

Notes and News

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Kristallografiya

Consultants Bureau Incorporated announce that they will publish a complete English translation of the Soviet journal *Kristallografiya* starting with the first issue for 1957. The provisional subscription is \$95.00 a year but the publishers hope to be able to reduce the price if the number of subscribers exceeds 100.

All enquiries should be addressed to the Bureau at 227 West 17th Street, New York 11, N.Y., U.S.A.

Pergamon Institute

The Pergamon Institute, a non-profit-making foundation, has recently been formed in New York, and is in course of formation in London, for the purpose of making available to English-speaking scientists from all countries that are members of the United Nations the results of scientific, technological and medical research and development in the Soviet Union and other countries in the Soviet orbit.

The following are among the projects which have already been started or are being planned, and some of the services which are available:

1. It is planned to hold a Symposium in 1958 either in Washington or in London, sponsored by the Institute and several interested Universities, to examine the following problems: (a) How to assist with the establishment of extra-curricular courses for the teaching of Russian in the science, medical and engineering faculties at higher seats of learning in the English-speaking world. (b) How to teach the reading of Russian scientific and technical texts to scientists and technologists in the minimum amount of time. (c) What tools of learning are required.

2. Discussions are taking place with the relevant authorities in the U.S.S.R. on the commissioning of a series of review volumes, with complete bibliographies, covering broad areas of Russian scientific, medical and technical progress for the period 1920-1956.

3. The Institute now publishes a number of selected Russian journals in complete translation and a number of important Russian monographs and books are to be published in English in 1957. The Institute will undertake the complete translation of other journals and books if suitably recommended by learned societies, Government departments or trade associations.

4. Any person wishing to be kept informed of what is

being published in the U.S.S.R. and other countries in the Soviet orbit may apply to the Institute to receive, free of charge, a monthly contents list in English of all the significant articles and books being currently published in his field of interest in these countries. Persons interested in any article mentioned in these contents lists may order from the Institute a full English translation, which will be supplied with a minimum of delay. The charge for such a translation will be on a cooperative cost-sharing basis.

5. The Institute will provide, with the cooperation of the respective National Academies of Sciences in the U.S.S.R. and other Soviet-orbit countries, to learned societies, Government departments and industrial organizations only, for the purpose of research and reference, books and journals published in the U.S.S.R. and the Soviet-orbit countries, including microcards and microfilms, when available, of books and articles published during the past twenty years.

6. The Institute can undertake, with the aid of its expert panel of translators, resident all over the world, translation work in all branches of science from and into any language.

7. The Institute will make available to learned societies and individual scientists in the U.S.S.R. and the other Soviet-orbit countries reciprocal services on the same non-profit-making basis in return for their cooperation.

All enquiries should be addressed to the Scientific Secretary of the Institute, 4 Fitzroy Square, London W. 1, England.

IBM 704 Computer Conference

A conference on the use of the IBM 704 computer for crystal structure analysis will be held at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C., U.S.A., on 4 and 5 November 1957. This conference is being sponsored by the American Crystallographic Association and the National Bureau of standards.

The aim of the conference is to bring together crystallographers who are interested in the use of the IBM 704 computer for crystal structure data processing, and in exchange of programs and information.

Persons who wish further information concerning the conference are requested to write to the Program Chairman, Prof. Vladimir Vand, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa., U.S.A.