

## Math Dept. Gets Grant Of \$22,200

The National Science Foundation has awarded a two-year \$22,200 research grant to the Mathematics Department for use in studying certain complex problems in the classification of plane continua.

F. Burton Jones, department chairman will be principal investigator for the research studies. The NSF grant provides stipends for two research assistants and one research associate.

Jones, commenting on the research project ahead, said, "There are a few interesting and complex problems in the study of plane continua which have so far defied solution. These are the ones we will attack."

The fixed point and the homogeneous plane continua are the two principal targets due for intense study by the researchers.

## Mullis Attends Assembly

The World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession, met last week in Washington, D. C., and Clyde E. "Pete" Mullis of the University was among the participating delegates.

U. S. personnel joined some 300 foreign delegates at the international assembly which was held Wednesday.

Mullis is an associate professor in the Department of Physical Education.

## Former UNC Student 'Miss Universe' Entry

Sondi Sodsai, former UNC graduate student, recently participated in the Miss Universe Pageant in Long Beach, Calif.

Known as Sodsai Vanij-Vadhana during the 1957-58 school year here, she transferred to U.C.L.A. and later won the "Miss Thailand" contest.



**POSITIONING PROPS**—High School dramatists attending the junior Playmakers session through August 22 learn the techniques of setting a stage in the Playmakers theater as part of their class in stagecraft. From left, they are Debbie Silverton of Lumberton, Dottie Stauffer, Charlotte, Richard Brodeur, Greensboro and Margie Martin, Charlotte.

## Junior Playmakers Learning Show Biz

As one of the 43 teenagers put it, "I'm learning how to live on cokes and crackers, and how to survive in 100 degree temperatures backstage, and how to get along with 32 other girls in the same dorm. But I guess the most important thing I'm getting is an excellent background in the theater."

That's the portrayal Karen Vom Lehn of Cullowhee gave of the Junior Carolina Playmakers five-week summer drama school now in full swing.

And that's the portrayal, including related versions, which you'll get from nearly all of Karen's counterparts, who are all high school students hailing from

11 states and D. C.

The young dramatists get a healthy dosage of what the theater's all about. Their daily schedule, full to the brim, embraces four 90-minute classes which dwell on all phases of the theater.

Techniques in acting by Mrs. Louise Lamont, voice and diction by Fred Sitton, stagecraft by Tommy Rezzuto, and theater appreciation by Russell Graves make up the classroom curriculum for the 43 thespians. John W. Parker is director of the session, now on its 13th run.

Then when school's out, there's a lot of homework to be done. But, since teenagers will be teenagers, they sometimes uncover other things to do.

All of the drama students came to the Junior Carolina Playmakers school because they said they needed help with some phase of theater work. They've found just what they ordered, but they also have discovered that their instructors weren't necessarily trying to push them into the theater as a career.

## Researcher Develops New Test For Aphasia

A new diagnostic test for aphasia—the language problem caused by brain impairment—has been developed by research teams from the University of Chicago and Carolina.

Five teams of experts are administering the test at Middlewestern and Eastern hospitals and clinics so that it can be standardized for general use at aphasia treatment centers throughout the country. Plans are to re-

lease the test for general use in November, 1959.

The test has been under development for the past three years by research groups led by Professors Joseph M. Wepman of the University of Chicago and Lyle V. Jones of the Psychometric Laboratory at Carolina. Dr. R. Darrell Bock, assistant professor of psychology at the University, also assisted in the program.

## Soviets Cut Back At Prof's Article

Robert A. Rupen, University political scientist, is sticking by his guns after a recent article in a prominent Russian newspaper was headlined: "You Are Lying, Mr. Rupen!"

The July 4, 1959 issue of the Soviet newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya rebutted remarks by Dr. Rupen which he made in an article published in the May, 1956 edition of the Far Eastern Quarterly under the title, "The Buriat Intelligentsia."

(The Buriat Intelligentsia is a small group of Mongolian intellectuals which originated around 1900 and were particularly influential from about 1900 to 1930.)

"The few Buriat intellectuals who exist today," wrote Rupen after explaining most of them had been killed or sent to concentration camps within the past few decades, "can express only approved Communist doctrine, and must praise Russian domination. They dare not advocate Buriat separatism and Pan-Mongolism."

To these remarks of Rupen's, the Russian paper shot back: "Certainly (this is true), for they are trained in the great ideas of Marxism-Leninism and in the spirit of proletarian internationalism and Soviet patriotism..."

Rupen, who has traveled extensively in the Soviet Union, also stirred the Russians with: "There is no democratic Russia, and the fate of the Buriat intellectuals is a part of this larger tragedy of our time."

The Russian paper answered: "Rupen writes about some sort of 'great tragedy' of the Buriat intelligentsia, about the 'Communist suppression' of it. Indeed, he did not see the forest for the trees. Naturally, it is difficult for Mr. Rupen, with his blinding hatred of the Soviet order, to see the whole army of our nationalist intelligentsia. He cannot understand that it is precisely in the fertile soil of Communism that seeds of knowledge sprout so luxuriantly, that only in the Soviet era has the Buriat intelligentsia developed and achieved genuine brilliance."

Before the Soviet article ended, it had attacked nearly every point made by Rupen.

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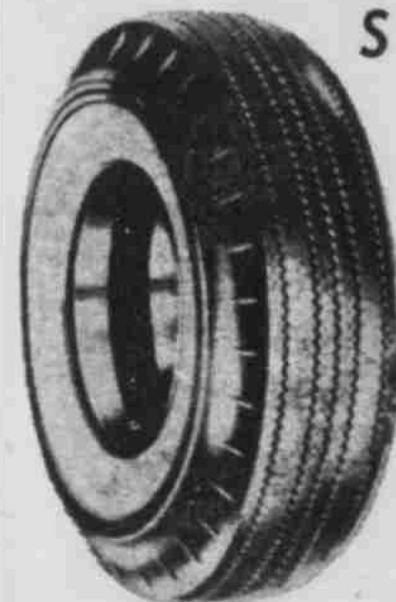
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