Using this, we have been able to set a firm lower limit to the chemical abundances and to find a somewhat less firm determination of the abundances themselves.

The Spectrum of the Chromosphere and Corona from 13000 to 17000 on March 7, 1970. J. P. JEFFRIES, P. Q. O'BRIEN, and J. B. ZICKER, University of Hawaii. - During the total Solar Eclipse of March 7, 1970, we obtained spectra of the inner corona simultaneously at all positions around the limb from 0.30000 to 170000. We were in all respects fortunate since conditions at the site in Nejapa, Mexico were ideal and the spectra are well exposed, focused, and standardized. Fifteen spectra were made at different exposure times to record the corona, prominences and chromosphere. The linear dispersion was 30 Å/mm and 15 Å/mm in the first and second orders, and the solar image size was 1 cm. The f/4.8 spectrograph is the same one that we used in 1965 and 1966 and has been described by Dunn (1966, Trans. Inst. Soc. America 5, No. 2).

No strong coronal condensation was present on the limb at eclipse time, although the yellow line [Ca IV] was observed over a wide region on the west limb. Twenty-five emission lines are present on the spectrograms, particularly in the violet.

Estimates of the Role of Mechanical Heating in the Low Solar Chromosphere. STUART B. JORDAN, Laboratory for Solar Physics, NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland. - Approximate calculations of the temperature distribution and departures from LTE in the H I and He II populations are made for different values of the mechanical energy in the low solar chromosphere. Estimates of the relative magnitudes of the inelastic collisional and non-coherent scattering of continuum radiation (Sturmanich, 1970 Astrophys., J. 159, 1077) terms are made, and their relationship to the mechanical heating is discussed. A notable result is that the amount of mechanical energy required to produce a given temperature above the radiative equilibrium value in the first few hundred kilometers is crucially dependent upon the location and values of the minimum temperature. Although this result is obtained without including line blanketing in the problem, the result should remain true when a proper non-LTE treatment of line blanketing is included (Athay, 1970 Astrophys., J. 161, 713). Finally, it is shown that the departure of the He II population from LTE, discussed by Gebbie and Thomas (1970 Astrophys., J. 161, 229) is critically dependent on the ratio (n_e/n_H) of neutral hydrogen to electron particle densities. Lower values of n_e/n_H reduce the number density of the reaction 3H + H -> H_2, and thus drives H_2 toward its LTE value.

Characteristics of Energetic Electrons in the Source Region of Impulsive Solar Flare X-rays. S. R. CANE, Univ. of California, Berkeley. - High time resolution measurements of impulsive solar flare x-rays are analyzed to determine the characteristics of energetic (> 10 keV) electrons responsible for the impulsive hard x-ray emission. The findings are: (1) The spectrum of energetic electrons is non-thermal. (2) The injection of energetic electrons into the x-ray source region occurs more or less continuously throughout the duration of the impulsive burst. (3) Escape of energetic electrons from the x-ray source region plays an important role in determining the time-intensity profile of the impulsive x-ray burst.

On the Interpretation of Coronal Properties from Type III Radio Burst Measurements. ROGER A. KOPP and G. W. FUSSEL, University of Hawaii. - A theoretical analysis is presented which incorporates observations of Type III radio bursts into solar wind theory. Under the assumption that the bursts are excited at the plasma frequency and collisionally damped, the equations for the conservation of momentum, mass, and energy yield a model of the ambient medium in which the bursts occur. The unusual properties of this model suggest that, either the bursts are not collisionally damped or that they must be produced in extremely thin dense regions of the coronal plasma such as, for example, the neutral sheets associated with coronal streamers.

Spectral Hardening during X-Ray Bursts. W. E. KUNZ, N. A. BLOCKER, W. N. CHAMBERS, P. E. PERLBAUER, J. C. FULLER and R. W. MILKEY, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. - Vela V and VI satellites carry photomultiplier-scintillator detectors capable of five channel pulse height analysis. Data are obtained during a second-counting period at intervals of 32 seconds when the satellite is in the real time mode of operation. Data from ion chambers covering the 2-12 keV and 1-6 keV regions are obtained at two second intervals. We shall show spectral data for typical flares. Laboratory studies of the scintillators indicate severe pulse pileup problems at very high count rates which produce instrumental hardening of the spectrum.

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The Intermediate Infrared Coronal Radiance. W. G. MANKIN, R. M. MACQUEEN, and R. H. LEE, University of Hawaii. - An attempt to observe the thermal emission of the corona in the intermediate infrared (7-13 m) at the eclipse of 7 March 1970 has resulted in an upper limit for the coronal radiance of approximately 3 x 10^-7 watts/cm²-ster-μ. to be compared with that predicted (Kaiser, C. B. 1970 Astrophys., J. 159, 77). The observations, which cover the range 3-12 Å, show a limitation due to fluctuating emission from the sky are discussed.

A Discussion of the 2 November 1969 Solar Cosmic Ray Event. A. J. MASLEY and P. R. SATTERBLOM, McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company - West. - The 2 November 1969 Event was one of the largest observed since the November 1960. The 30 MeV riometer at McMurdo Sound measured a peak absorption of 14.5 dB. A flare occurred at 0943 on 2 November in a region one day behind the west limb. Shortly thereafter the associated absorption due to solar particles began to increase in both the Northern and Southern Polar Caps. Observations made by the polar riometers and the polar orbiting OGO-6 experiment will be presented. Details of the intensity profile, energy spectrum as a function of time and related geophysical observations will be discussed.

High Resolution Solar Ultraviolet Spectrograms. H. C. MCALLISTER, University of Hawaii. - Six spectrograms of the solar spectrum have been obtained in the spectral region from 170 Å to 1800 Å at a resolution of approximately 1×10^5 during a rocket flight on September 23, 1969. The spectrograph used an echelle (73.25 1/m) crossed with a grating (1200 1/m) in an f/10 Casey-Turner arrangement. A spatial resolution of approximately 3 arc minutes was achieved by means of a biaxial pointing control. All the well-known features of the solar spectrum,