

• Industry Items

An agreement has been completed for the joint purchase of J. Bibby Chemicals Ltd. of Liverpool, England by ATLAS CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, INC. of Wilmington, Del., and Kao Soap Company of Tokyo, Japan. The announcement was made by Edward J. Goett, Atlas president. J. Bibby Chemicals was formerly a wholly-owned subsidiary of J. Bibby and Sons Ltd. of Liverpool, a group with major interests in vegetable oils, animal feeds and grocery products. J. Bibby Chemicals make chemical intermediates and polyurethane foam systems. The intermediates include a series of polyamides for use in curing epoxy resins, in printing inks, adhesives and surface coatings. The rigid and semi-rigid polyurethane foam systems are based on polyesters made from Bibby's oleochemical processes and have many structural and insulation applications.

In the interest of more congenial surroundings, better working conditions for its employees and expanded operations, the NORTH AMERICAN FIBRE Co. has moved its base from Newark to Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. The Newark manufacturing facility will be retained, but all orders and inquiries should be directed to the new address, 7 Industrial Ave., Upper Saddle River, N.J. 07458.

LACHAT CHEMICALS INC. has prepared development quantities of 100 kilos or more of the following compounds in electronic grade purity: Lead *n*-dibutoxide (50% solution in *n*-butanol) and zirconium *n*-tetrabutoxide (also 50% solution in *n*-butanol). Further details are available from the company located at 20200 Ashland Avenue, Chicago Heights, Illinois 60411.

A line of self-cleaning centrifugal process filters developed by a West German company will be manufactured, marketed and serviced by the VOTATOR division of Chemetron Corporation, Louisville. The filters are a logical and complementary addition to the Votator line of chemical food processing equipment. Reduced labor requirements, lower operating costs, ease of automating and cleanliness are cited among the advantages of the Schenk filters.

Technion Trains 20 Latin American Food Experts

The Organization of American States (OAS) is sponsoring a three-month food technology course at the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, to train 20 scientists from Bolivia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, E. Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Peru.

The course, co-sponsored by the OAS and the Department of International Cooperation of the Israel Ministry for Foreign Affairs, is conducted at the Technion's Department of Food and Bio-Technology.

The Technion, Israel's oldest university and only source of domestically-trained engineers, was ranked above U.S. universities because it "offered critical technology and know-how geared to the requirements of Latin America's developing countries," according to Associate Professor Chaim Mannheim, Department of Food Technology. "Israel's experience in building a food processing industry corresponds much more closely to Latin American conditions than those in the U.S.," Prof. Mannheim said.

Instruction includes biology and microbiology, food chemistry, food analysis and various industrial processing techniques. Simultaneous translation of lectures from English and Hebrew into Spanish is provided by earphones.

The program is one of a continuing series of international education projects held in Israel. Others include a special agricultural engineering course for students from developing countries conducted at the Technion since 1962.

Chemical Firm is Absorbed in Stock Swap

Woodson-Tenent Laboratories of Memphis, one of the nation's largest agricultural chemists, has been acquired by American Biomedical Corporation of Dallas, it was announced yesterday by Edgar H. Tenent, president.

The acquisition will be through an exchange of stock, but terms were not disclosed. Boards of both firms and Woodson-Tenent stockholders have approved the transaction.

Clinton Howard, president of American Biomedical, said that Woodson-Tenent, with headquarters at 265 South Front, will continue under its present name as a subsidiary. Woodson-Tenent will expand its biomedical testing services, he said.

Mr. Tenent, founder of the laboratory in 1933, will remain as president. Edgar H. Tenent Jr. will continue as executive vice president and will be elected to the American Biochemical board of directors.

Organized about 12 years ago, American Biomedical is the fifth largest independent medical laboratory in the United States.

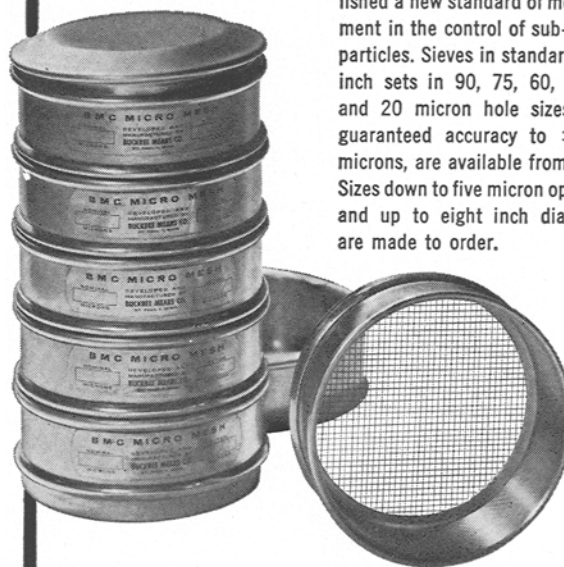
Woodson-Tenent, a testing laboratory, has branches in Des Moines, Iowa, Cairo, Ill., Little Rock, Wilson, Ark., and Clarksdale, Miss.

The firm makes medical tests through its Woodson-Tenent biomedical division. It has conducted research tests for medical clinics, universities, and the government.

Woodson-Tenent serves as official chemists for several state agencies and trade associations. Among them are the American Oil Chemists' Society, National Soybean Processors Association, National Cottonseed Products Association, Inc., Association of Official Racing Chemists, and American Feed Manufacturers.

Micro-mesh sieve sets 90 to 20 microns, measure particle size

Buckbee Mears sieves, made by an entirely new process, have established a new standard of measurement in the control of sub-micron particles. Sieves in standard three inch sets in 90, 75, 60, 45, 30 and 20 micron hole sizes, with guaranteed accuracy to \pm two microns, are available from stock. Sizes down to five micron openings and up to eight inch diameters are made to order.



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