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PROFESSOR JOHNSON  
APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF  
E & PS LABORATORY

Upon recommendation of Dr. Lloyd Berkner, GRCSW President, the Center's Executive Committee at its meeting of August 26 approved the appointment of Prof. Francis S. Johnson as Director of the Earth and Planetary Sciences Laboratory.

Prof. Johnson, who came to SCAS as head of division of Atmospheric and Space Sciences in March, 1962, said, "While concentrating in the past on affairs of the division of Atmospheric and Space Sciences, I have watched with interest and admiration the growth of scientific programs in the Geosciences division and in the Mathematics and Mathematical Physics division. I will find it personally challenging to keep aware of the scientific accomplishments in the E & PS Laboratory, and to assist in whatever way I can in its future development."



Pictured above is the grille spectrometer to be used to measure the very faint light in the night sky that comes from the hydrogen belt surrounding the earth. According to Dr. Brian A. Tinsley, principal investigator in this experiment, this hydrogen extends out to several thousand miles and forms the outermost limits of the earth's atmosphere. This spectrometer, otherwise known as "The Green Giant" because of its color, was designed by Dr. Tinsley, electronics engineer William J. Odom, and mechanical engineer Victor Wong; a major portion of its construction is being done in the DASS laboratories.

One Australian physicist visiting the Center recently said of Prof. Johnson's division, "He has been able to attract such outstanding scientists in atmospheric and space physics that this Center is already receiving worldwide recognition in the field."

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## M&MP VISITING PROFESSOR TO ATTEND GENEVA UN MEETING

Visiting Prof. Yuval Neeman, Graduate Research Center M&MP Division (SCAS), will attend the "Atoms for Peace Conference" in Geneva, Switzerland, from Aug. 31 to Sept. 7. This United Nations sponsored conference is held each five years.

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## HANSON TO WASHINGTON

DASS physicist Prof. William B. Hanson will travel to Washington, D. C. on August 31 for meetings, September 1 and 2, of the Ionosphere and Radio Physics subcommittee of the NASA Space Sciences Steering Committee.

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## DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

A visitor to the GRCSW Division of Atmospheric and Space Sciences on Monday, August 24, was Dr. Wilhelm Becker, of the Max Planck Institute, Munich, West Germany. Discussions were had by the German scientist with DASS head Prof. Francis S. Johnson and ionospheric physicist Prof. William B. Hanson.

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## ONR VISITOR

Captain Royal D. Berg of the Office of Naval Research, Washington, D. C., visited the Center Tuesday, August 25. After discussing with vice president for Administration, Ralph N. Stohl, and Roswell C. Peavey of the E&PS Laboratory, Capt. Berg was taken on a tour of the campus site.

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