McKusiek, chief of the Division of Medical Genetics at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, has written several books on medical genetics, including Human Genetics, On the X Chromosome of Man, Mendelian Inheritance in Man.

Dr. Sheehan is Camille Dreyfus Professor of Chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He has done research in the chemistry of penicillin, peptides, alkaloids, antibiotics, steroids, and the synthesis of high explosives.

He noted that the Bureau and NLM have complementary audiovisual goals in health education.

NMAC and BHME plan to conduct joint audiovisual activities in promoting professional health education efforts.

Soft Contact Lenses Can Aid in Healing

National Eye Institute-supported research has demonstrated that hydrophilic (soft) contact lenses can aid healing of superficial, sterile corneal ulcers which might otherwise require surgery. The word "hydrophilic" means readily taking up moisture.

The hydrophilic lens was developed about 10 years ago in Czechoslovakia. The original lens has been developed and refined in the United States.

Although intended primarily as an alternative to the conventional contact lens used in correcting refractive error, the pliable and non-scratching soft lens has encouraged researchers to explore its potential as a therapeutic aid in treating eye disease.

In this study, doctors selected 18 patients suffering from superficial and painless corneal ulcers which had not responded to conventional treatment.

The doctors removed the epithelium of the involved eye, irrigated the corneal surface, and placed the soft lens on the cornea.

The lens was not closely fitted, but was allowed to mold itself to the curvature of the cornea.

The lens remained on the eye for one week, during which time the investigators could observe the gradual regeneration of the epithelium.

Regeneration in 5 Days

Complete regeneration occurred in about 5 days. All eighteen cases were considered therapeutically successful. The ulcers healed completely, and comfort and epithelial continuity were restored.

Although the exact way in which the soft lenses aid healing is not known, the investigators believe that the lens serves as a bandage, shielding the ulcer from irritation as well as providing a structural framework for the regenerating epithelium.

The lens was extremely well tolerated by the affected eye, and the researchers expressed considerable hope for the future role of this type lens in treating corneal disease.

These findings were reported by Drs. Howard M. Leibowitz, Boston University School of Medicine, and Perry Rosenthal, Harvard Medical School, in Archives of Ophthalmology, February 1971.

Mr. White has been a Government Information Officer for the Naval Reserve, and first Director of Information for Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

Mel White can claim many "firsts" in his career. These include: first GIO president; first information officer for the Naval Reserve, and first Director of Information for Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

With the assistance of NIH Deputy Associate Director for Administration Howard E. Kettler (l), Benjamin E. Fulkerson, president of R&W, cuts the ribbon for its Service Center in Bldg. 31, Room B1-A-45, which opened June 1.

Pat Underwood (second from left) is R&W Merchandising Manager, and Joan M. Genau, R&W Secretary.
Dr. J. Norman Featured In ‘Modern Medicine’

Dr. John C. Norman, the cover story subject in the May 17 issue of Modern Medicine, is a member of the General Medical Research Program-Project Committee of NIGMS.

Dr. Norman, a thoracic surgeon and faculty member at Harvard Medical School, will serve on the committee until 1973.

He earned his A.B. degree magna cum laude from Harvard University in 1950 after transferring from Howard University. Dr. Norman is now associate professor of surgery at Harvard, where he received his M.D. degree in 1954.

In 1962, he studied thoracic and cardiovascular surgery at the University of Birmingham (England) as an NIH Extramural Fellow and completed this training at the University of Michigan (1964).

Dr. J. Norman's studies have been reported in more than 200 papers.

Nursing Care and Needs Of Patients Detailed In Report Issued by DN

A report on the nursing needs of patients and the care they receive in nursing homes has been issued by the Division of Nursing, BHME.

The report, Nursing Home Research Study, Quantitative Measurement of Nursing Services, describes research in 14 Colorado nursing homes conducted by the Department of Public Health of that state under a DN contract.

The investigation showed that nursing home care was largely given by aides and practical nurses.

Length of stay ranged from a few days to 5 years.

Multiple copies of the pamphlet may be purchased for 60 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

A single free copy may be obtained from the DN, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Md. 20014.

Dr. Dyer

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M.D. degree in 1915.

He served his internship at the Philadelphia General Hospital, and in 1916 Dr. Dyer joined the U.S. Public Health Service as a commissioned medical officer.

His research contributions during his years of service in the field and after he assumed administrative duties are legion.

He also engaged in such research as control of bubonic plague, pellagra, and epidemiological studies.

In later years his reputation for research on infectious diseases became world-wide. Dr. Dyer's studies on scarlet fever—he devised a scarlet fever skin test and helped establish a world standard unit for scarlet fever antitoxin—was one of his most important contributions.

The researcher helped participate in the discovery that endemic typhus in this country is spread by fleas from rat to man.

Dr. Dyer came to NIH—then the Hygienic Laboratory—in 1921. He was named assistant director a year later. In 1936 he was named chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases, and in 1942 Dr. Dyer was appointed NIH Director.

Receives Many Honors

During his tenure, Dr. Dyer received honors and awards that included the Lasker Award, the Carlos J. Finlay Medal, and the U.S.A. Typhus Commission Medal.

In November 1950, he received the Sedgwick Memorial Medal, American Public Health Association. Dr. Dyer was the 20th recipient of this prestigious honor.

On his retirement from NIH Dr. Dyer became Director of Research at the Robert Winship Clinic of Emory University.

Dr. Dyer was Director of the Rockefeller Foundation's International Health Division Scientific Board and the Gorgas Memorial Institute.

He was a former president of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and the American Epidemiological Society. His membership in scientific organizations included the Washington Academy of Science, The Washington Academy of Medicine, and the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences.

He was also a visiting lecturer at the Harvard University School of Public Health.

Dr. Dyer is survived by his wife Esther, of the home address, 2150 East Lake Road, N.E., Atlanta, Ga., and three children, Mrs. Hugh C. Gracey, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. David Bryce, Alexandria, Va., and William E. Dyer, Denver, Colo., five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, June 5, in Woodlawn Memorial Park in Nashville.

Dr. Samuel Gurin Named To NIGMS Nat'l Council

Dr. Samuel Gurin, professor of Biochemistry and Biological Sciences, University of Florida, has been named to the National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council.

Dr. Gurin's term will run through September 1972.

Frank Morrone Named Acting Deputy Director Of Manpower Division

Frank A. Morrone, Jr., has been named acting deputy director of the Division of Manpower Intelligence and will continue as chief of the Analysis and Reports Branch.

The BHME Division reports information on health manpower.

Mr. Morrone received his B.S. degree from Boston College, his

Mr. Morrone began his Federal career with the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke. M.S. from the University of Massachusetts, and his M.P.M. from the University of Michigan.

He held statistical posts with the Rhode Island and Michigan departments of health before joining NIH as a statistician in 1959.

He assumed positions of increasing responsibility, becoming chief of the Statistical Analysis and Survey Section in the Division of Research Grants, and then moved to DMI in December 1970.
Hydrocephalus Dementia Can Be Treated If Diagnosed Early by New Technique

By Anne Tisker

Hydrocephalus dementia—a disorder which may lead to progressive premature mental deterioration—can be effectively treated if physicians recognize it early. Hydrocephalus results from an abnormal accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid which compresses the brain.

Patients affected by this form of dementia show failing memory, personality changes, personal untidiness, and later walking difficulty, incontinence, and general progressive deterioration.

It is assumed that some of these patients may end up in nursing homes due to a lack of recognition of the presence of a treatable physical condition.

Improvement Dramatic

Now, however, these patients can be investigated and their condition diagnosed by a technique called radioisotope cisternography. Treatment by surgical implantation of shunting devices, which drain the fluid, can follow diagnosis.

In certain cases, improvement is so dramatic that the patients can return to work.

This was one of the important conclusions reached at a recent symposium in Washington attended by some 600 investigators involved in hydrocephalus research.

The symposium was dedicated to hydrocephalus and cisternography—a diagnostic technique which employs a radioactive pharmaceutical injected into the spinal canal and then traced as it travels through the cerebro-spinal fluid (CSF) cavities toward the head.

A scintillation scanning device follows the route of the radioactive tracer and records its distribution to indicate the pattern of CSF flow.

Nearly all the papers presented at the symposium hinged on this technique, developed by Dr. Giovanni Di Chiro, a neuroradiologist in the Surgical Neurology Branch of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke.

In addition to its value in the diagnosis of adult forms of hydrocephalus, it was also pointed out at the meeting, Dr. Di Chiro's technique is of great diagnostic importance in childhood hydrocephalus.

In a clinical session moderated by Dr. Edgar A. Bering, Jr., special assistant to the NINDS Director, it was illustrated that cisternography can be useful in detecting active hydrocephalus, and can be helpful in determining when a child's hydrocephalus is compensated or arrested, either spontaneously or following treatment.

First Used in 1962

Thus, scientists can gather information regarding the critical matter of whether or not the child is shunt-dependent.

Radioisotope cisternography was first used by Dr. Di Chiro in 1962 on a patient with rhinorrhea— drainage of the CSF from the nose due to a break in the meninges covering the brain.

This condition, which can be alleviated by surgical mending of the brain covering, is dangerous because it is conducive to meningitis.

Dr. Di Chiro's technique has been successfully applied in the diagnosis of porencephalic cysts (cysts in the brain cavities which may expand and damage brain tissue), subarachnoid cysts (collection of fluid in the subarachnoid spaces), and pseudo-tumor cerebri (increased pressure within the skull in the absence of tumor), and has been used to evaluate the patency of implanted CSF shunts.

Other Applications Investigated

Other applications of this technique are being investigated, according to Dr. Di Chiro, particularly its use in the recognition of the edema accompanying cerebral stroke.

A major impetus behind the meeting, sponsored by Georgetown University Medical School on May 6-8, was Dr. John Harbert, chairman of the Division of Nuclear Medicine at Georgetown, who began his work in cisternography here at NIH.

Dr. Ayub Omomaya and Kalmon Post, both in the Surgical Neurology Branch, NINDS, presented a paper on experimental work in Rhesus monkeys and clinical observations in the adult which support a hypothesis for the biomechanics of all types of hydrocephalus.

Hydrocephalus has been regarded primarily as abnormalities in the flow of CSF, but the hypothesis reported at the meeting suggests that in addition to the abnormality in flow, a crucial factor in the development of hydrocephalus appears to be a change in the structure of brain tissue.

Drs. Milton W. Brightman and Thomas Reese, of the NINDS Laboratory of Neuropathology and Neuroanatomical Sciences, have been carrying out studies on the content of normal CSF.

They spoke about their recent findings using electron microscopy regarding the movement of the small amount of protein in the CSF.

Work on the composition of CSF is important to hydrocephalus research and research in other neurological disorders because CSF provides the brain with an environment which is especially favorable for the passage of nerve impulses.

Sickle Cell Anemia Work By Dr. Murayama Cited In Preface of New Book

In the foreword to a new book, Molecular Aspects of Sickle Cell Hemoglobin, Nobelist Dr. Linus Pauling praises the work of a former pupil, Dr. Makio Murayama, National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases.

Through the efforts of Dr. Murayama, Dr. Pauling claims, sickle cell anemia is one of the first diseases in which the molecular basis for pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment is thoroughly understood.

Disorder Hereditary

This hereditary blood disorder, which strikes Negroes almost exclusively, is the result of a chemically abnormal hemoglobin (the oxygen carrying element in the red blood cells).

Dr. Murayama describes his research in detail in the first chapter.

Dr. Robert M. Nalbandian, Blodgett Memorial Hospital, Grand Rapids, Mich., edited it.

Federal Employees Federation Starts 60-Day Membership Drive

This past Monday (June 7), the National Federation of Federal Employees, Local 1702, began a 60-day membership drive at NIH.

Through August 6, organizers will be located in Bldg. 10 in front of the cafeteria, and in the lobbies of Bldgs. 36 and 36.