

THE APRIL MEETING IN NEW YORK

The five hundred fifty-seventh meeting of the American Mathematical Society was held on Thursday through Saturday, April 23–25, 1959 at the Hotel New Yorker in New York, New York. About 600 persons attended, including 420 members of the Society.

There was a Symposium on Nuclear Reactor Theory, sponsored by the Society with the financial aid of the Office of Ordnance Research, with sessions on Thursday morning and afternoon and Friday morning and afternoon. The program committee consisted of Professor E. P. Wigner, Chairman, and Professor Garrett Birkhoff, Dr. H. L. Garabedian, Dr. S. M. Ulam, and Dr. J. E. Wilkins. The papers presented at the Symposium are to be published by the Society under the editorship of Professors Birkhoff and Wigner as volume 11 in *The Proceedings of the Symposia in Applied Mathematics*.

There was a Symposium on Finite Groups, sponsored by the Society with the financial aid of Project FOCUS of the Institute for Defense Analyses, with sessions on Thursday morning and afternoon and Friday morning. The program committee consisted of Professor A. A. Albert, Chairman, Professors Walter Feit, Marshall Hall, I. N. Herstein, and Irving Kaplansky. The papers presented at the Symposium are to be published by the Society as a book under the editorship of Professors Albert and Kaplansky.

By invitation of the Committee to Select Hour Speakers for Eastern Sectional Meetings, Professor Jun-ichi Igusa of The Johns Hopkins University delivered an address entitled *On the Kroneckerian model for elliptic modular functions* on Saturday morning. Professor Oscar Zariski presided at this session and introduced the speaker.

By invitation of the same committee, Professor John Milnor of Princeton University addressed the Society on the subject *Differentiable manifolds which are homotopy spheres* on Saturday afternoon. At this session, Professor G. W. Whitehead presided and introduced the speaker.

There were ten sessions devoted to the presentation of contributed papers, of which there were 58. The supplementary program consisted of 19 papers by title. The chairmen of the sessions for contributed papers were Professor R. C. Bose, Dr. W. W. Comfort, Professor M. K. Fort, Dr. H. H. Goldstine, Professors C. C. Hsiung, G. G. Lorentz, J. K. Moser, G. de B. Robinson, H. S. Shapiro, and V. L. Shapiro.