

NOTES

THE TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE I.A.U.

Preparations are being made for Canadian participation in the forthcoming General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union which is to be held this year in Moscow from August 13 to August 20. These preparations are in the hands of the Canadian National Committee for the I.A.U. which consists of a group of astronomers and other scientists to which appointments are made by the Royal Society of Canada, the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada and the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys of the Government of Canada, and which includes also three ex-officio members and three elected members, to make a total of nineteen members. The committee is re-elected every three years. The officers of the present committee are John F. Heard, Chairman, and Donald A. MacRae, Secretary.

Canadian scientists who plan to attend the Moscow Assembly are the following: John Galt, J. L. Locke and M. M. Thomson of the Dominion Observatory, R. M. Petrie, G. J. Odgers and P. E. Argyle of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, Helen S. Hogg, Donald A. MacRae and Ruth J. Northcott of the David Dunlap Observatory, P. M. Millman and G. Herzberg of National Research Council, A. Vibert Douglas and G. A. Harrower of Queen's University, A. G. W. Cameron, of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, and W. A. Russell, a student of the University of Toronto.

Most of these Canadians planning to attend the Assembly are members of Commissions of the I.A.U. As such, they will be considered as guests of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences, and they will be provided with hotels, meals and transportation during their stay in Moscow and in Leningrad. Wives and relatives of these delegates, as well as those who are not members of the I.A.U. will be requested to pay \$150.00 for these services.

The programme of the Assembly itself includes meetings of the various Commissions and Sub-commissions under which the I.A.U. operates and also symposia and discussions of such special topics as Artificial Satellites, the Russell-Hertzsprung Diagram, the Rotation of the Earth and Atomic Time Standards, and Nucleogenesis in Stars. The meetings will be held in the new buildings of the Moscow University on Lenin Hills and in the Sternberg Astronomical Institute.

In addition to the I.A.U. Assembly there will be held in Paris from July 30 to August 6, a Symposium on Radio Astronomy sponsored jointly

by the International Scientific Radio Union (U.R.S.I.) and the I.A.U. and also, on August 12 in Moscow, a meeting of the International Council of Scientific Unions Joint Commission on Solar and Terrestrial Relationships.

Plans have been made for participants to visit the Kremlin and various exhibitions, museums and scientific institutions in Moscow. After the Assembly they are invited to spend several days in Leningrad visiting the historic Pulkovo Observatory, the Lomonossov Museum, the Hermitage and other points of interest. Following this, participants may choose from a number of excursions by air which are being offered by "Intourist" at reasonable rates. Among these is one that includes the remains of the famous 13th century observatory of Ulughbeg, in Samarkand.

In the thirty-six years of the existence of the I.A.U., this will be the first of the Assemblies, normally held every three years, to take place in the U.S.S.R. Many astronomers from the thirty-eight participating countries of the I.A.U. are looking forward eagerly to an opportunity to view at first hand the great advances that have been taking place in Soviet astronomy and to be guests of their Russian colleagues.

JOHN F. HEARD



National Officers and Centre Representatives at the meeting of the National Council at McMaster University, March 28, 1958. *Seated* (left to right): Prof. J. B. Oke, Librarian; Prof. W. Wehlau, London; Prof. R. J. Lockhart, Winnipeg; Prof. J. F. Heard, Past-Pres.; J. H. Horning, Treas.; Carl Reinhardt; Prof. Helen S. Hogg, Pres.; J. E. Kennedy, Sec.; G. Harper Hall, Montreal; Prof. Ruth J. Northcott, Editor; A. R. MacLennan, Montreal; Rev. M. W. Burke-Gaffney, S.J., Halifax; Mrs. K. M. Heaton, Toronto. *Standing*: Dr. J. L. Locke, Ottawa; W. H. Adamson, London; H. B. Fox, Hamilton; Rev. Norman Green, Hamilton; G. A. Cooper, Toronto.

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