

## **Former UCSD Chancellor, Herbert F. York, wins Physics in the Public Interest Award**

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### **FORMER UCSD CHANCELLOR WINS PHYSICS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AWARD**

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, is the 1994 winner of the American Physical Society's Leo Szilard Award for Physics in the Public Interest.

The award is given annually to recognize outstanding accomplishments by a living physicist in promoting the use of physics for the benefit of society in such areas as the environment, arms control, and science policy. York will receive the Leo Szilard Award at the April 19 meeting of the American Physical Society in Crystal City, VA.

York is receiving the award "for his outstanding leadership efforts to control nuclear weapons and to create rational science policy, exemplified by his contributions to the President's Science Advisory Committee, the Arms Control Movement, the University of California's Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC), and his service as U.S. Ambassador to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty negotiations," according to the American Physical Society.

York, who served as UCSD's first chancellor from 1961-1964, and subsequently as acting chancellor from 1970-1972, was the founding director of IGCC from 1983-1989. He also directed the UC's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory from 1952-1958, and previously, worked for nearly a decade in the university's Radiation Laboratory Project where from 1943-1945, he was a staff physicist with the Manhattan Project.

York's achievements as a physicist have been widely recognized by the world's scientific and public policy communities. He 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 Anti-Satellite Talks from 1978-1979. York was appointed to serve as a member of the U.S. Government's Advisory Committee on Arms Control (1962-1969), and was a member of both President Kennedy's and President Eisenhower's Science Advisory Committee (1958-1968). In the Kennedy Administration, York was the director of Defense Research and Engineering in the U.S. Department of Defense (1958-1961).

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 served on the faculty of the UC Berkeley Physics Department, as well as on the physics department faculty at UCSD.

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