

intrusion, with accompanying aplites, pegmatites, and basic dykes. They were intruded into and metamorphosed the San Roque Series, now schists, quartzites, and paragneisses. The next directly overlying formation is Tertiary, but fossiliferous and unmetamorphosed Devonian and Silurian rocks have been found not far away.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF GEODESY AND GEOPHYSICS.

INFORMATION has been received that the President of the United States has invited the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics to hold its seventh general assembly in the United States in 1939. The invitations have been extended on behalf of the President by the Department of State through its diplomatic missions to the governments to which these missions are accredited, and invite the participating countries to be represented by delegates on this occasion.

It is planned to hold this seventh triennial assembly of the Union in Washington, 4th–15th September, 1939, according to a statement made by Dr. John A. Fleming, Director of the Carnegie Institution's Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, who is General Secretary of the American Geophysical Union. The American Geophysical Union is the American Section of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, and its Executive Committee is the Committee on Geophysics of the National Research Council. The Council is collaborating with the American Geophysical Union as host to the assembly. The last general assembly of the International Union was held at Edinburgh in September, 1936.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PETROGRAPHIC NOMENCLATURE.

SIR,—As Chairman of the British Association Committee on Petrographic Nomenclature I welcome the article by Dr. A. K. Wells in your September issue, and I hope it will provoke discussion of the tentative proposals put forward in 1936 for a grain-size classification. No comments were ever received on those proposals from British petrologists and, lacking encouragement, the Committee has not proceeded with the scheme. I am glad to take an opportunity of reminding your readers that this Committee on Nomenclature is still in being and earnestly invites (*a*) comments on the tentative proposals for a grain-size classification (*GEOL. MAG.*, 1936, LXXIII, p. 319) and (*b*) suggestions for points of nomenclature for discussion by the Committee. All communications should be addressed to me at the British Museum (Natural History), South Kensington, London, S.W. 7.

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