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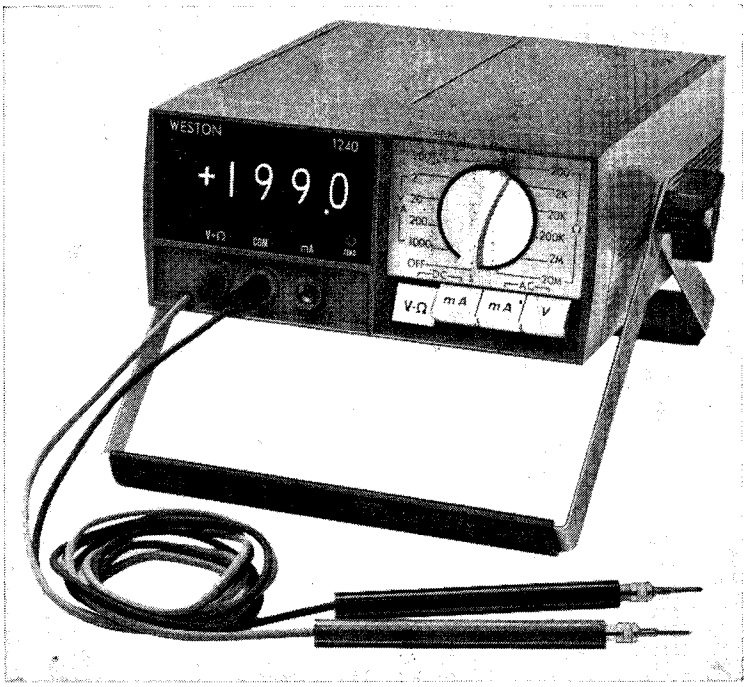

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The Conference will be limited to two hundred participants (by invitation only) who are actively engaged or have special interest in this field of research. Further information may be obtained from any member of the Scientific Committee of the Conference: R.H. Dalitz (Oxford University), W. Paul (University of Bonn), J. Lefrançois (University of Paris-Sud), M. Jacob (CERN) and A. Zichichi (University of Bologna).

USA - USSR Protocol

On 30 November the USA Atomic Energy Commission and the USSR State Committee for the Utilization of Atomic Energy signed, in Washington, a protocol 'on carrying out of joint projects in the field of high energy physics at the accelerators of the National Accelerator Laboratory (Batavia) and the Institute for High Energy Physics (Serpukhov)'. The protocol will be in force for five years and can be extended by mutual agreement.

The terms of the protocol envisage collaboration on joint research projects, including joint experiments, initially at the 70 GeV machine in operation at Serpukhov and later at the 200 GeV machine nearing completion at Batavia. Each Laboratory will mount one or more joint experiments, the final detail of these experiments and the forms of participation of American and Soviet scientists will be worked out as the experiments take shape and will be attached as annexes to the protocol.

Meetings and consultations between American and Soviet specialists will prepare the joint projects. The protocol also covers the administrative details of travel of personnel, transport of equipment, and associated documentation. The experimental equipment will remain the property of the 'sending Laboratory' (unless otherwise agreed) and the host Laboratory will provide all the necessary services such as beams from the accelerators, space in the experimental halls, electricity, cooling water, gases, etc... Equipment of the host Laboratory can also be incorporated in the experiment.

This protocol is the happy outcome of many months of negotiation and is further evidence of the world-wide collaboration among high energy physics Laboratories which is probably more highly developed in this field than in any other. Coming on top of the extensive CERN-Serpukhov collaboration it forges still further links between physicists in different countries.

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