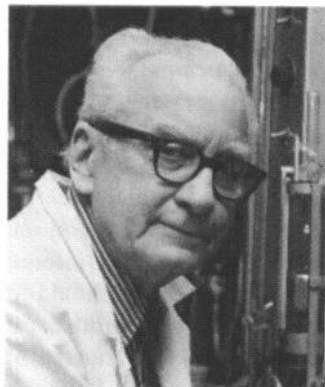


**Ulrich C. Luft
(1910–1991)**



Ulrich Cameron Luft, retired head of the department of physiology at the Lovelace Foundation for Medical Education and Research, died November 23 at his home in Albuquerque, NM. He was 81.

Luft, born, educated, and trained as a surgeon in Germany, came to the United States after World War II as part of a postwar program to relocate German and Austrian scientists. He was placed as a researcher at the Air Force's School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, TX. In 1954 he was selected to be head of physiology at the Lovelace Foundation, an appointment he held until his retirement in 1980.

Luft's research interests varied but always coalesced about the central theme of hypoxia, whether it was the evaluation and consultation regarding patients with pulmonary disease, the environmental influences on exercise tolerance, or functional lung changes following radiation therapy. His work led to assisting in selection and testing the first astronauts for Project Mercury and the designing of oxygen equipment for commercial aviation and the first transatlantic balloon flight.

Luft had approximately 130 publications, monographs, and book chapters on subjects ranging from body water measurement techniques, exercise testing for astronauts, respiratory pressure-flow relationships in newborn infants, and rapid decompression. His achievements have been recognized by numerous awards and memberships.

Ohio State Science Fair

The APS and Ohio Physiological Society participated in the State Science Day at Ohio Wesleyan University last spring and presented a special award in recognition of the efforts of students interested in science and physiology.

APS member **E. Keith Michal**, Department of Physiology, Ohio State University, presented four awards, 1st and 2nd places in junior high and high school. High school awards went to Michael T. Stack, River High School (first) and Laurie A. Clement, Kenton High School (second). Junior high awards went to Elyse M. Gottschang, South Vienna Elementary School (first) and Elizabeth H. Stover, Hastings Middle School (second).

A Sign of the Times



A billboard proclaiming "We Dakotans REJECT Animal Activists. Furs, Game, Fish & Livestock are Our Economy." stands in South Dakota along I-29. It is reported to be one of three billboard in the state with the messages rejecting animal rights activists. (Photo by APS member Robert Rietz, Brookings Medical Clinic, Brookings, SD.)

**APS Membership
Applications**

Membership applications may be obtained from APS Membership Services, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814. Applications received between February 1 and July 1 are considered for nomination by Council at the Fall Meeting, and those received between July 1 and February 1 are considered for nomination at the Spring Meeting of the Society.