

### NOTES AND NEWS

The American Institute of Biological Sciences is currently translating and publishing seven Russian research journals in biology. These journals are translated with support from the National Science Foundation, which is eager that such information be more widely distributed to biologists throughout the world.

The journals currently being translated are: Doklady: Biological Sciences Section; Doklady: Botanical Sciences Section; Doklady: Biochemistry Section; Plant Physiology; Microbiology; Soviet Soil Science; and Entomological Review.

In addition to its program of Russian biological journal translations, the AIBS has instituted a separate program of translation and publication of selected Russian monographs in biology.

It was felt that the program of journal translations was not sufficient to cover all of the significant work being done in all fields of biology by Russian scientists. With the aid of competent authorities, the AIBS has translated and published six Russian monographs and one monograph is in the process of being published. In addition, several prominent monographs in various biological areas are being considered by the AIBS and the National Science Foundation for translation and publication. The monographs that have been published are: *Origins of Angiospermous Plants* by A. L. Takhtajan; *Problems in the Classification of Antagonists of Actinomycetes* by G. F. Gauze; *Marine Biology*, Trudi Institute of Oceanology, Vol. XX, edited by B. N. Nikitin; *Arachnoidea* by A. A. Zakhvatkin; and *Arachnida* by B. I. Pomerantzev. The manuscript for *Plants and X rays* by L. P. Breslavets is in the final stages of preparation and should be published early in 1960.

Additional information pertaining to this program may be obtained by writing to the American Institute of Biological Sciences, 2000 P Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C., U.S.A.

Information on the whereabouts of skins, bones, or other remains of the Carolina parakeet (*Conuropsis carolinensis*) will be appreciated. I am writing a monograph on this species and should particularly like information on private and small institutional collections. Hints on unpublished data or out-of-the-ordinary publications will be welcome. Address Daniel McKinley, Biology Department, Salem College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

J. M. Winterbottom became Director of the Percy Fitzpatrick Institute of African Ornithology on 1 September 1960. The offices of the Institute are now in a new and recently completed building on the campus of the University of Cape Town.

The Union has lost recently two of its most esteemed members. Mr. Wendell Taber, a member since 1933 and an elected member since 1948, died on 29 August 1960. On 16 September 1960 death came to Dr. Frederick C. Lincoln, a member since 1910 and a fellow since 1934.