

York named Chancellor of University of California, San Diego

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Dr. Herbert F. York, one of the country's leading physicists and presently in charge of all missile and space research for the Department of Defense, has been named Chancellor of the University of California's new San Diego campus.

The announcement of the action of the Board of Regents was made today by President Clark Kerr, at the meeting in Riverside today.

Dr. York, 39, is presently serving in Washington, D. C. as Director of Defense Research and Engineering. He has been on leave from the Berkeley campus of the University since March 1959 where he had served as Director of the Radiation Laboratory at Livermore.

A native of Rochester, New York, he received his Ph.D. in physics on the Berkeley campus in 1949. He took his A.B. Degree at the University of Rochester in 1942 and his Master's Degree in 1943. He will take up his duties in San Diego as soon as he can be released from his official duties in Washington.

"Although a relatively young man, Dr. York brings a rich combination of training and experience to the position of Chancellor of the San Diego campus," President Kerr said.

"Dr. York received his Ph.D. on the Berkeley campus and has been on its faculty since 1951. For the past two years he has been on leave as the Chief Scientist of the Department of Defense. As Director of Defense Research and Engineering, he is a very high-ranking official of the Department of Defense and supervises all research and engineering, testing and evaluation of all components of the defense establishment.

"The University already has one of the world's greatest research institutions at La Jolla. Under the leadership of Dr. Roger Revelle, the new School of Science and Engineering has drawn some of the most eminent men in the United States as its faculty. I am certain that under Dr. York we shall see the development of a general campus that will equal in stature the present establishment at La Jolla."

Appointment of Dr. York represents an important step in plans of the Regents to develop a general campus in San Diego, where the University presently operates the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and has recently established a School of Science and Engineering, under the direction of Dr. Roger Revelle.

Dr. Revelle, Dean of the School of Science and Engineering, also will retain his title as Director of the Scripps Institution.

The school opened its doors to graduate students for the first time in September and presently has departments in Physics, Chemistry and Earth Sciences.

The San Diego campus is scheduled to open its doors in the Fall of 1965 to undergraduate students. The Growth plans adopted by The Regents call for an enrollment of 4,000 by 1970 and 8,500 in 1975.

Dr. York served as an assistant professor of physics on the Berkeley campus from 1951 to 1954 and from 1954 to 1958 as Director of the famed Radiation Laboratory at Livermore.

In 1958 he became Chief Scientist of the Advanced Research Project Agency of the Department of Defense. Ten months later he was advanced to head the overall scientific planning agency in the Pentagon.

He was married in 1947 to Miss Sybil Dunford. They have three children, David Winters, Rachel, and Cynthia.