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SECOND MEETING OF THE CLAY MINERALS SOCIETY  
AND  
14TH NORTH AMERICAN CLAY MINERALS CONFERENCE  
WILL BE HELD AT  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY  
ON  
AUGUST 23-26, 1965

Symposia subjects for the sessions on August 23-25 will be: Quantitative analysis, Reactivity of clay surfaces, Genesis and synthesis.

Invited foreign lecturers are:

Dr. H. W. van der Marel from Ede, The Netherlands

Professor Dr. J. Th. G. Overbeek from Utrecht, The Netherlands

A field trip to observe Ione formations, typical soil profiles, and a clay utilization plant is being planned for August 26. Papers on subjects in the above symposia areas are particularly welcome. Inquiries for information should be addressed to:

Conference Chairman, Professor Joseph A. Pask  
Department of Mineral Technology  
University of California  
Berkeley, California 94720

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THE WALKER MINERALOGICAL CLUB  
100 Queen's Park, Toronto 5, Ontario

Nine papers were submitted for the 1963 Peacock Memorial Prize Competition. The judges awarded the prize of \$200.00 to:

Dr. A. R. Philpotts,

"Petrology of the Morin Series in Southern Quebec," Ph.D. Thesis 1963. University of Cambridge.

The rules governing the Peacock Memorial Prize Competition are being reviewed. Further details will be released at a later date.

J. A. MANDARINO,  
Peacock Memorial Prize Committee

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THERMAL ANALYSIS

Thermo-analytical techniques, and particularly thermogravimetry and differential thermal analysis, are becoming increasingly common in research and in industry, and are now being applied in fields quite distinct from those for which they were developed. The techniques, too, have developed differently in different countries, depending on the outlook of the researchers and the apparatus available. Consequently, it has been considered by many interested parties that the time is now ripe for a broadly-based international interdisciplinary convention at which problems, questions of interpretation, and results can be discussed. Moves in this direction have now been made by a small international committee (consisting of Prof. R. Barta, Czechoslovakia, Prof. L. G. Berg, U.S.S.R., Prof. L. Erdoy, Hungary, Dr. R. C. Mackenzie and Dr. J. P. Redfern, Great Britain, Dr. C. B. Murphy,

U.S.A. and Prof. T. Sudo, Japan) which is currently organizing the "First International Conference on Thermal Analysis" to be held in Aberdeen, Scotland, on 6-9 September, 1965. The main theme of the Conference will be "Thermal Techniques and their Applicability" and circulars giving details are now being distributed. These, together with any further information may be obtained from Dr. C. B. Murphy, Bldg. 5, Rm. 159, General Electric Co., 1 River Rd., Schenectady 5, New York, or from any other member of the committee.

#### INTERNATIONAL MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION

The fifth general congress of the International Mineralogical Association will be held in Britain in 1966 on the invitation of the Mineralogical Society (London). The place of meeting will be Cambridge, at the special invitation of the University Department of Mineralogy and Petrology. The time of the meeting is scheduled for early September and special field excursions will be offered. The exact dates of the meeting and of the field excursions will be given in a later notice.

During the congress two symposia and an open session for other topics of interest to mineralogists will be held. The subjects now announced for the two symposia are:

1. Crystal Growth with special reference to minerals, or Bonding Forces in Mineral Structures.
2. Pyroxenes and/or Amphiboles.

The open session will be available for presentation of other papers in the fields of crystallography, mineralogy and petrology.

The Programme Chairman for the congress, Professor T. F. W. Barth, Oslo University, will shortly report the names of the Chairmen-Editors appointed for the three sessions, at which time further information on the programme will also be provided.

C. E. TILLEY, *President*