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ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 12-13, 1946, AT BERKELEY

AN oversight of which the Local Secretary for the Pacific Coast is innocent, led to the omission from the Minutes of the Berkeley meeting [Phys. Rev. **70**, 443 (1946)] of the names of the participants in the excellent Symposium and of the titles of their papers. This Symposium deservedly attracted an attendance surpassing by far the greatest hitherto recorded at our meetings on the West Coast, 500 persons being crowded into a room seating 380 while others could not even enter. Its title and its composition were as follows:

Symposium: The Production and Use of High Energy Particles

1. **Why Are We Interested in High Energy Particles?**
J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, *University of California.*

2. **The Experimental Problem of Accelerating Charged Particles.**

ERNEST O. LAWRENCE, *University of California.*

3. **The Design of a Linear Accelerator for Protons.**

LUIS W. ALVAREZ, *University of California.*

4. **The Synchrotron.**

EDWIN M. McMILLAN, *University of California.*

5. **The 184" Cyclotron.**

R. L. THORNTON, *University of California.*

This Addendum is signed by the Secretary in order to remove all suspicion of blemish from the too-brief and now-ended career of R. T. Birge as Local Secretary for the Pacific Coast (1941-46). J. Kaplan now succeeds to this distinguished office.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19-21, 1946 AT NEW YORK

THE 274th meeting of the American Physical Society was held at New York City, in the building of the Engineering Societies, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 19, 20, and 21, 1946. This was a meeting of unprecedented character in more than one respect. It was confined to papers on three topics: cosmic-ray phenonema, theories of elementary particles, and the design and operation of accelerators of nuclear particles and electrons. Disparate as these three subjects may appear to be, the trend of physics is rapidly uniting them. The ratio of invited to contributed papers was higher than normal, and a novel feature was introduced in the form of concerted prearranged discussions by distinguished authorities. Many guests from overseas were present, some of whom had timed their visits to the United States in order to attend our meeting, while we ourselves had timed the meeting so as to suit the convenience of others who came to attend the Princeton University conference on nuclear science. The halls were provided for us

by the generosity of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. We are grateful to this Society and to Miss Muriel England of its New York office, who handled many of the troublesome details. This excellent meeting owes its origin and most of its features to the initiative and labor of J. A. Wheeler, the head of the Local Committee.

Over a thousand people attended the meeting, and the great auditorium of the Engineering Societies was frequently jammed, in spite of tropical conditions indoors and outdoors; for the weather did not cooperate, inflicting upon us a heat-wave such as would have been excessive in midsummer. A large number of potent germs appear also to have attended the meeting, to judge from the colds which beset many of our members soon after.

The dinner was held on the evening of September 20 at the Mens' Faculty Club of Columbia University, which again could not accommodate the hosts of would-be diners. We shall