

## **Former UCSD chancellor Herbert York appointed to Secretary of Energy Task Force**

**August 24, 1994**

Media Contact: Ronald Bee, IGCC, (619) 534-6429 or Dolores Davies, (619) 534-5994

### FORMER UCSD CHANCELLOR APPOINTED TO SECRETARY OF ENERGY TASK FORCE

Physicist Herbert F. York, former chancellor of the University of California, San Diego and director emeritus of the UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC), has been appointed to the U.S. Secretary of Energy Task Force on Alternative Futures for DOE National Laboratories.

York directed the UC's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory from 1952-1958, and prior to that, worked for nearly a decade in the university's Radiation Laboratory Project, where from 1943-1945 he was a physicist with the Manhattan Project.

The task force was established in February 1994 to advise the Secretary of Energy on alternative scenarios for future use of the labs. A report from the task force is due in February 1995.

The task force will examine options for possible redirection, restructuring and/or closure of parts of the DOE laboratory system. The group will also propose specific alternatives for directing the scientific and engineering resources at the labs toward the economic, environmental, defense, scientific and energy needs of the nation.

York served as UC San Diego's first chancellor from 1961-1964, and subsequently as acting chancellor from 1970-1972. He was also the founding director of UC's IGCC, based on the UC San Diego campus.

York's achievements as a physicist have been widely recognized by the world's scientific and public policy communities. He was the 1994 recipient of the American Physical Society's Leo Szilard Award for Physics in the Public Interest. York served as U.S. Ambassador to the Comprehensive Test Ban Talks from 1979-1981, and was a member of the U.S. delegation to the Ant-Satellite Talks from 1978-1979.

From 1962-1969, York served as a member of the U.S. Government's Advisory Committee on Arms Control, and served on both President Kennedy's and President Eisenhower's Science Advisory Committees. In the Kennedy Administration, York was the director of Defense Research and Engineering in the Department of Defense.

A 1962 recipient of the Ernest Orlando Lawrence Memorial Award of the Atomic Energy Commission, York's memberships in the scientific community include the International Academy of Astronautics, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Physical Society.

The author of four books on national security and the nuclear arms race, York received his B.A. and M.S. degrees from the University of Rochester, and earned his Ph. D. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1949. He has served on the faculty of both the UC Berkeley and UC San Diego Physics Departments.

(August 24, 1994)