

## NOTES AND NEWS

## JAMES L. PETERS BEQUEST

James L. Peters, formerly President of the Union and one of its most distinguished Fellows, bequeathed one-seventh of his residual estate to the American Ornithologists' Union at the time of his death in 1952. The income is to be paid to his wife during her lifetime. Peters, a most devoted and most generous friend and selfless servant of the Union during his working life, has been elected posthumously a Patron of the Union by the Council.

The A.O.U. is particularly grateful for this sizable addition to its endowment in view of the increasing demands on the funds of the Union caused by its diversified activities. There would be many further opportunities for the A.O.U. in the field of publication, education, and cooperative research if the endowment income of the Union were greater.

The XIIth International Ornithological Congress will be held in Helsinki (Finland) June 5 to 12, 1958. The Congress is to take place in one of the residences of the Institute of Technology. The price of a room in the dormitories is about \$2 per person per day, food not included. The Congress fee is \$10. The prospectus, containing registration form and detailed information, will be distributed early in the autumn of 1957.

During the Congress two one-day excursions will be arranged. Before and after the Congress (May 31-June 4, and June 13-24) excursions will be arranged to representative places in the country, including its northernmost parts.

Applications to attend the Congress, and to contribute scientific papers, should be sent in before February 28, 1958, and addressed to the General Secretary, Dr. Lars von Haartman, Zoological Institute, University of Helsinki, Finland.

The Division of Biological and Medical Sciences of the National Science Foundation announces that the next closing date for receipt of basic research proposals in the life sciences is January 15, 1958. Proposals received prior to that date will be reviewed at the Winter meetings of the Foundation's Advisory panels and disposition will be made approximately four months following the closing date. Proposals received after the January 15, 1958, closing date will be reviewed following the Spring closing date of May 15, 1958.

Inquiries should be addressed to National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D. C.

A draft of the revised text of the International Code for Zoological Nomenclature is to be submitted to the Fifteenth International Congress of Zoology, to be held in London in July, 1958. In order to assist the Congress in the scrutiny of the draft of this code, the International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature has organized a colloquium to open July 9, one week prior to the opening of the Congress. Invitations to the Colloquium have been issued to many zoologists known to be interested in zoological nomenclature. Arrangements have been made to issue an invitation to the Colloquium to any member of the Congress who wishes to take part in the discussions. Inquiries should be sent to Francis Hemming, 28 Park Village East, Regent's Park, London N.W.1, England.

We regret to announce the death on August 11, 1957, of Sir Norman Boyd Kinnear, Honorary Fellow of the A.O.U.