Chicago Press To Publish Semicentennial Proceedings

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Through an agreement with the University of Chicago Press, Rice University will make available this year approximately fifteen volumes covering Semicentennial proceedings.

Although plans are still somewhat fluid, it is certain that the volumes will include one of President Pitzer's inauguration and other Semicentennial ceremonies, a volume of the lectures given during the Academic Festival, and individual volumes on the various symposiums and series of lectures being sponsored by the different departments.

ALSO INCLUDED in the Semicentennial publications will be a commemorative volume dedicated to Dr. Alan McKillop of the English department. This particular book will be made up of contributions written by Dr. McKillop's colleagues.

Chancellor Carey Croneis stated, "These Semicentennial publications will make a very substantial contribution of Rice University to these fields of study. We confidently expect that they will redound to our credit and to the credit of the editors and authors involved."

THE JACKET of the books has been designed in blue and gray with the Rice emblem and title of the book on the spine. With the exception of the architecture volume, the books will be of standard format and style.

Dean of Students S. W. Higginbotham explains that the books can thus be used as a set, although each will stand on its own and involve an individual contract. The volume on Semicentennial ceremonies will be primarily for distribution to the delegates and speakers who attended. Rice expects to buy all of these volumes.

Other volumes, however, such as the one growing out of the Fast Neutron Conference, the anthropology symposium, and the series of economics lectures, will unquestionably support themselves. Both Dr. Croneis and Dr. Higginbotham pointed out that the University of Chicago Press was extremely excited at the prospect of publishing Semicentennial proceedings.

AS CHAIRMAN of the inaugural committee, Dr. Higginbotham is editor of the Semicentennial ceremonies volume and of the speeches of the Academic Festival. These two volumes along with Prehistoric Man in the New World, edited by Dr. Edward Norbeck, will be among the first to appear, possibly at the beginning of next year.

Other volumes involving timely scientific information will be published within 90 days after the symposium. The volume on environmental radiation will be a volume of this type. It will be jointly edited by Dr. Adams and the Atomic Energy Commission.

"The possibility of what can be done with these volumes is enormous," said Dr. Croneis. "It is very likely that many of them will be used as textbooks not only in the United States but throughout the World."