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THE INHIBITION OF MALARIAL RELAPSES BY TOXOID OF CLOSTRIDIUM TETANI—Eusebio Y. Garcia—*New York Academy of Sciences*, 16 p., illus., paper, 75 cents. Result of an accidental discovery that tetanus toxoid cured malaria.

INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF CONTINENTAL PEACE AND SECURITY, QUITANDINHA, BRAZIL, August 15-September 2, 1947—Delegation of the United States of America—*Govt. Printing Office*, 225 p., paper, 40 cents. The appendices contain the final conference documents and

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MELLON INSTITUTE IN 1947-1948—*Mellon Institute of Industrial Research*, 6 p., illus., paper, free on request direct to the Mellon Institute, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, 13, Pa. Reprint from *Chemical and Engineering News*.

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UNITED STATES ARMY IN WORLD WAR II, THE ARMY GROUND FORCES: The Procurement and Training of Ground Combat Troops—Robert R. Palmer, Bell I. Wiley and William R. Keast of the Historical Section, Army Ground Forces—*Govt. Printing Office*, 696 p., \$4.50. Reveals details, undisclosed during the war, of the Army Specialized Training Program, the sudden ending of the ASTP and other matters of special interest to scientists and educators.

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## TELEPHONY

### Frequency Bands Proposed For Radiotelephony

➤ INCREASING use of telephones in motor vehicles for communication to offices and homes through radiotelephony has resulted in proposals by the Federal Communications Commission to supplant present service with three new classes of mobile service on a regular basis and establish radio frequency bands for each.

The proposed three classes are:

1. Land Transportation Radio service for intercity buses and trucks, urban transit vehicles, railroads and taxicabs.

2. Domestic Public Mobile Radiotelephone service, a common carrier service to the general public.

3. Industrial Radio service for delivery and pickup trucks, auto clubs, doctors' cars and ambulances.

The frequency bands proposed for each classification are now available in a release of the Federal Communications Commission, and may be obtained from its office in Washington. The proposed new services consolidate a number of radio services, reduce the overlap between them, and increase the number of businesses eligible to use radio media.

While certain uses of radio warrant the establishment of independent services, the federal office states, others fall readily into general classifications and need only to be subdivided by types of stations. For example, the power, petroleum, and logging groups have demonstrated a need for communications on a national basis, while others require only a local type of operation.

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## GEOLOGY

### Volcanoes Roared in India 250 Million Years Ago

➤ EVIDENCE that volcanoes roared in northwestern India a quarter of a billion years ago has been found by S. R. N. Rao, University of Lucknow geologist. In a formation of slate near Srinagar, Kashmir, he discovered the split half of a volcanic bomb, which is a hollow mass of lava of a type often thrown out by volcanoes.

In the same slate were fossils indicating that it had been formed during the geologic period following the Coal Age, some 250 million years ago.

The discovery has been reported to the British journal, *Nature* (June 5), by Prof. R. C. Misra of the University.

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