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The growth of the San Diego campus of the University of California is bringing new benefits to the economy of San Diego County both directly and indirectly and at an increasing pace, Chancellor Herbert York said today. Writing in his Newsletter, issued today, Chancellor York said that the campus at present employs 1,289 persons with a monthly payroll of \$800,000. This means annually an addition of nearly ten million dollars to San Diego's economy.

Pointing out that many of these jobs result not from state funds but from research requirements of the federal government, the Chancellor noted that the University attracts federal interest on account of its "remarkably brilliant research staff." Fourteen members of the National Academy of Sciences are assembled at San Diego. Only ten states have this many members, UCLA has 15.

"This means that there are many problems of national and international importance upon which we are called to advise. It also means jobs, jobs for scientists and their technicians and supporting jobs in the community," the Chancellor explained.

Moreover, the building construction program this fiscal year-- with the federal government again sharing the cost with the state-- will add between 500 to 1,000 year-long jobs in the construction industry to San Diego's economy.

Chancellor York announced the recent authorization by The Regents of a Space Sciences Laboratory, which will allow for expansion of such studies already underway as Harold Urey's investigation of meteorites and James Arnold's designs for information-collecting instruments for satellites.

Whether this expansion takes place at the planned rate is dependent upon new facilities to be built from funds of Proposition 1-A: the school bond issue on the November ballot. Six million dollars of this bond will be spent on the San Diego campus.

"If we do not have room for the laboratories we cannot conduct the research. We are now using beach cottages built in 1915 for some of our research work. We can not keep it up forever," the Chancellor added.

"Eighty per cent of Proposition 1-A goes for higher education. At San Diego a good portion of it will be spent in building the laboratories required by the men on our staff who create jobs for others. So all of this talk about jobs is particularly relevant right now. We hope the voters will allow us to continue to build," Chancellor York concluded.