

Kohn to Receive Oliver E. Buckley Solid-State Physics Prize

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Walter Kohn, Professor of Physics at the University of California's School of Science and Engineering, will receive the 1961 Oliver E. Buckley Solid-State Physics Prize of the American Physical Society in New York on Friday, February 3.

The presentation will be made by Dr. Victor F. Weisskopf, President of the A.P.S., at the annual banquet in the Hotel New Yorker. The American Physical Society is meeting concurrently with the American Association of Physics Teachers.

Dr. Kohn is receiving the Buckley Prize "for his extension and elucidation of the foundations of the electron theory of solids". Funds for this prize have been provided by Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Professor Kohn's special interests in physics are the theory of crystals and solids, and quantum mechanical collision theory.

Born in Vienna in 1923, he became an American citizen in 1955. He received the B.A. degree from the University of Toronto in 1945 and the M.A. in applied mathematics in 1946. Harvard awarded him the Ph.D. in 1948.

He joined the faculty of the Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1950. While on leave from the Institute, he conducted research at the Bohr Institute, Copenhagen, the University of Michigan, the University of Pennsylvania, and the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London.

Dr. Kohn is a Fellow of the American Physical Society and Sigma Xi. He is married to the former Lois Adams and they have two children.