

## 72d Semiannual Convention

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The Tentative Program, mailed to all members on August 29, shows the schedule for 86 papers and Committee Reports. Sixteen Committee Meetings will be held during the week. Of the 86 papers, 41 are for the International Symposium on High-Speed Photography which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday morning, October 8, with successive sessions originally scheduled through Friday forenoon. Current developments may require Program Chairman Joe Aiken to revise this so that the Symposium is carried through Friday afternoon. In that case, the last three papers scheduled for Thursday afternoon at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory may be moved to a Symposium session, and certain special motion picture papers would be scheduled for the Naval Ordnance Laboratory Session. For the NOL Session, note this advice repeated from the Tentative Program:

**All individuals who wish to go on the trip to the Naval Ordnance Laboratory on Thursday, must register for it prior to noon Tuesday, October 7. Those who wish to attend this session, but who cannot register before noon Tuesday, must write their intention to Joseph E. Aiken, 116 N. Galveston St., Arlington 3, Virginia, and state if they are citizens of the United States.**

**All non-citizens of the United States must receive a special clearance for the Naval Ordnance Laboratory visit. This may be obtained by writing to their embassy in Washington, prior to the Convention, requesting that they be cleared for this visit to the Chief of Naval Operations, who will in turn notify the Naval Ordnance Laboratory.**

Plans for the first two days remain essentially the same as in the Advance Postal Card Notice — Television Sessions on Monday afternoon and evening and on Tuesday forenoon and afternoon, and a General Motion Pictures Session Tuesday evening.

Those who do not yet have hotel reservations should write Air Mail or wire Mr. H. C. Blunck, Manager, Hotel Statler, Washington, D.C. Ask Society headquarters for information or copies of the Tentative Program if you would like such.

## Board of Governors Meeting

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A major portion of the Society's Board Meeting on July 17 was a continuation and reflection of what was previously reported as "Most significant administrative development of 1951 . . ." (report of this year's first Board Meeting). This has been the appointment and operation of an Executive Committee.

From the Executive Committee's attention to some major details and aspects of the Society's operation have come logically and with minimum pain several summations of points of policy for the Board's consideration. The Board also reviewed the initial outline of a study of the costs of membership service and of the costs of securing new members. Action was taken on the resignation of one Society Officer and policy was carefully reviewed in regard to another office.

The Executive Committee has been studying and reviewing some legal problems, accounting policies, test film opera-

tions and possibilities for a project control scheme that would formalize the course of Society projects. These Board actions have resulted in Proposed Bylaws.

One proposed additional Bylaw records the long-established underlying policy that Standards and Recommendations developed by the Society are of a voluntary nature. The other Bylaw meets the legal technicality of providing for a procedure for disposition of assets in case of dissolution. These proposals were explained in detail in the August *Journal*, p. 153.

### Test Films

The Board reaffirmed the Society's policy of developing and supplying test films on a no-profit, no-loss basis. The appropriate officers and employees were instructed to make whatever cost accounting analyses, surveys and sales forecasts are necessary to maintain the policy of supply-