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Speeches:

Dr. Z. I. Lurie gave several addresses which included a talk on April 10 before the American College of Physicians in New York on "The State of Radiation Damage in Man." (On April 15, before the American Society of Immunologists and Bacteriologists in Boston on "The Medical Aspects of Radiation Injury," and on April 17, before the War "Antigen Tracer Studies and Hypertensive Shock in the Guinea Pig." On April 18, before the Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, he spoke before the group of medical officers on "The Fundamental Principles of Radiation." On April 20 at the Army and Navy Conference on "The Medical Aspects of Atomic Energy"; at the American Institute of Technology before the War and Health Research Association on "Medical Problems of an Atomic War."

Dr. Z. I. Lurie addressed the Medical Society at Hagerstown, Md. on April 21 on "Medical Aspects of Atomic War."

Dr. Z. I. Lurie gave the information Meeting at Oak Ridge on April 21 on "Radioactive Substances and Their Use in the Control of Cancer."

Dr. Z. I. Lurie gave the address before the National Dairy Council in Detroit on April 22 on "The Medical Aspects of Nutrients and Fat Metabolism."

Administrative Committee on Research in Medicine

The Administrative Committee on Research in Medicine held their first meeting on April 23, 1941, at the National Laboratory on April 23, 1941, at the National Laboratory.

The following points were thoroughly discussed. It was agreed that the Administrative Committee should "Fund alloted to support research in the field of radiation in the field of biology and medicine." It was also agreed to supplement stipends received by research workers and awards awarded for training purposes. It was also agreed to encourage first training programs in the field of radiation in addition to the existing programs in the field and that considerable attention be given to the development of curricula.

The Administrative Committee on Research in Medicine (Division of Medical Research) was organized for the purpose of funding research in the field of radiation. It was the sense of the Administrative Committee that the following should be forwarded to the Administrative Committee on Research in Medicine of the National

Research Council

"It is recommended that the Division of Medical Sciences be requested to continue the established panel as an advisory group and that sufficient funds be allocated for indicated physical examinations on the radiation cataract cases. It is further recommended that the Radiation Cataract Committee advise the Division of Biology and Medicine as to indicated research projects for coordination with the existing research program of that Division and administration by the Division of Biology and Medicine."

Fellowships

A contract has been renewed through the New York Operations Office with the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Massachusetts, to conduct a course for six fellows on radioactive isotopes under the direction of Dr. A. Failla during the Summer of 1949.

The AEC Postdoctoral Fellowship Board in the Biological Sciences of the National Research Council met on April 2, 1949, and at such time ten applications were recommended for fellowships.

Civil Defense

The Division of Biology and Medicine has advised the National Security Research Board of the value of research and development in the facilities of the AEC and its contractors which is pertinent to civil defense. They further suggested that the AEC could be looked to for information in the following fields under atomic weapons:

1. Blast effects on structures
2. Blast effects on animals
3. Blast effects on personnel
4. Burns
5. Ionizing radiation effects
6. Shielding and shelter
7. Medical care for casualties and refugees
8. Psychological problems
9. Radiological safety - including instrumentation for the detection and measurement of atomic energy
10. Training of personnel

Bikini Survey

In cooperation with the Division of Military Application, the Division of Biology and Medicine is making preliminary plans

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for a resurvey expedition to Bikini and Eniwetok under the direction of Dr. Lauren R. Donaldson.

Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, Detroit, April 18-21

In conjunction with the meeting held by the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, a meeting was held by a scientific panel with Dr. James H. Crow acting as chairman, in which the biological synthesis of radioactive materials (sometimes called isotope farming) was discussed.

Dr. Nathan Woodruff of Oak Ridge presented a summary of the utilization of carbon 14 in biological synthesis.

Biology and Medicine Information Meeting

An information meeting for biology, medicine and health physics was held at Oak Ridge on April 12, 13, and 14. Discussions on the first two days were devoted to radiation microbiology and biochemistry while on the third day a classified Health Physics meeting was held.

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