

## COMMENTS ON THE CONFERENCE

This 1967 conference followed closely the traditions established by the 1965 Particle Accelerator Conference. The continuing intense interest and vigorous activity in particle accelerator research was reflected in the attendance, 812 registrants for this conference compared with 760 for the 1965 meeting. Also, the Conference is continuing to maintain strong international representation; it is hoped that this desirable trend will continue. Thirteen countries were represented as follows:

Pakistan	1	Switzerland	9
Australia	1	Germany	10
Argentina	1	England	14
Japan	2	France	19
Italy	2	Canada	24
USSR	3	USA	722
Netherlands	4		

R. D. Huntoon, Director of the Institute for Basic Standards of the NBS, opened the Conference with an official welcome and a few words about the role of the Bureau in fostering scientific information exchange.

The Keynote Address, "The Tribulations and Triumphs of the Accelerator Builder," delivered by G. K. Green, in his inimitable style, assisted in getting the meeting off to a brisk start. He included a plea for accelerator builders to be represented in the high councils of URA in planning the 200-GeV accelerator. This talk is reproduced in full on the following pages.

The banquet, held on the second evening of the Conference, was attended by an overflow crowd of 500. Brief remarks were heard from the representatives of the sponsoring organizations: R. G. Mills, Chairman of the Nuclear Science Group of the IEEE, reviewed the very important and unique role of the NSG in organizing the meeting. M. B. Wallenstein spoke for the Bureau of Standards. H. W. Koch, formerly head of the Radiation Physics Division, NBS, now Director of the American Institute of Physics, represented the American Physical Society. The National Science Foundation was represented by Chief for Physics of the Division of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Wayne Gruner, who stated that from the Conference he had already learned what the NSF should do with a recent request for a grant for sociological research which proposed to prove the impossibility of organizing successful interdisciplinary meetings. Last but not least, Paul W. McDaniel, Director of the AEC's Division of Research, remarked on the great expense of modern accelerators, on the difficulties of persuading Congress of the urgency of the continuing stream of new proposals, and on the desirability of a large exodus of accelerator builders to Weston, Illinois.

The principal address at the banquet was by Emanuel R. Piore. He spoke on the subject, "The Problems of a Large Accelerator Laboratory." This address, also reproduced in full on subsequent pages, gives an interesting and accurate rationale of the National Academy of Science's 200-GeV Site Selection Committee in their considerations which preceded the final choice of the Weston, Illinois site by the USAEC.

The continued interest in these conferences demonstrates that they fulfill an important and useful role in their field. Space has thus been set aside at the Shoreham Hotel for March 5-7, 1969 for another in this series.

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