

NOTICES

SHORT COURSE IN X-RAY SPECTROMETRY

The Fifth Annual X-Ray Spectrometry Clinic will be offered at the State University of New York at Albany during the week of June 9, 1969. The one-week Clinic will be instructional and will develop the basic theory and techniques starting from elementary principals. The Clinic will consist of morning lectures in theory and applications of X-ray spectrometry. Afternoons will be devoted to working in the laboratory on experiments illustrating the lectures. The Clinic will be supervised by a well-qualified and experienced staff. Registration for the Clinic will be \$250. Further information can be obtained from Professor Henry Chessin, State University of New York at Albany (SUNYA), Department of Physics, 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12203.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR CRYSTAL GROWTH

An American Committee for Crystal Growth has been organized to coordinate and foster activities concerned with crystal growth theory and practice in the United States. This Committee will sponsor a conference on crystal growth to be held at the National Bureau of Standards near Washington, D.C. on August 11-12-13, 1969. The meeting will encompass all aspects of the theory and practice of crystal growth. Sessions especially devoted to impurity distribution; new results in vapor phase growth; melt and solution growth; polymers (including selenium and tellurium); and eutectics, dendrites, and morphological stability will be held. Two hundred word abstracts for fifteen minute contributed papers should be submitted to C. S. Sahagian, Conference Secretary, Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories, L. G. Hanscom Field, Bedford, Massachusetts, 01730, before May 1, 1969. The subjects and speakers for invited talks will be announced at a later time.

SURPLUS BOOKS AND JOURNALS

About 500 pounds of books and journals, surplus to my professional library, will be given to an institution, anywhere, that has the greatest need and can pay shipping and customs charges. For further information write William T. Holser, Chevron Oil Field Research Company, Box 446, La Habra, California 90631.

CONFERENCE ON PYROXENES AND AMPHIBOLES

A conference on pyroxenes and amphiboles will be held on **September 8-10, 1969** at the Donaldson Brown Center on the campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. A series of papers each morning will be followed by informal discussions in the afternoons. All interested persons are invited. Those wishing to present papers should submit abstracts according to Mineralogical Society of America standards prior to June 10, 1969 to the Program Chairman, Dr. James J. Papike, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C. 20242. Abstracts of the papers presented will be published in the January-February (1970) issue of the *American Mineralogist*. Arrangements for a number of invited papers have already been made and the majority of these papers will be published as Special Paper Number 2 of the Mineralogical Society of America.

It is anticipated that a short field trip to some Blue Ridge amphibolite localities will be led by Drs. R. V. Dietrich and M. C. Gilbert.

Rooms (\$8.00 single, \$12.00 double occupancy) will be available from September 7 to 11 in the new Donaldson Brown Center. Those planning to attend should write F. D. Bloss, Department of Geological Sciences, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia 24061 so that room reservations can be made.