

ADMINISTRATION

During the year the National Science Board met 7 times with an average attendance of 17 members. James B. Conant, an original member and first chairman of the National Science Board, resigned from the Board upon his appointment by the President as United States High Commissioner for Germany. In early September 1953 the vacancy created by Dr. Conant's resignation was filled by the recess appointment to the Board of Laurence M. Gould, geologist and president of Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.

The gradual expansion of activity in all programs, necessitated the addition of 27 employees to the staff, making a total of 113 on duty by June 30, 1953. Due to this increase the Foundation moved from 2144 California Street NW., to larger quarters in the old Cosmos Club at 1520 H Street NW. In addition to staff personnel the Foundation also utilized the services of 177 scientists as consultants and members of Divisional Committees.

The members of the National Science Board, Divisional Committees, and advisory panels, and members of the Director's staff are listed in appendix I, page 61.

FINANCE

In fiscal year 1953 the Foundation operated with an appropriation of \$4,750,000, an increase of \$1,250,000 over 1952. In addition there was available a carry-over of \$34,000 from 1952 making a total of \$4,784,000 available for obligation in 1953. The Foundation's financial report for fiscal year 1953 appears in appendix V, page 102.

Funds totaling \$300,000 were reserved from 1953 funds for the conduct in 1954 of national science policy studies.

For fiscal year 1954 the Congress appropriated \$8,000,000 for the Foundation, which together with the carry-over from fiscal year 1953 makes a total of \$8,360,385 available for obligation in 1954. The

gradual increase in Foundation activity since its inception in 1951 is shown in the table below.

TABLE VII.—*National Science Foundation Appropriation, Fiscal Years 1951–54*

<i>Fiscal year:</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Fiscal year:</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>
1951-----	\$225, 000	1953-----	4, 750, 000
1952-----	3, 500, 000	1954-----	8, 000, 000