

NOTES AND NEWS

PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THERMAL ANALYSIS

It is hoped to hold, possibly in Sweden in September 1965, an international conference devoted to thermal analysis. This conference will not be confined to differential thermal analysis nor to clays, but will cover *all* thermal methods and *all* disciplines. Any interested are asked to get in touch with *either* Dr R. C. Mackenzie, The Macaulay Institute for Soil Research, Craigiebuckler, Aberdeen, Scotland, *or* Dr J. P. Redfern, Department of Chemistry, Battersea College of Technology, London, S.W.11, so that information leaflets, which it is hoped to issue later this year, may be sent to them. As the number that can be accommodated may be limited, an indication of whether you are merely interested or propose to attend would be welcome.

THIRTEENTH NATIONAL NORTH AMERICAN CLAY MINERALS CONFERENCE

The first meeting of the recently-formed *American Clay Mineral Society* (the Thirteenth North American Clay Minerals Conference) is to be held at Madison, Wisconsin, from 5th to 8th October 1964. The special theme of the meeting will be 'Crystal Structural Aspects of Layer Silicates.' In addition to the technical programme a field trip in south and central Wisconsin is planned for 5th October, to visit sites of Precambrian dickite, Cambrian glauconite, Silurian illite and soils developed from loess and late Wisconsinan till. Further information may be obtained from Dr M. L. Jackson, Department of Soil Science, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53706, U.S.A.