

## THE ANNUAL MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS

The seventy-fifth annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society was held at the Jung Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Thursday through Sunday, January 23–26, 1969, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association for Symbolic Logic, the annual meeting of the Mathematical Association of America, and a meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. There were 4,811 registrants, including 3,084 members of the Society.

The forty-second Josiah Willard Gibbs Lecture, *Trends and social implications of research*, was delivered by Professor R. L. Wilder of the University of Michigan at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 23. Professor Wilder was introduced by Professor Oscar Zariski, president of the Society.

By invitation of the Committee to Select Hour Speakers for Annual and Summer Meetings there were two invited addresses. Professor Jürgen K. Moser of the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University, spoke on *Stability theory and invariant manifolds for dynamical systems*. He was introduced by Professor Garrett Birkhoff of Harvard University. Professor Calvin C. Moore of the University of California, Berkeley, who was introduced by Professor S. M. Ulam of the University of Colorado, presented an address entitled *Geometric ergodic theory*.

At 1:30 P.M. on Thursday, January 23, the Bôcher Memorial Prize was awarded to Professor I. M. Singer of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The prize was given in recognition of his work on the index problem, especially his share in two joint papers with M. F. Atiyah that appeared in the *Annals of Mathematics*, (2), vol. 87, no. 3. The presentation was made by Professor Oscar Zariski.

There were two special sessions of selected twenty-minute papers, one on Geometry in Mathematics and the other on Complex Analysis. The session on Geometry in Mathematics was arranged by Professor Preston C. Hammer of Pennsylvania State University and included papers by J. C. C. Nitsche, Branko Grunbaum, R. D. Anderson, Patrick Suppes, Marshall Hall, Jr., H. S. M. Coxeter, K. O. Friedrichs and Garrett Birkhoff. The session on Complex Analysis was under the chairmanship of Professor W. H. J. Fuchs and included papers by Peter L. Duren, R. N. Pederson, A. W. Weitsman, H. M. Farkas, G. R. MacLane, Richard S. Hamilton, R. J. Sibner, Hung-Hsi Wu, A. H. Cayford, and J. J. Kelleher.

There were sixty-eight sessions for contributed ten-minute papers, presided over by the following: Jack E. Ohm, Donald B. Coleman,