

Dr. Rakestraw appointed to post with Naval Research laboratory

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Dr. Norris W. Rakestraw, who spent 18 years prior to 1965 in chemical oceanographic research at the University of California, San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, has been appointed Scientific Adviser to the Director of Research, Naval Research Laboratory, in Washington.

Dr. Rakestraw recently returned from London, England, where he was liaison scientist and oceanographer for the Office of Naval Research. In that position, he carried out a survey of oceanography and related disciplines in Great Britain and Western Europe. He also represented the United States at various international conferences.

Dr. Rakestraw served as Dean of Students in charge of all student activities at Scripps Institution. In 1964, he was named the first Dean of the Graduate Division of UCSD, a post he held for four years.

He joined Scripps Institution in 1946 as professor of chemistry. He also was with Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution for 15 years and taught at Stanford University, Oberlin College, and Brown University.

At Brown, he became known as one of the nation's leading chemistry teachers and for his research in the chemistry of the sea. In 1956, he received the fourth James Flack Norris Award of the American Chemical Society's Northeastern Section in recognition of outstanding achievement in the teaching of chemistry. In 1957 the American Chemical Society bestowed on him the Scientific Apparatus Makers Award in Chemical Education.

For 15 years the editor of the Journal of Chemical Education, Dr. Rakestraw is a graduate of Stanford University, which conferred upon him the A.B., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees.

Dr. and Mrs. Rakestraw, the latter a well-known La Jolla artist, live in La Jolla.